

Consultation Report for the Operation:

**Programme to Support for the Health System
Strengthening of The Bahamas (BH-L1053)**

and the

Environmental and Social Assessment (ESA)

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Introduction

In order to strengthen the health system of the country, the Ministry of Health of The Bahamas is preparing the Operation “Programme to Support for the Health System Strengthening of The Bahamas” (BH-L1053) to be submitted for financing of the Inter-American Development Bank for US\$40 million. The objective of the Operation is to: To support the strengthening of The Bahamas health system to meet the population’s health needs. The specific objectives are to: (i) integrate primary and secondary care services that DPH, PHA and NHIA deliver; (ii) Improve access, coverage and quality of community, ambulatory, and hospital services through a person and community centred model of care; and (iii) increase the efficiency of health services.

The purpose of the consultation process described in this report is to meet the Ministry of Health’s commitments under the Operational Policy on Environment and Safeguards Compliance (OP-703), Directive B6 on Consultations.

1. Structure of the ESA Report

This ESA report provides the overall framework for implementing the project at Long Island with sound environmental and social safeguards. The reports consist of the following headings:

- **Background of the Project** - provides an introduction to and motivation for proposing the project, explains the purpose of this report and gives an overview of the approach to the ESA.
- **Project Description** - provides a description of the proposed infrastructure and the sites where this infrastructure should be constructed/rehabilitated.
- **Legal and Institutional Framework** - provides an overview of the international and national legal and regulatory framework as well as the management instruments and institutions responsible for the project.
- **Environmental and Social Baseline Conditions** - describes the receiving biophysical and socio-economic environment in which the project occurs.
- **Environmental and Social Impacts** - identifies and assesses potential impacts associated with the proposed project and recommends mitigation and optimisation measures.
- **Environmental and Social Management Plan** - describes the mitigation and management measures which can be taken to minimise adverse impacts of the Operation.
- **Consultation Plan** - provides an overview of the procedures necessary for an effective and inclusive public consultation process to engage stakeholders in the project.
- **Conclusions and Recommendations** - outlines the major findings of the study and recommendations for further implementation.
- **Annexes**

2. Background of the Project

The Government of The Commonwealth of The Bahamas, through its Ministry of Finance, is seeking financing at the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) for the purpose of strengthening the health system of The Bahamas. This report focuses activities to satisfy eligibility based on **Components 1 and 2** of the draft loan proposal.

Component 1: Improvement of the delivery of care model (US\$8 million). This component will finance the activities to:

- (i) reorganise the provision of primary and hospital care;
- (ii) implement a person and community-centred model of care, which also will include specific actions to bridge the gender health gaps and reduce gender-based violence;
- (iii) expand the standard health benefits; and
- (iv) standardise the quality of care that DPH, PHA and NHIA provide.

Component 2: Enhancement of the capacity for provision of primary care and COVID-19 clinical services (US\$20 million). This component will finance:

- (i) the upgrading of infrastructure and medical equipment for selected primary care clinics in selected Family Islands include disaster risk and climate change adaptation and mitigation actions to increase resilience, paying particular attention to energy and water efficiency standards; and
- (ii) a preventive maintenance system with associated training for medical infrastructure and equipment.

3. Project Description

Component 2 is specific to nine (9) health facilities on selected Family Islands. Five (5) new health facilities are proposed for construction under this loan. They will be located in Exuma (Black Point); Cat Island (Smith's Bay); Eleuthera (Rock Sound); and Andros (Mangrove Cay and Fresh Creek). The remaining four (4) facilities will be renovated and/or expanded. They include the David Simms Health Centre (Deadman's Cay, Long Island); Abaco Primary Health Care Centre (Marsh Harbour, Abaco); Miriam Green Health Centre (Andros); and Bimini Community Clinic (Bimini).

In accordance with the Bank's Environmental and Safeguard Compliance Policy, the Ministry of Health must conduct an Environmental and Social Assessment (ESA), which will form the evidence base for an Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP).

The Bahamas is an archipelago. Given the diversity of cultures and the diverging interests of stakeholders among islands, it was determined important to assess island groupings separately to best identify those who are directly impacted by the project and those who may be indirectly affected. The ESAs will, therefore, be conducted in Long Island, Exuma, Cat Island, Eleuthera, Bimini, Abaco, and Andros.

This report provides the ESA for Long Island.

4. Legal Framework for Health, Environmental, and Social Issues

4.1. Legal Framework

For health management, The Bahamas exercises authority through agencies of the Ministry of Health (Department of Public Health, Public Hospitals Authority, and National Health Insurance Authority).

For environmental and natural resource management, The Bahamas exercises authority through legislation dispersed among agencies of

- Ministry of Environment and Housing (Department of Environmental Planning and Protection, Forestry Unit, and Department of Housing);
- Ministry of Public Works (Department of Public Works and Department of Physical Planning); and

- Office of the Prime Minister (Department of Lands and Surveys).

For matters related to domestic and gender-based violence, family and social affairs, disability, marginalised and special people groups, The Bahamas exercises authority through agencies of the Ministry of Social Services and Urban Development (Department of Social Services, Urban Renewal Commission, Department of Gender and Family Affairs, Department of Rehabilitative/Welfare Services).

All of these agencies have delegated authority to the Chief Councillor of Family Island Townships according to certain provisions of the Local Government Act (Department of Local Government within the Ministry of Transport and Local Government).

Besides national legislation, The Bahamas is signatory to several international agreements and conventions related to environmental management, and occupational health and safety.

Where national legislation is lacking, the project will follow IDB's operational guidelines on (i) safeguard compliance, (ii) disaster risk management, (iii) gender equality, (iv) indigenous peoples and (v) involuntary resettlement.

4.2. Institutional Framework

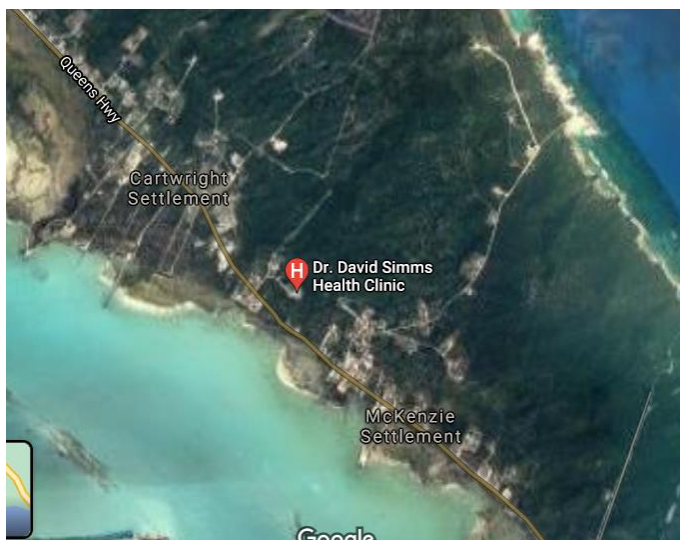
The Government of the Bahamas, in collaboration with the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), has prepared a "National Development Plan - Vision 2040 (NDP)" through stakeholders engagement and public consultations. In the NDP, health goals and strategies were aligned with United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) and rest on five priorities, namely: governance, human capital, poverty and discrimination, the environment, and the economy.

The Ministry of Health (MOH) has a National Health Services Strategic Plan for the period 2010 to 2020 (NHSS) whose priorities include: inter-sectoral action, provision of people-centred health services, improved use of information for decision making, strengthened workforce, optimal use of technological and material resources, improved leadership and governance and sustainability.

The Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) and the World Health Organization (WHO) are the primary United Nations agencies cooperating with The Bahamas on health. The Bahamas is a member of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) through which it cooperates on health with the Caribbean Public Health Agency.

The Inter-American Development Bank requires the Operations' finances to comply with its environmental and social safeguards policies whose goal is to prevent, avoid or mitigate any negative impacts to communities or the environment. These policies are: Operational Policy on Environment and Safeguards Compliance a (OP-703), Operational Policy on Natural Disaster Risk Management (OP-704), Operational Policy on Involuntary Resettlement (OP-710), Operational Policy on Gender Equality in Development (OP-761), Operational Policy on Indigenous Peoples (OP-765), and Access to Information Policy (OP-102). The policies applicable in this operation are: (OP-703) (OP-704) (OP-761). For a more complete description of the policies, see the full ESA on the IDB website: <https://www.iadb.org/en/project/BH-L1053>. This consultation process and consultation report have been prepared to meet the Ministry of Health's commitments under OP-703 Directive B6 on Consultations.

5. Biophysical Environment



The David Simms Health Centre sits atop a hill in Deadman's Cay, which is located at approximately the midsection of Long Island. Deadman's Cay easily accesses miles white sandy beaches and areas of high bluffs.

Long Island itself has a population of 3,094 (2010 Census). Long Island is surrounded by small bays and inlets and smaller islands off-shore, including Sandy Cay. Mainland Long Island is about 80 miles long with 4 miles at its widest point. The land area is 230 square miles. The island is about 165 miles southeast of New Providence, which houses the capital city Nassau. The Tropic of Cancer runs through the northern quarter of the island.

Long Island has the tropical savanna climate prevailing. It is warm every month with both a wet and dry season. The average annual temperature for Long Island is 78.8°F and there is about 21.7 inches of rain in a year. Historically, it is dry for an average of 134 days a year with an average humidity of 76% and an UV-index of 7. For Long Island, the rainfall has been decreasing by 10.2 inches per 100 years, since 1959¹.

Much like the formation of salt ponds, evaporation exceeds precipitation, resulting in high chloride concentrations in the lenses. Saline or brackish lens development in lieu of freshwater lens development, is common on Long Island. For this reason, many of the buildings have been built with rainwater storage tanks, and a tanker is utilized to top-off supplies during the dry season. More recently, the Water and Sewerage Corporation, funded by the IDB, commenced a project to bring municipal water supplies to all communities of Long Island.

Since rainwater the sole source of freshwater in The Bahamas, aquifer recharge is controlled primarily by the quantity and distribution of rainfall, as well as vegetation, topography, and the permeability of surface materials. Today, there are three categories of forests in Long Island: coppice, dwarf drought-resistant woodlands, and mangrove swamps. West Indian Whistling-Ducks inhabit remote mangrove wetlands areas.

The northeast side of Long Island is noted for its steep rocky headlands, while the southwest coast is noted for its broad white beaches with soft sand. The terrain ranges widely throughout the island, including white flat expanses from which salt is extracted, swamplands, beaches, and sloping (in the north) and low (in the south) hills.

Long Island is particularly noted for its caves, which have played a major role in the island's history. It has brilliant coral reefs, pristine flats and serene beaches that make Long Island a haven for fishing, diving, and boating. Dean's Blue Hole, located west of Clarence Town, is the world's second deepest underwater blue hole, dropping to a depth of about 200 meters, making it more than double the depth of most other large holes. St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, the oldest church in The Bahamas, is also located at Long Island.

6. Environmental Impact Assessment

In general, no significant negative impact to the environment has been identified as it relates to the renovation

¹ Dr. Karanjac, Jasminko. "Bahamas I" and Bahamas II." Water Resources of the Countries. 2003.

and expansion of the David Simms Health Centre at Deadman's Cay. During construction, potential sources of air quality and climate change impacts include wind-blown sand exposed during earthworks and exhaust fumes of construction/drilling equipment. The magnitude of potential air quality impacts is considered to be negligible.

The potential impacts from noise and vibrations due to drilling activities are considered moderate. However, the implementation of the mitigation measures will reduce the effects to minor.

The impacts from solid waste generated at project sites during the construction and operations phase will be minor. With the implementation of mitigation measures, those impacts can be reduced to negligible. Good housekeeping, an adequate purchasing policy for environmentally friendly products, and awareness programmes with regard to recycling, re-use and reduction of waste generation are some recommendations to manage the solid waste generation and handling.

During the execution of the project, a major concern is the excessive extraction of groundwater that can lead to depletion of the aquifers, salinisation of groundwater, decline and depletion of the groundwater wells. The island is being fitted for access to reverse osmosis water supplies. Therefore, a water extraction strategy should be implemented.

The impact of noise from construction equipment to the surroundings is not considered a major issue. The use of proper personal protective equipment (PPE) (e.g. earplugs and facemasks) during the construction process should be mandatory.

The major consideration, though, is the impact of hurricanes and other associated weather systems. Most recently (2015), Hurricane Joaquin battered The Bahamas' southern islands including Long Island. Severe storm surge inundated many of the settlements, trapping residents in their homes. Flooding persisted for days after the hurricane's departure. Prolonged, intense winds brought down trees and powerlines, and unroofed homes. The David Simms Health Centre, though, acted as a shelter, and was not damaged.

7. Socio-Economic Environment

Long Island, one of the main Bahamian Family Islands, is characterised a rural area. It is sparsely populated but sand-sealed roads provide access to comfortable activities of daily living. For the most part, its inhabitants' livelihoods depend on subsistence and commercial fishing and farming. Residents engage in agricultural activities to supplement their income. Residents, for the most part, utilise private transportation.

The island was hard-hit by Hurricane Joaquin, which caused many residents to relocate temporarily or permanently to New Providence or other settlements. There is limited housing, however, the islanders thrive with private rentals of homes to vacationers. There is access to government and private services (restaurants, food stores and business places). While there is no in-person operated bank, there is an automated banking machines and access to mobile banking.

Electricity, indoor running water and plumbing, cable television, and telephone supply are available; however, residents prefer to buy bottled water to drink.

8. Social Impact Assessment

The proposed project expects to provide a major positive impact for residents living in Deadman's Cay and

surrounding settlements because it will provide for better facilities to accommodate service delivery for all residents, including vulnerable groups.

During construction, there is no requirement for land acquisition. Given that there is no traffic congestion issue in Long Island, minimal impacts are expected in respect of traffic and traffic safety. The island has one major road. Occupational health and safety for workers onsite must be assured with written and promulgated guidelines. With adequate management measures, all these potential impacts can be made minor.

During operations, no specific negative impacts are expected.

9. Purpose of the ESA

The ESA process aims to ex-ante identify, predict and evaluate the environmental and social effects of the proposed project. The general purpose of conducting an ESA is to:

- Provide information for decision-making on the environmental and social consequences of proposed project by identifying potentially significant environmental and social effects and risk of the proposed project; and
- Promote environmentally sound sustainable development through the identification of appropriate enhancement and mitigation measures.

Recommendations made by an ESA may require the redesign of some components of the proposed project, require further studies and/or notify modifications which may alter the economic viability of the project or cause delay in its implementation.

10. Study Approach

The general approach to the ESA was guided by the principles of integrated environmental management and international best practice, modified where appropriate to reflect the scale of the project and other relevant factors such as time constraints.

The COVID-19 pandemic has economic consequences that has reduced the fiscal space for healthcare expenditures. As well, the risk of natural disasters is an ever-present consideration that might disrupt the activities. The MOH admits a weak capacity to monitor and evaluate programmes and to mitigate risk. Component 2 of the proposed loan will go toward training and continuous support to the PEU. Given the travel restrictions related to COVID-19, fieldwork and data gathering was affected. Local consultations and virtual technologies were used for site visits to the infrastructure sites necessary for the environmental and social due diligence.

10.1. Data Collection

Data collection was guided by the scientific principles of research, using both qualitative and quantitative data sources. Data for this study was collected in multiple ways, including:

- Meetings with local authorities in Long Island were held to gather background information on the project
- Desk-top review of existing literature using techniques to complement or supplement field data
- Field visits to determine and evaluate the impacts of the project based on direct observations and

professional judgment, and to collect data for a more detailed analysis: individual interviews for determining social/environmental impacts and for the influence of gender factors.

10.2. Impact Assessment Methodology

The ESA was conducted using accepted standards, methods and approaches, and international best practices, including IDB's guidelines for Conducting Environmental Impact Assessment of Investment Projects and IFC Performance Standards. These methods and approaches are detailed in the relevant sections of this report.

The study had a specific focus and was conducted in Deadman's Cay using standard COVID-19 prevention protocols and by virtual links; however the indirect study area consisted of all of Long Island.

To gather data, virtual meetings were held with several relevant departments to gather background information on the project and understand the institutional functioning of the company. Field visits and surveys were carried out to determine and evaluate project impacts based on direct observations and professional judgment. A comprehensive review of literature was used to complement or supplement field data where it was unavailable. Individual interviews with stakeholders were conducted to capture public views and concerns about the water supply and the proposed project.

10.3. Stakeholder Involvement

Five (5) meetings were held between Ministry of Health and local officials in Long Island to acquire information on environmental and social issues. These meetings were supported with a virtual site visit to get a better understanding of the local situation at the David Simms Health Centre at Deadman's Cay.

A public consultation was held on 27th April 2021. The primary platform was Zoom; however, the consultation had wide reach by simulcast on Facebook Live.

Additionally, two venues were set up for in-person attendance of residents of Long Island that may not have had access to virtual technology – one site in South Long Island and one in Deadman's Cay. Precautions were taken at each of the physical locations to prevent spread of COVID-19. The meeting spaces were sufficiently large to each accommodate twenty (20) attendees in compliance with the Emergency Orders. All participants were advised that there should be no socialising before or after the event, each remained at least six feet from the other, mask wearing was mandatory, and hand sanitisation stations were at the entryways.

Besides local authority stakeholders, a total of 58 registrants from the study area provided input to the study via Zoom polling. These stakeholders were identified by gender, age, disabilities, special abilities, etc.

11. Assumptions and Limitations

The ESA process was subject to a number of assumptions and limitations, which should be considered when

reading the information presented in this report. The consultant is confident that these assumptions and limitations do not compromise the integrity of the ESA. Relevant assumptions and limitations are:

- sufficient environmental data can be obtained to enable the drafting of defensible baseline description of the existing environment;
- resettlement issues do not arise as a result of the project;
- the presentation here should not be categorised as a full ESA;
- the study was conducted for the application process of the BH-L1053 loan only;
- the study was conducted in a time frame of one month to comply with the timelines of the IDB; and
- information on the specific type of interventions needed for infrastructure upgrade was not available.

12. Stakeholder Consultation Process

The entire consultation process and the meetings were organised by Ministry of Health's communication team in collaboration with the IDB and Local Government Practitioners, and Community Leaders where possible. The Consultation Team and the stakeholders mentioned led both the preparation phase and the processing of the information received from the consultation.

12.1. Identification of Stakeholders

The selection of stakeholders for the survey, is based on the stakeholders' analysis in the ESA. The following groupings were made:

12.1.1. Citizens and Residents of Deadman's Cay

Citizens are one of the primary stakeholder groups for the project. The works will have a direct impact on those living near the location. These citizens living directly in the project area may be considered the most vulnerable of stakeholders.

The works will have an indirect impact on those who may have been born in the area and moved away to form the Long Island diaspora. These stakeholders, in a large percentage of cases, are second home owners.

12.1.2. Local Businesses

This group of stakeholders comprises a variety of small and medium sized enterprises as well as local outlets attached to bigger companies. Project works can have a direct impact on their commercial activities and interests.

12.1.3. Social Organisations

This group of stakeholders comprises a variety of organisations active in the social domain, such as schools, local committees for the advancement of Long Island, etc. Vulnerable stakeholders are also included in this group.

12.1.4. Government and Quasi-Government Agencies

This stakeholder group comprises different ministerial departments (Department of Local Government, Ministry of Public Works, Ministry of Social Services, Ministry of Tourism, Ministry of Environment and Housing) and quasi-governmental organizations such as Bahamas Power and Light, BTC, Cable Bahamas, etc).

12.1.5. Vulnerable Stakeholders

Vulnerable stakeholders were identified as women (as sometimes represented by women's groups), the elderly, families and individuals in poverty or extreme poverty, and people with physical and

psychological disabilities. .

12.1.6. Financiers

Financial Institutions that will finance the Operation (Ministry of Finance and the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)).

12.2. Questionnaire

A questionnaire was developed to submit to selected stakeholders during the public consultation, with questions about gender, disability status, age, income and what island people live on.

12.2.1. Objectives

The objectives of the questionnaire were to get a sense of who participated in the consultation and therefore which stakeholder groups were included.

12.2.2. Developing the Stakeholder Consultation Questionnaire

An internal coordinating team comprising of employees of Ministry of Health and the Department of Local Government was assigned to carry out a survey as part of the Zoom meeting in order to get information about the stakeholders who participated, and to detect whether people from vulnerable groups like women or people with disabilities or low income participated. Whenever necessary, the team also involved the Communications Unit of the Ministry of Health in the activities.

Specific stakeholders were selected from the stakeholder groups (local business, social organisations and quasi-government organisations and were required to provide the Communications Unit with a list of stakeholders, email addresses, and telephone numbers.

The support of the Communications Unit with questionnaire delivery was most important given the virtual platform during the public consultation. In the COVID-19 pandemic environment and the relatively short consultation period, this was considered to be the most efficient and effective way of gathering the data. The questionnaire was developed, taking into account that little time would be available to fill it out (less than 5 min). See **Annex I** for the questionnaire.

12.2.3. Preparing the Implementation of the Questionnaire

One consultation was held on 27th April 2020 via Zoom to discuss the Operation. The session lasted two (2) hours. Following a presentation by the MOH (**Annexes II and III**), which followed the guidelines set out by the IDB, in order to promote broader participation and increase the opportunities for exchanging and collecting inputs regarding the topics the consultation listened to attendees' opinions and collected inputs. The facilitator was Ian Knowles, Chief Councillor of the Township of Long Island. The Ministry of Health designated a person responsible to take notes of questions, answers and all inputs, which were recorded in the minutes.

An informational brochure was also made available to the public. See **Annex IV** for the informational brochure.

The Questionnaire was given through a poll during the live Zoom event. After the data was collected, it was processed by counting all the completed answers and by comparing the results among stakeholders of the same group, but also across stakeholder groups.

13. The Grievance Mechanism

A grievance mechanism has been established to offer opportunities for stakeholders to express their points

of view and concerns about the Operation and receive consideration and response from the Operation personnel. In the first instance, the public consultation continues with the site remaining open for thirty (30) days. The community can access a recording of the consultation on, among other places, the Ministry of Health's Facebook page, where the public can provide inputs.

This mechanism will be extended to respond to future grievances with the establishment of a call centre, which will route through the Local Government Office. An email address will also give access directly to the PEU. Unfortunately, the current environment due to the global pandemic precludes meetings/face-to-face events in order to protect public health.

This Grievance Mechanism will provide opportunities for stakeholders, such as the local community, employees, and contractors, to express their views and concerns and to allow Project personnel or other relevant parties (such as construction contractors) to consider and respond to the stakeholders' concerns. This process will:

- Guarantee transparency and commitment between the projects and the identified stakeholders, especially people from the affected communities;
- Provide stakeholders with an accessible and efficient process to present concerns, suggestions and complaints that may arise in relation to Operation activities;
- Allow community stakeholders to raise concerns, suggestions and complaints anonymously; and

Define a methodology for receiving, documenting, evaluating, tracking and resolving concerns, suggestions and complaints in a timely manner. Comments, questions and complaints will be received at mohcommunicationunit@bahamas.gov.bs or by WhatsApp: +1 (242) 828-1265 / 557-0696.

14. Results of the Questionnaire

Annex V provides details on the accumulated responses to the questionnaire. Summaries are provided here for convenience.

14.1. Key Stakeholders

Several citizens were interviewed which were residents of Deadman's Cay, Long Island. One (1) male and two (2) females were interviewed together. The citizens agreed that they welcomed the Project and saw it as positive for the development of Long Island. They wish to be informed about the works by television or by phone. They agreed that at completion of the works, they looked forward to more residents and visitors having confidence in the health facilities there.

Key Stakeholders were invited to the Zoom platform. The invitations list and templates of the invitations are provided at **Annex XI**.

14.2. Other Stakeholders

Other stakeholders' results are reflected in comments from Facebook Live, where the public consultation had more than five thousand (5,000) views.

15. Conclusions

Given the viewership in excess of five thousand and based on the responses from the polling (which was a sampling), the Ministry of Health has concluded that there is wide support for this project. The reach included the

targeted categories of citizens, government and quasi-government organisations, local business and social organisations. With a total of up to 33 responses in main areas of inquiry, relatively good insights were obtained regarding concerns of the different stakeholder groups. There was a high presence of women, some presence of low-income people (several less than \$5000 per year as well as less than \$15,000 per year), from a few different islands, and from a variety of different ages including some young people (under 24) and a few elderly people (over 65). Therefore, there is evidence that the consultation was inclusive of those groups. Almost 100 people registered for the consultation event from Long Island, there were almost 90 viewing at the peak of the event on Facebook and Zoom, and the event was seen 5,000 times on Facebook from the Ministry of Health website which reaches across the islands of the country. The survey indicated agreement that the project is important to Long Island and has stakeholder support. The MOH understands that communicating in advance about the timing and duration of the works is important, and will do so through ongoing stakeholder engagement during the execution of the works.

16. List of Annexes

Annex I: Polling Questions

Annex II: Presentation by Dr Calae Philippe, Senior Medical Officer (SMO), Ministry of Health

Annex III: Presentation by Charlene Bain, Administrator Community Health Services (ACHS), Ministry of Health

Annex IV: Informational Brochure

Annex V: Polling Results

Annex VI: List of Registrants – Public Consultations (Long Island) 27th April 2021

Annex VII: Photographs of the Event

Annex VIII: Minutes of Preparatory Meetings

Annex IX: Invitations List of Key Stakeholders

Annex X: Questions and Comments Arising from the Public Consultation Meeting

Annex XI: Invitations to Organisations, Businesses and Other Stakeholders

ANNEX I: POLLING QUESTIONS

1. How many persons are viewing this meeting from your device?
 - ☐1
 - ☐2
 - ☐3
 - ☐4
 - ☐5
 - ☐6
 - ☐7
 - ☐8
 - ☐9
 - ☐10
2. What is your gender?
 - ☐Male;
 - ☐Female;
 - ☐Transgender;
 - ☐Other
3. What is the age group of persons watching from your device?
 - ☐ 0 – 14
 - ☐15 – 24
 - ☐25 – 34
 - ☐35 – 44
 - ☐45 – 54
 - ☐55 – 64
 - ☐65 – 74
 - ☐75 – 84
 - ☐85 and over
4. Which continent or region are you from?
 - ☐North America
 - ☐South America;
 - ☐Europe;
 - ☐Asia;
 - ☐Africa
 - ☐Australia
 - ☐Antarctica
 - ☐Caribbean
 - ☐Central America
5. If you are Bahamian which island of The Bahamas are you from?
 - ☐New Providence

- ☐ Long Island
- ☐ Abaco
- ☐ Exuma
- ☐ Grand Bahama
- ☐ Andros
- ☐ Cat Island
- ☐ San Salvador
- ☐ Inagua
- ☐ Mayaguana
- ☐ Acklins
- ☐ Crooked Island
- ☐ Eleuthera

6. For residents of Long Island in which part of Long Island do you live?

- ☐ North
- ☐ Central
- ☐ South

7. Do you use the Deadman's Cay Clinic?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

8. How frequently do you use the Deadman's Cay Clinic?

- ☐ Once a week
- ☐ Once a month
- ☐ Once a year
- ☐ Twice a week
- ☐ Twice a month
- ☐ Twice a year
- ☐ Three times per week
- ☐ Three times per month
- ☐ Three times per year
- ☐ Other

9. What is the total income of your household?

- ☐ \$0 - 5000.00
- ☐ \$5001 - 10,000
- ☐ 10,001 - 15,000
- ☐ 15,001 - 20,000
- ☐ 20,001 - 40,000
- ☐ 40,001 - 60,000
- ☐ 60,001 - 80,000
- ☐ 80,001 - 100,000

☐ 100,000 and over

10. Are you a person with a disability?

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Don't know

11. What type of disability do you have? (Check all that apply)

☐ Sight (blindness, legally blind, low vision, visual impairments)

☐ Hearing (deafness, hard of hearing, hearing impaired, use of hearing devices)

☐ Speech/Communication (impediments, slurring, difficulties relaying information)

☐ Learning/Intellectual/Cognitive Delays (dyslexia, dyscalculia, down syndrome, autism, cerebral palsy, difficulties learning)

☐ Wheelchair User

☐ Mobility/Moving (due to absent or impaired limb)

☐ Mobility/Moving (due to paralysis)

☐ Dexterity Challenges (unable to use fingers to grip or handle objects)

☐ Mental Health Disorders

☐ Other

12. Do you have a service provider or caregiver?

☐ Yes

☐ No

13. What is your position regarding this project. Do you

☐ Agree

☐ Disagree or

☐ Neutral

14. What level of interest does this project have to you?

☐ High

☐ Medium

☐ Low

15. What is your level of influence in this project with the assistance of residents, tourists, workers, politicians, the media and others?

☐ High

☐ Medium

☐ Low

Annex II: Presentation by Dr. Calae Phillippe (by separate transmission)



The Commonwealth
of The Bahamas

**MINISTRY OF HEALTH OVERVIEW OF
CLIMATE CHANGE AND HEALTH
PROJECTS
2021-2025**

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Environment and Social Focal Point
&
Ms. Desiree Ferguson, Administrator
Mr. Ian Knowles, Chief Council
27th April, 2021**



NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC- CLIMATE CHANGE



Find the video on this link:

<https://www.nationalgeographic.org/video/climate-101-cause-and-effect/>

NASA – GLOBAL WARMING

Check the video out on NASA Website or YouTube
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nAuv1R34BHA&t=8s>

REGIONAL CONTEXT

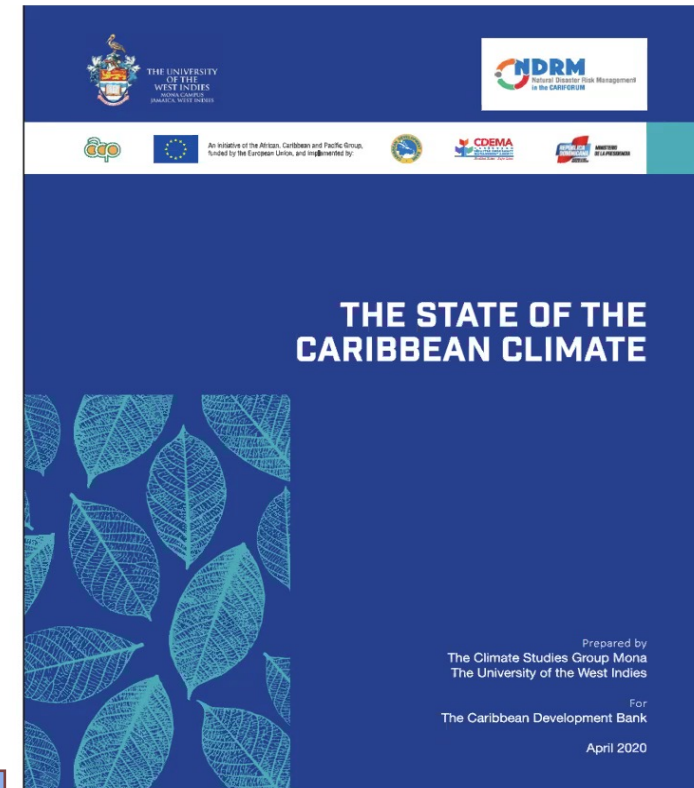
State of the Caribbean Climate (SOCC) Report



- “...the cocktail of the triple C – climate change, Covid -19 and chronic diseases – constituting a cascade of challenges facing our region.” (Sir Hilary Beckles at the launch of the SOCC Report on November 23, 2020)
- SOCC Report can be found at: <https://www.mona.uwi.edu/fst/socc-report>

SOCC Projections for 2100 (Climate Studies Group Mona, 2020):

- The Caribbean will get drier, particularly in the south and south east (25 – 35% less rainfall).
- The Caribbean will get warmer, up to 4°C. 39.2 F
- Sea level will rise up to 1.5 metres. 5FT
- The frequency of Category 4 and 5 hurricanes will increase by 80%



THE BAHAMAS



HEALTH & CLIMATE CHANGE COUNTRY PROFILE 2021

Small Island Developing States Initiative



HIGHEST PRIORITY CLIMATE-SENSITIVE HEALTH RISKS FOR THE BAHAMAS

Direct effects	
Health Impacts of extreme weather events	✓
Heat-related illness	
Indirect effects	
Water security and safety (Including waterborne diseases)	
Food security and safety (Including malnutrition and foodborne diseases)	✓
Vector-borne diseases	✓
Air pollution	✓
Allergies	
Diffuse effects	
Mental/psychosocial health	✓
Noncommunicable diseases	✓
Mitigation actions to reduce emissions through sustainable procurement	
Mitigation measures to reduce emissions of health facilities	✓
Mitigation measures by coordinating with other sectors	

Source: Adapted and updated from the PAHO Health and Climate Country Survey 2017 (5).

CLIMATE CHANGE AND HEALTH RISKS & THE BAHAMAS

2006–2008 Malaria (109);

2011 Dengue outbreak in (376 cases);

2014, Chikungunya (111 cases);

2016 Zika (25);

death and injury from extreme weather events

CLIMATE RELATED RISKS & THE BAHAMAS

1. The islands of The Bahamas are largely flat, with approximately 80% of the land being less than **1.5 m (5ft)** above sea level.
2. The majority of the population live along the coast.
3. Climate-related risks of particular concern include sea level rise, extreme weather events (especially tropical storms), rising temperatures, and changing precipitation patterns.
4. We are already feeling the impacts of climate change. Tropical storms, such as Hurricane Dorian in 2019, can leave devastation in their paths.
5. Despite its minimal contribution to global greenhouse gas emissions, (0.01%). The Bahamas still commits in its **Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC)** to **reducing its 2030 emissions by 30%** compared with its business-as-usual trajectory.



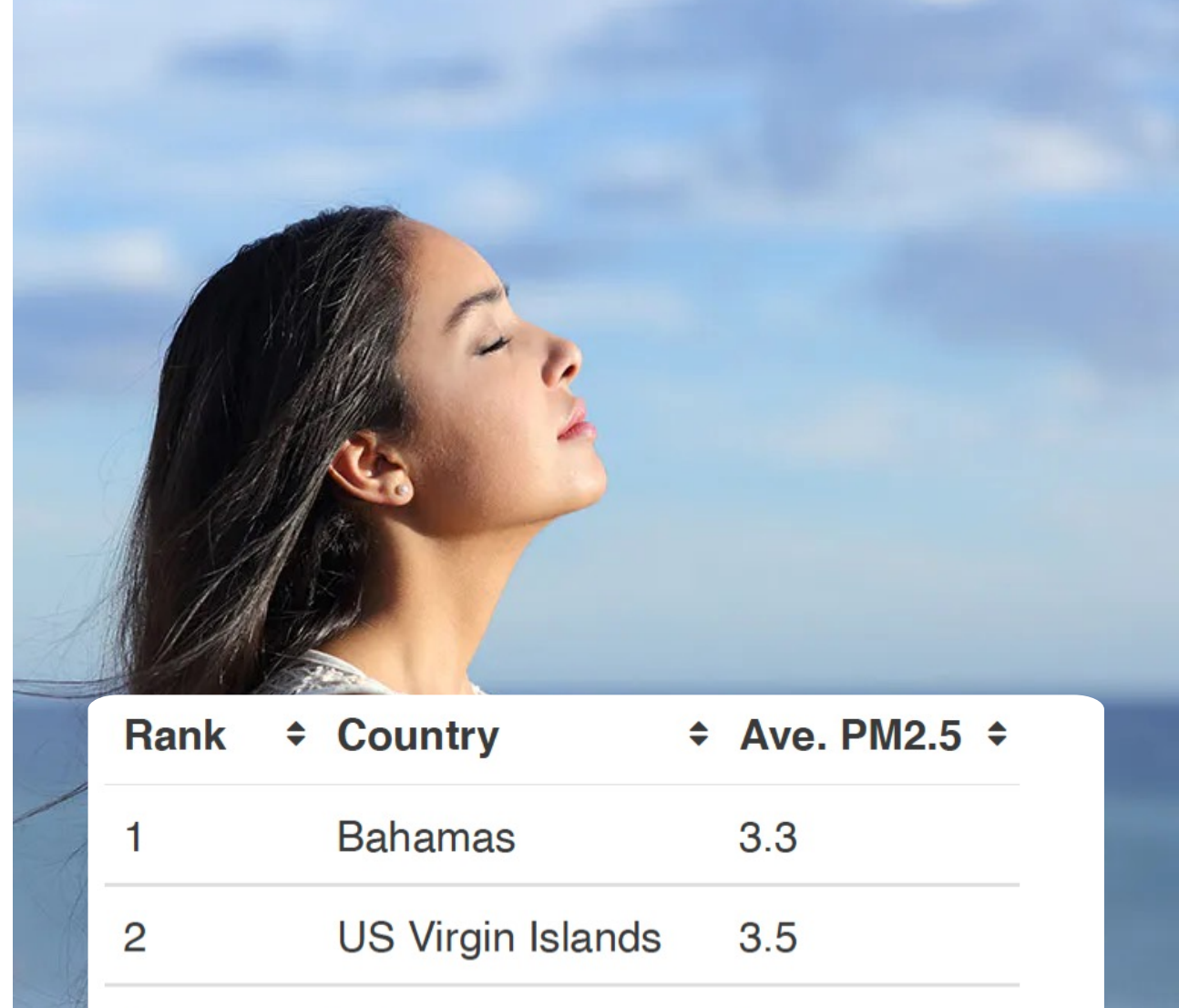
WHICH COUNTRY HAS THE CLEANEST AIR IN THE WORLD?

3RD FEBRUARY 2021


- **GOOD NEWS – THE BAHAMAS CLEANEST AIR !** BY PETER
- The Bahamas have the cleanest air in the world out of 98 countries. According to the latest World Air Quality Report by IQAir.
- The WHO's Air Quality Guideline value for **PM_{2.5} exposure** – which has been proven to be free of health impacts – 10 micrograms of air pollutant per cubic meter of air (is 10µg/m³).
- **PM** (particulate matter also called particle pollution).

• **WE MUST KEEP IT CLEAN!**

<https://www.atlasandboots.com/travel-blog/which-country-has-the-cleanest-air-in-the-world/rticulate-matter-present-in-the-air>.



Rank	↕ Country	↕ Ave. PM2.5 ↕
1	Bahamas	3.3
2	US Virgin Islands	3.5
3	Iceland	5.6
4	Finland	5.6
5	Estonia	6.2



The Ministry of Health has been developing a plan to improve the Bahamas' healthcare infrastructure and equipment.

MOH PARTNERS AND PROJECTS

EU / CARIFORUM

“ STRENGTHENING CLIMATE RESILIENT HEALTH SYSTEM PROJECT”



Bridgetown, Barbados, December 1, 2020 (PAHO)



Products:

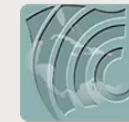
1. *Health Vulnerability and Adaptation Assessment Report*
2. *First Iteration of Health National Adaptation Plan*
3. *Develop plan to monitor and review the H-NAP to assess progress, effectiveness and gaps.*
4. *Apply communication plan to share findings and information with the public.*

- ❖ **Climate Change and Health Leaders Fellowship Series**
- ❖ **Chair of the Climate Change and Health Advisory Group**



GCF (GREEN CLIMATE FUND) READINESS PROPOSAL

“DEVELOPING A CLIMATE RESILIENT HEALTH SYSTEM IN THE BAHAMAS”.



**Caribbean Community
Climate Change Centre**

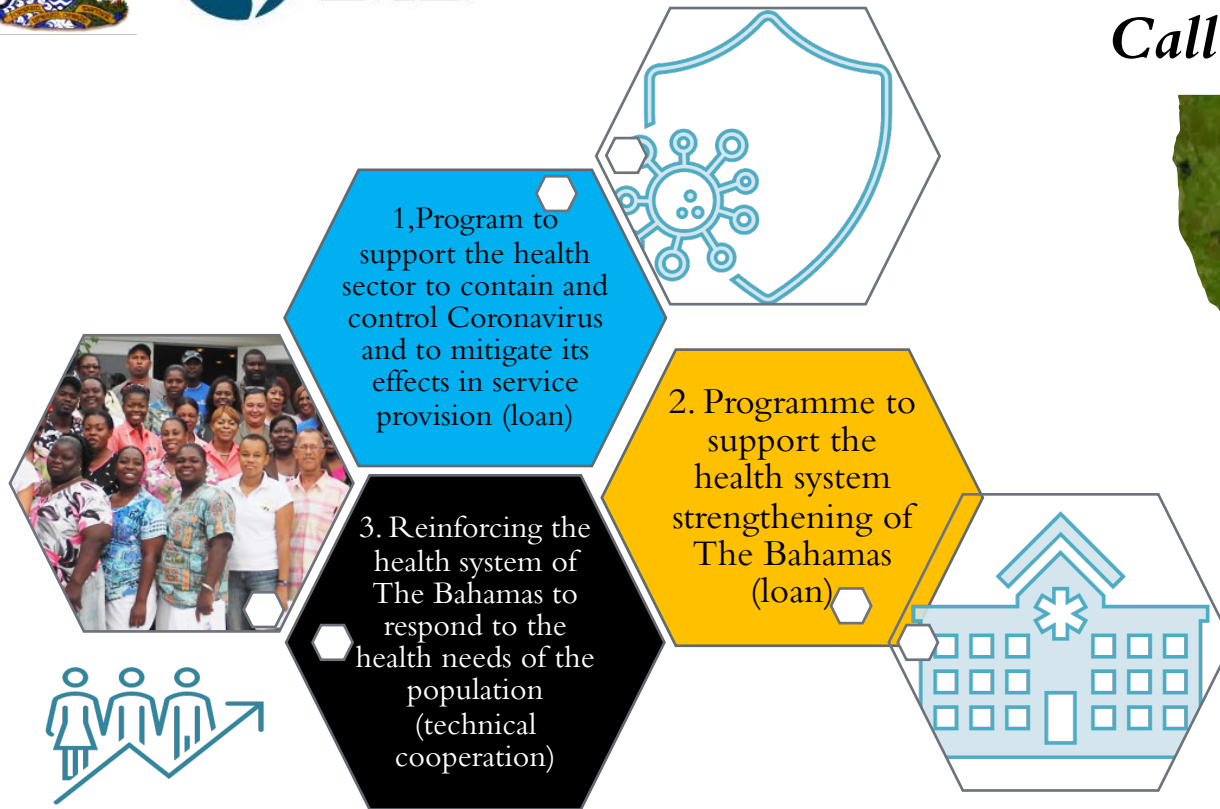
Empowering People to Act on Climate Change

Objectives:

1. *To develop a climate SMART health in all policies systems framework*
2. *To enhance the national public health surveillance systems of healthcare facilities and community shelters.*
3. *To strengthen coordinated mechanisms, communication across governmental, private sector, and civil society)*
4. *To train human capacity (healthcare providers and community members) to respond collectively to climate change effects.*



IDB PROGRAMME TO SUPPORT THE HEALTH SYSTEM STRENGTHENING OF THE BAHAMAS Called “The Operation”



1. Improvement of the delivery of care model.
2. Improvement of infrastructure and equipment.
3. Modernization of the health information system.
4. Program administration and evaluation.





2. IMPROVEMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND EQUIPMENT



New Clinics

1. Black Point Clinic, Exuma
2. Mangrove Cay Clinic
3. Fresh Creek Clinic, Andros
4. Rock Sound Clinic, Eleuthera
5. Smith's Bay Clinic, Cat Island

Upgraded Clinics

1. **Deadman's Cay Community Health Centre, Long Island**
2. Bimini, Community Clinic
3. Mariam Green C Clinic, South Andros
4. Abaco Primary Health Centre, Marsh Harbour

The facilities are designed with energy efficiency and resiliency in mind.

1. Upgrade of the infrastructure and medical equipment for primary care clinics in New Providence and the Family Islands
2. Disaster risk and climate change adaptation and mitigation actions to increase resilience. The adaptations will consist of energy and water efficiency standards, and a disaster and climate change resilient design
3. Implementation of a preventive maintenance system for medical infrastructure and equipment
4. Implement a Grievance Mechanism for all stakeholders



Source: ERM, 2021.

ENVIRONMENTAL & SOCIAL ASSESSMENT & ENVIRONMENTAL & SOCIAL MANAGEMENT PLAN

Category B: Operations that are likely to cause mostly local and short-term negative environmental and associated social impacts and for which effective mitigation measures are readily available will be classified as Category “B”.



**Environmental and Social
Assessment (ESA) and
Environmental and Social
Management Plan (ESMP)**

Support for the Health System
Strengthening of The Bahamas for Health
Risks Programme BH-L1953

February 2021
Project No.: 0564791

Documents:

1. Environmental and Social Assessment
2. Environmental and Physical Resources
3. Social Environment
4. Impact Assessment Methodology

IDB ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL POLICIES

OP-102 ★

Access to Information



OP-703 ★

Environmental and
Safeguards Compliance



OP-704 ★

Natural Disaster
Risk Management



OP-765

Indigenous Peoples



OP-710

Involuntary
Resettlement



OP-761 ★

Gender Equality in
Development



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IMPORTANT BIRD AND BIODIVERSITY AREAS (IBAS)

Table 4-8. Proposed Sites within or Adjacent to IBAs

Clinic	Scope of Works	IBA	Area of IBA (ha)	Location	Species and Habitats of Concern
Deadman's Cay Community Health Centre	Existing	Long Island and Hog Cay IBA	81,011 (entirety of the island)	Within	The IBA has largest flocks of the endangered West Indian Whistling Ducks in the world, estimated to be approximately 450 birds.

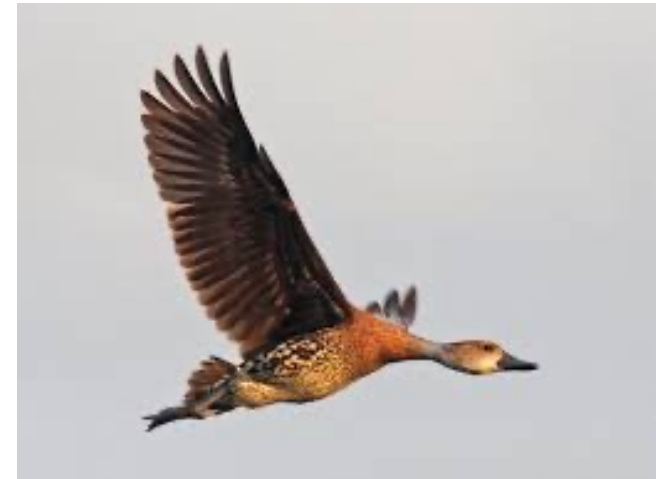


Table 4-1 shows the long-term average internal renewable water resources (IRWR), which are estimated at about 700 million cubic meter per year m³/year) (FAO, 2015).

Table 4-1: Internal Renewable Water Resources in The Bahamas

	Renewable freshwater resources	Million Cubic meter/year
☀️	Abaco	131.70
	Acklins	7.26
☁️⚡	Andros	349.51
☀️	Bimini and Berry Island	0.28
☀️	Cat Island	11.32
	Crooked Island	2.90
☀️	Eleuthera, Harbour Islands & Spanish Wells	13.54
☀️	Exuma & Cays	4.83
	Grand Bahama	155.13
	Great Inagua	1.43
🌟	Long Island	4.80
	Mayaguana	1.08
	New Providence	16.03
	Ragged Island	0.02
	San Salvador & Rum Cay	0.17
	Bahamas	700.00



Lake House, Long Island

Freshwater resources are finite and vulnerable in The Bahamas (FAO, 2015). Water is considered 'scarce' according to United Nations criteria. The criteria is based on annual internal renewable water resources per person. If the amount of water in country is less than 1,000 square cubic meters (m³)/capita/year, water is 'scarce'.

Source: FAO, 2015. Note: Islands highlighted in grey are the islands that may have activities supported by the Operation.

Table 4-2: Number of Tropical Storms and Hurricanes Recorded from 1871 to 2020 and Averaged Probability of Recurrence in Years

Islands	Total Number of Tropical Storms	Total Number of Hurricanes	Total	Average wind speeds of hurricane hits (mph)	Average time between direct hurricane hits (Years)	Average Probability of Recurrence* (Years)
Abaco	34	51	85	114	3.77	1.75
Exuma	23	38	61	116	8.28	2.44
Andros	36	45	81	122	4.66	1.84
Eleuthera	27	46	73	114	4.38	2.04
Long Island	30	38	68	109	5.73	2.19
Inagua	22	23	45	103	9.31	3.31
Cat Island	27	42	69	113	4.97	2.16
San Salvador	25	37	62	110	5.14	2.40
Bmini	27	44	71	113	4.52	2.10

MINISTRY OF HEALTH GRIEVANCE MECHANISMS FOR "THE OPERATION"

- **Users:** All stakeholders: the local community, employees, and contractors
- **Purpose:** formally established process for views and concerns to be expressed and Operation personnel or other relevant parties (such as construction contractors) to consider and respond to the stakeholders' concerns.

The objectives of this mechanism are to:

1. Guarantee transparency and commitment between the projects and the identified stakeholders, especially people from the affected communities;
2. Provide stakeholders with an accessible and efficient process to present concerns, suggestions and complaints that may arise in relation to Operation activities;
3. Allow community stakeholders to raise concerns, suggestions and complaints anonymously; and
4. Define a methodology for receiving, documenting, evaluating, tracking and resolving concerns, suggestions and complaints in a timely manner.



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Educate yourself and others..
Change your mind (set)...
Change your behavior...

- Hey Kids! No matter where you are from, what your age or nationality is, you only have one home and that's Earth. So take a stand and help save it TODAY before it's too late. In your small way, you can ensure Earth's survival!

By Eugene Cubillo
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THINGS YOU CAN DO TO Reduce GLOBAL WARMING

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle
Choose reusable products instead of disposables. And wherever you can, recycle paper, plastic, newspaper, glass and aluminum cans. By recycling half of your household wastes, you lessen the amount of carbon dioxide in the air by 2,400 pounds annually.

Use the "Off" Switch
Save earth and electricity by turning off lights when you leave a room. Remember to also turn off the TV, video player, stereo and computer when you're not using them.

Plant a Tree
During photosynthesis, trees and other plants absorb carbon dioxide and give off oxygen. In other words, trees are important to humanity's survival. A single tree can absorb approximately one ton of carbon dioxide during its lifetime.

Drive Less and Drive Smart
Less driving means fewer emissions. Besides saving gas, walking and biking are also great forms of exercise. Out for mass transit system (buses, trains, etc.) and carpooling as much as you can.

Change a Light Bulb
Replace regular light bulbs with compact fluorescent light (CFL) bulbs. CFLs last 10 times longer than incandescent bulbs, use two-thirds less energy, and give off 70 percent less heat.

LOVE EARTH PROTECT EARTH SAVE EARTH

EUGENE CUBILLO

An aerial photograph of a tropical island with vibrant turquoise water, white sandy beaches, and lush green vegetation. A small sailboat is visible in the lower right portion of the frame. The sky is blue with scattered white clouds.

**WE MUST WORK TOGETHER, NOW
TO PROTECT OUR FAMILIES,
OUR FUTURE AND OUR COUNTRY**

“A new advocacy and public health movement is needed urgently to bring together governments, international agencies, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), communities, and academics from all disciplines to adapt to the effects of climate change on health. ”

Costello A, Abbas M, Allen A, Ball S, Bell S, Bellamy R, et al. Managing the health effects of climate change. *The Lancet* 2009;373(9676):1693–1733.

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Thank you for Listening.

Your comments, questions and concerns are most important

We are here to listen to you.

***To respond to your questions and concerns publicly and
anonymously.***

And provide feedback.

Not only now before, but during and after the project.

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**Annex III: Presentation by Mrs. Charlene Bain Administrator Community Health Services (ACHS),
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A ROADMAP TO PROVIDE FOR THE STRENGTHENING OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES IN LONG ISLAND

23RD APRIL 2020

PRESENTED BY: MRS. CHARLENE BAIN-ADMINISTRATOR, COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES

MR. TERRENCE CARTWRIGHT AND MR. WELLINGTON WORDS-PROJECT ARCHITECT

ON BE HALF OF THE LONG ISLAND HEALTH CARE TEAMS AND THE EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT TEAMS IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH

PREPARED BY: MRS. CHARLENE BAIN-ADMINISTRATOR, COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES AND

MS. PEGGY SANDS-SENIOR STAFF NURSE

OVERVIEW OF SERVICE DELIVERY

The delivery of Health Care Services in South Long island dates back to the 1950's. Residents boast of having two District Medical Officers providing services out of a small building.

However in the 1960's, through combined effort of residents from North, South and Central Long Island a state of the art medical facility was constructed through community efforts. The contractor was Mr. Lauren Knowles. This building remains one of the best built health care centers in The Bahamas with no more than three (3) major repairs since construction.

The people of Long island had a vision for their island, as well as the South Eastern and Central Bahamas.

OVERVIEW OF SERVICE DELIVERY CONT'D

The late Dr. David Simms, the District Medical Officer for whom this facility was named after, designed this facility in a manner to provide for routine Primary Health Care Services, Emergency Medical Services, inpatient beds with bathrooms, a maternity suite, doctor's and nurse's office, an observation room, a room for Theater just across from the emergency room and in close proximity to the inpatients rooms, as well as a staff bathroom with a shower and lockers -***certainly a man before his time.***

The design provided for multiple entries in particular;

- Direct entry to inpatient wards
- Direct entry to the emergency/ treatment and trauma room
- Exit from the dentist office
- Laboratory room.

OVERVIEW OF SERVICE DELIVERY CONT'D

In 1983, with the commitment and support of the people of Long Island as well as the support of the Long Island Association resulted in the purchase of;

- a) A Chevy Van-which was converted into an ambulance and mobile clinic
- b) Portable x-ray machine and Dark room for the development of X-ray films and
- c) A new Dental Suite.

The Long Island Association and contractors also assisted in the maintenance and upkeep of the building. Significant health system strengthening occurred with the posting of Dr. Fiona Lincon. An exceptional Primary Health Care Physician, myself and the support staff.

Under the Leadership of Dr. Lincon, we formed probably the first Executive Management Team in Primary Care, with colleagues from North and South Long Island.

OVERVIEW OF SERVICE DELIVERY CONT'D

There was no need for provision of medical coverage from New Providence as physicians saw fit that nurses were trained and confident to cover a district. They were required to provide one weekly visit to the area where the doctor was on leave and emergency response. and when one officer was off with once weekly visit and emergency response.

Through the support of PAHO, training was carried out to establish a Community Based Rehabilitation Program, as well as the establishment of the **First Local Health Committee in The Bahamas.**

Annually the people received care from specialist Psychiatrist, Internal Medicine Specialists, the Specialist for Oral Health Services by Dentist from Exuma and New Providence. Dr. Carlos Mulraine-the Deputy Chief Medical Officer and Optometrists all took special interest in regards to the work being carried out in Long Island by the Health Team. While Mr. Dave Lincon was not a doctor, he worked side by side with Dr. Lincon and the community.

OVERVIEW OF SERVICE DELIVERY CONT'D

In 1998, the Health Team in Long Island hosted the first Regional Health Conference in The Bahamas. The Aim of the Conference was to bring together health leaders and workers from the Central and South Eastern Bahamas to address challenges negatively impacting service delivery.

The outcome of this workshop resulted in;

- The commitment to identify a tool to establish an electronic medical record system following a demonstration by Dr. Lincon to the Honorable Minister and delegation
- Formalized Air Ambulance Services
- Improved conditions and accommodations for staff traveling from the Family Island to New Providence
- An on-call driver with funding to provide perdiem for staff
- The development of the first CNCD Protocol in The Bahamas
- A Site for the exposure of Public Health training for medical students

OVERVIEW OF SERVICE DELIVERY CONT'D

The people of Long Island are **resilient** not only in the construction of the first poly clinic in The Bahamas but with the:

- Construction of their own community center, which acts as an island wide shelter during hurricane season.
- Construction of a museum and library.
- Construction of their senior citizens home.
- Support for the healthcare team with three (3) resident pilots.
- And most recently support to the health team in the free transport of laboratory specimens monthly to New Providence and couriering of medication this month resulting in the successful management of a COVID case.

OVERVIEW OF SERVICE DELIVERY CONT'D

The investment in the improvement and expansion of health care services in North and South Long Island will truly make this island a Center of Excellence for Bahamian and Foreign Students. The Health and Community working collaboratively is long standing.

Recent data for 2020, revealed an increase of visits to the David Simms/Deadman's Cay Health Center from less than 3,000 per annum in 2019 to almost 5,000 in 2020 (preliminary).

VISION STATEMENT

- Empowered people, individuals, families and communities receiving integrated, people-centered, personalized needs based primary, public and specialized care by a multi-disciplinary teams, when they need it, where they need it, and which are culturally accepted.

MISSION STATEMENT

- To provide equitable, affordable and sustainable access to care and services regardless of age, gender, financial status, social, religious or political affiliation, to enhance equality at each point of entry and throughout their life course.

OUR VALUES AND GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- **Quality** -comprising structure and processes of care which are organized to ensure that the care which are organized to ensure that the care delivered is holistic, integrated and continuous in accordance with protocols, guidelines and other agreed standards.
- **Customer Service** -we strive to exceed our patients and fellow care givers expectations for comfort and convenience no matter what.
- **Partnership** - appropriate opportunities and methods are made available to enable and empower stakeholders to participate in decision making and partnership.
- **Equity** -equitable access to resources(human and other) where provision of services is assured to all with focus on the vulnerable and under privileged groups including the homeless and migrant communities.

OUR VALUES AND GUIDING PRINCIPLES CONT'D

- **Effectiveness/Excellence** -special efforts made to ensure that an intervention of services provided for the client/patient yields the intended result(s).
- **Efficiency/Standards** -optional use is made of the range and use of available resources (financial, human, physical and technical) in the delivery of evidence based practice.
- **Accountability**- Effective use of resources.
- **Team work** -we collaborate and share knowledge to benefit the patient, facility, communities and fellow caregivers for the advancement of own mission and vision.
- **Reward and recognition:** of our employers and partners.
- **Innovation** –we welcome change, encourage innovation and continually seeking better and more efficient ways to achieve our goals and objectives.

OUR VALUES AND GUIDING PRINCIPLES CONT'D

- **Respect** -for ourselves, co-workers and those we serve.
- **Compassion** -demonstrated on a daily basis, the healing power of touch.
- **Integrity**
 - Stewardship, accountability and integrity
 - Displaying integrity and ethical behavior by doing what is right
 - Doing what we say we are going to do
 - Taking responsibility for our own decisions, actions and holding each other responsible for theirs

OUR VALUES AND GUIDING PRINCIPLES CONT'D

- **Integrity Cont'd**

- Building trust and trustworthiness among clients and colleagues
- Evaluating cost efficiency of services provided and improving the quality of safety and effectiveness of our services and the outcome of our decision (value for money)
- Promoting excellence, innovation and continuous improvement through the use of best evidence/best practices
- Rewarding efficiency, effectiveness and innovation making
- Optimal use of the range and risk of available resources in the delivery of evidence based practices

- **Transparency**-Being open, honest and having timely communication. Disclosing information to help learn from mistakes and reduce fragmentation and cost.

OUR VALUES AND GUIDING PRINCIPLES CONT'D

- **Partnership and Engagement**- appropriate opportunities and methods are made available to enable and empower all stakeholders to participate in decision making and partnership in a meaningful way.
- **Collaborating**-with patient/clients and the families, healthcare providers, researchers and educational institutions, government agencies and community stakeholders.
- Listening to and considering ideas, options and concerns of others in the decision making process.
- Facilitating people to understanding their choices and the need to take responsibility for their own health.

WE AIM TO:

- Improve the healthcare for all residents in each island and across the continuum.
- Keep people healthy through strengthening of community, primary and public health care services and full implementation of the primary health care strategy.
- Prevention of illness through health education, promotion and disease prevention at the community level, and at all points of entry.

SCOPES OF SERVICES PROVIDED IN LONG ISLAND (BASED ON SCOPES OF SERVICES PROVIDED THROUGHOUT THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS)

1. Maternal and Child Health Services which includes:

- Antenatal Services
- Postnatal Services
- Emergency Deliveries
- Reproductive Health and Family Planning Services inclusive of methods.
- Well and sick child assessments and services.
- Immunization for infants, children, pregnant women and adults.
- School Health Services and counseling (preventative and curative)
- Adolescent Health Services

SCOPES OF SERVICES PROVIDED IN LONG ISLAND CONT'D

(BASED ON SCOPES OF SERVICES PROVIDED THROUGHOUT THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS)

2. Ambulatory Services inclusive of chronic non communicable diseases such as Hypertension, Diabetes, Non-urgent Care, Urgent and Emergency services.

- Visiting specialists services
- Diagnostic services, inclusive of laboratory, x-ray
- Short term admission for stabilization
- Pharmacy services
- E-Health Services
- Home based Community Services
- Communicable Disease prevention

SCOPES OF SERVICES PROVIDED IN LONG ISLAND CONT'D

(BASED ON SCOPES OF SERVICES PROVIDED THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITIES OF THE BAHAMAS)

3. **Community participation in health.**
4. **Public, private partnership**
5. **Intersectional collaboration**
6. **Disaster Management**
7. **Maintenance and upkeep of facilities and infrastructure**
8. **Administration and Management of services**

IDENTIFIED STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES OF EXISTING SERVICES IN LONG ISLAND

Proposed Expansion of Services Desired by the Local Health Team

- 1. Maternal and Child Health Services are provided to all persons based on standardized protocols.**

Proposed Areas for Strengthening or Expansion

- Ultrasound scan –Allowing ultrasounds to be carried out in the clinic on the island or monthly by a visiting technician.
- Cross training of selected staff in Neonatal Resuscitation & CTG Monitoring, etc.
- Scheduled consultation with OBGYN specialist monthly for intermediate risk cases.
- In-house Point of Care laboratory services or via testing at the Exuma Primary Health Care Centre.
- Telemedicine consultative service to provide real time assessment and management of care and stabilization of acute cases prior to analysts.
- Strengthening family and reproductive health services through education and prevention of sexually transmitted infections.
- Comprehensive after school program to direct the energies of school children and adolescents inclusive of counseling.

IDENTIFIED STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES OF EXISTING SERVICES IN LONG ISLAND CONT'D

2. Ambulatory Services

Which includes chronic and non-acute urgent and emergency services to all age groups inclusive of screening, assessment, diagnosis, management and referral.

Proposed Areas for Strengthening and Expansion

- Appointment based services for foot care for diabetics and persons with other circulatory disorders.
- Strengthening relationships with NGO's such as the Diabetic Health Association.
- On site Telemedicine specialists consultation with the Podiatrist.
- Recruitment and deployment of Nutritionists and Health Educators.
- Reestablishment of the Local Health Committee to assist in the strengthening of healthy life style initiatives, including prevention of intentional violence and road traffic accidents.
- Resident Dentist

IDENTIFIED STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES OF EXISTING SERVICES IN LONG ISLAND CONT'D

3. Access to Basic Diagnostic Services

Proposed Areas for Strengthening and Expansion

- Point of Care Laboratory testing
- Microscope to facilitate basic testing of selected conditions
- Purchase of a portable or fix X-ray machine
- Training in the areas of X-ray and Laboratory Technicians to support services.
- Increase funding to ship specimens in a timely manner.

IDENTIFIED STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES OF EXISTING SERVICES IN LONG ISLAND CONT'D

4. Access to Pharmacy Services

Proposed Areas for Strengthening and Expansion

- Recruitment and deployment of a Pharmacists.
- Short term- scholarship for training of local staff as Pharmacy Technicians.

5. Regular Scheduled Home Based Care Services

Proposed Areas for Strengthening and Expansion

- Identify risk factors through surveys and or research.
- Early detection of risk factors, complications and reduction of emergency referrals.
- **Increase in the number of vehicles to sustain home health care services**
- **Ambulance** to provide effective critically care during transport of patients.

IDENTIFIED STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES OF EXISTING SERVICES IN LONG ISLAND CONT'D

6. Strengthening Disaster Management and Response

- **The island is in the Hurricane Belt.**
- Recommence Local Health Committee meetings.
- Conduct CPR and BLS training for all key stakeholders including in schools and work places and support staff involved in Disaster Response.
- Sustained BLS and Advanced Cardiac Life Support training for all healthcare providers.
- **Strengthening Disaster Management and Response Cont'd**
- Conduct scheduled environmental assessment and develop mitigating strategies in collaboration with NEMA.
- Sustain maintenance and upkeep of buildings, generators and air conditioning system.
- Install solar system and LED lightings.
- Sustain the protection of wet lands through appropriate residential and development zoning.
- Adhere to building codes during design and construction.

THANK YOU.

Annex IV: Informational Brochure

Programme

The purpose of this programme is to support the Government of The Bahamas to streamline and improve coordination of primary health care offered by different health agencies. It is to also digitize and consolidate health records, upgrade an aging infrastructure of hospitals and clinics to improve resiliency to natural disasters and reduce carbon emissions that contribute to climate change.

The Ministry of Health (MOH) has identified five new locations for clinics and four clinics to be upgraded (see below).

Programme Components

- Component 1: Improvement of the delivery of care model in The Bahamas;
- Component 2: Improvement of infrastructure and equipment;
- Component 3: Modernization of the health information system; and
- Component 4: Programme administration and evaluation.

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- > Abaco Primary Health Centre (Abaco)

Financing

The Programme is being prepared for financing by the Inter-American Development Bank. The Bank's social and environmental policies require a meaningful public consultation process.

ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL ASSESSMENT (ESA)

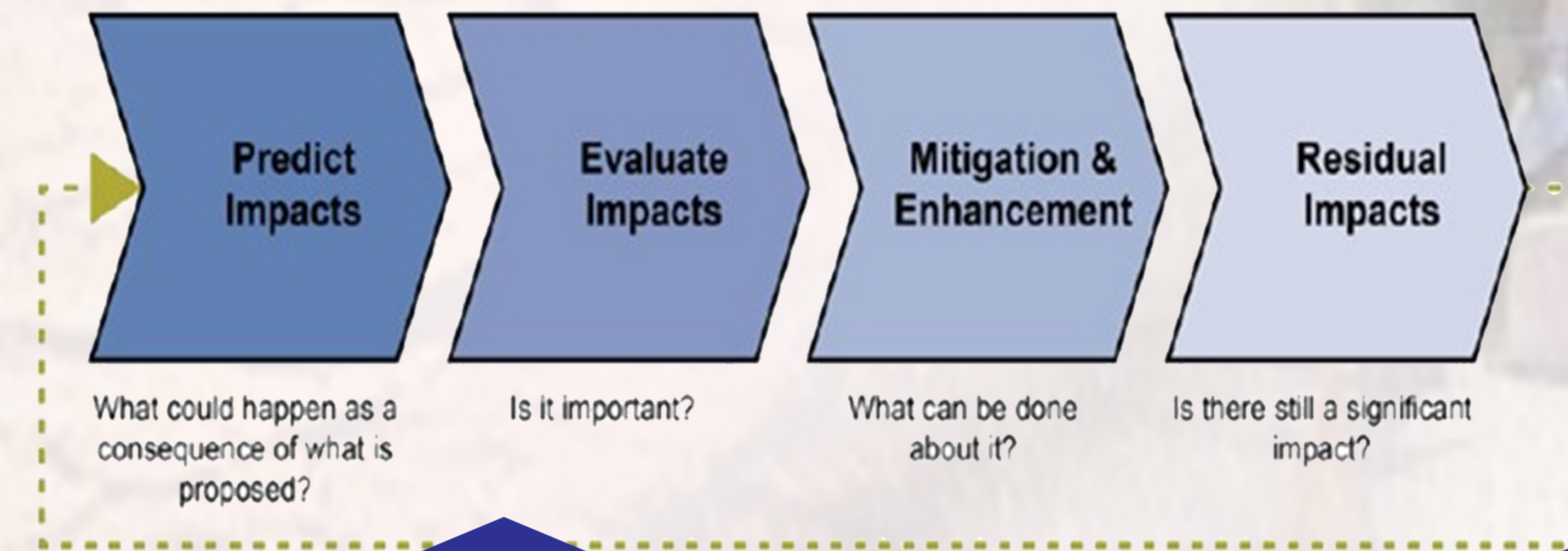
The purpose of the ESA is to identify updates to the potential social and environmental impacts of the Project, and to establish a management framework that defines adequate guidelines for the components of the Project that are deemed to present significant environmental and social impacts and opportunities.



Baseline Topics

PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT	BIOLOGICAL ENVIRONMENT	SOCIAL & CULTURAL
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Climate and Meteorology• Air Quality• Landscape and Topography• Geology and Geomorphology• Land Use• Water Resources and Quality• Natural Hazards	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Natural and Modified Habitats• Fauna• Special Status Species• Protected Areas• Internationally Recognized Areas of High Conservation Value	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• General socio-economic data (populations, GDP, Human Development Index, etc.)• Labor Force• Economic Activities• Security and Gender• Cultural Heritage Baseline

Evaluation of Impacts





Impacts and Mitigation Measures

The environmental and social impacts that have been identified are minor to moderate and are typical for construction works of the magnitude considered. They include the potential for minor pollution of water or soil, minor degradation of the natural habitat, and traffic and noise disturbances to the communities where work will be done. The Environmental and Social Management Plan includes measures that address them.

1. Consultation Plan;
2. Stakeholder Engagement Plan;
3. Grievance Mechanism Plan;
4. Hospital Waste Management Plan;
5. Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Plan;
6. Erosion and Sediment Control Plan;
7. Water Management Plan;
8. Noise and Emissions Management Plan;
9. Traffic and Pedestrian Management Plan;
10. Emergency and Contingency Plan;
11. Disaster Risk Management Plan; and
12. Management of Patients Plan.

To access the exact work to be done on each clinic and the full explanation of environmental and social impacts and risks and mitigation measures, please see the Environmental and Social Assessment and Environmental and Social Management Plan, available at www.iadb.org/BH-L1053.

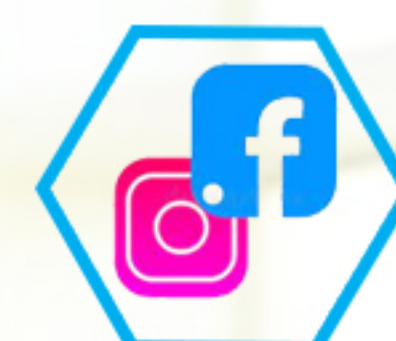
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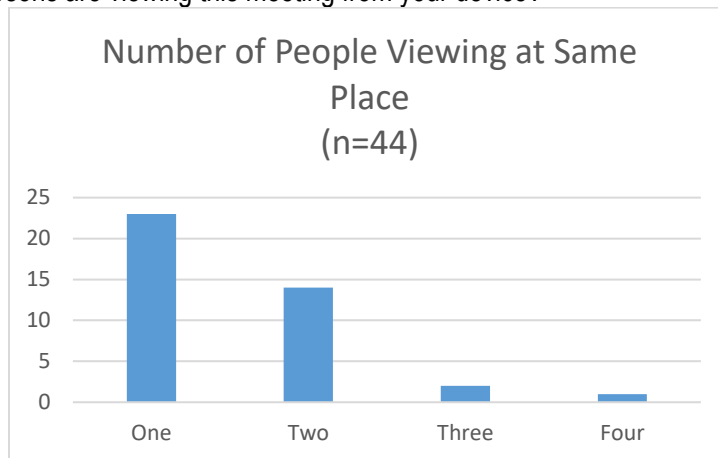


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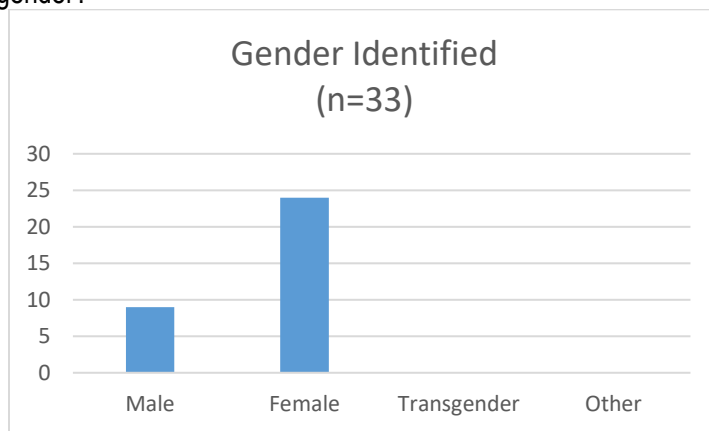
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Annex V: Polling Results

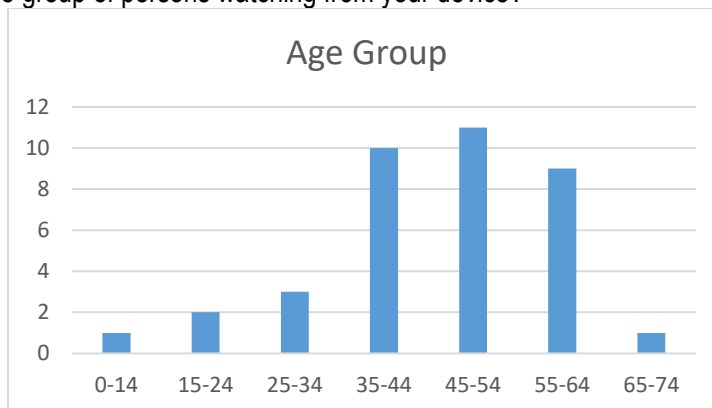
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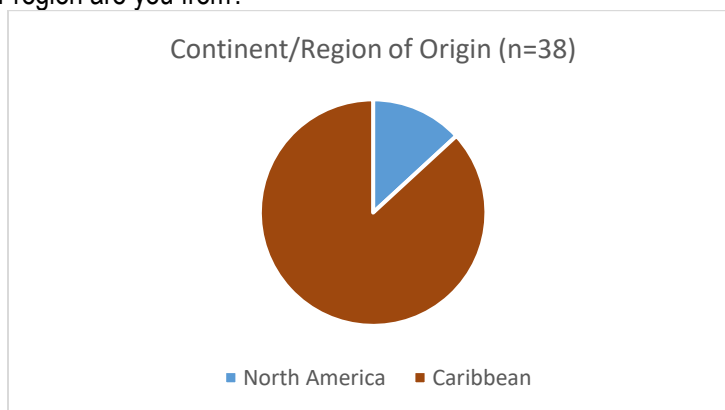
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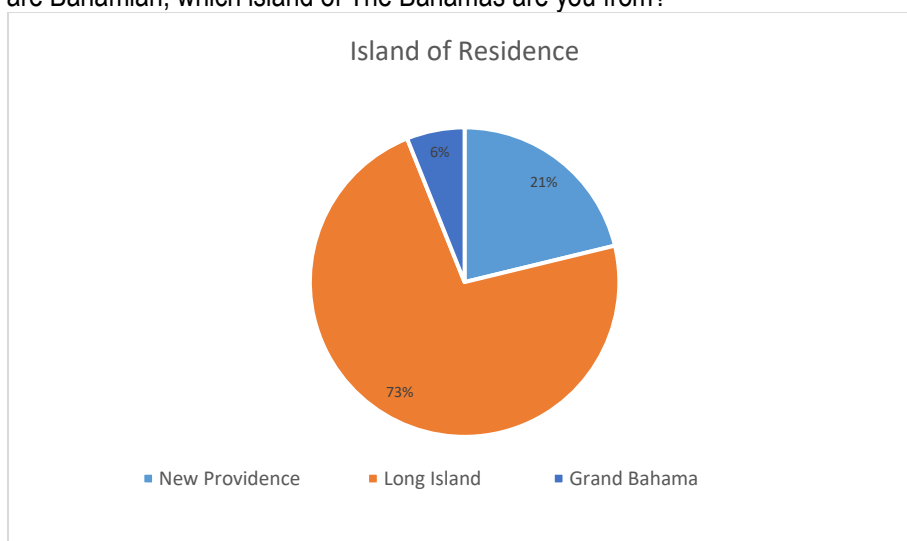
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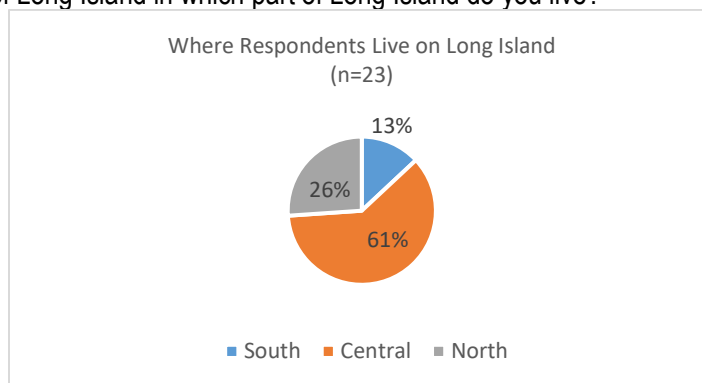
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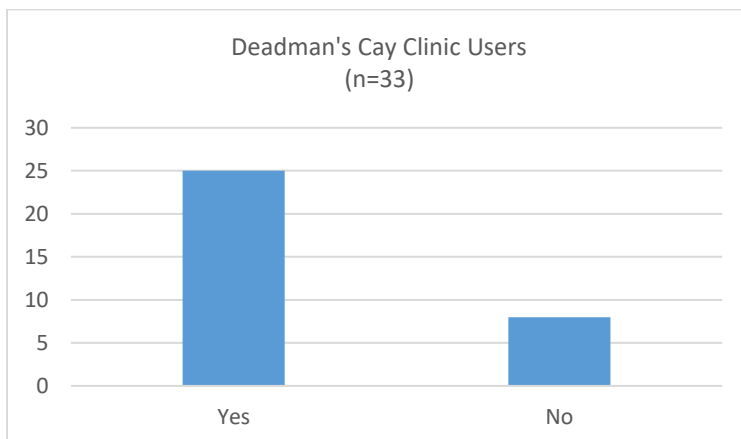
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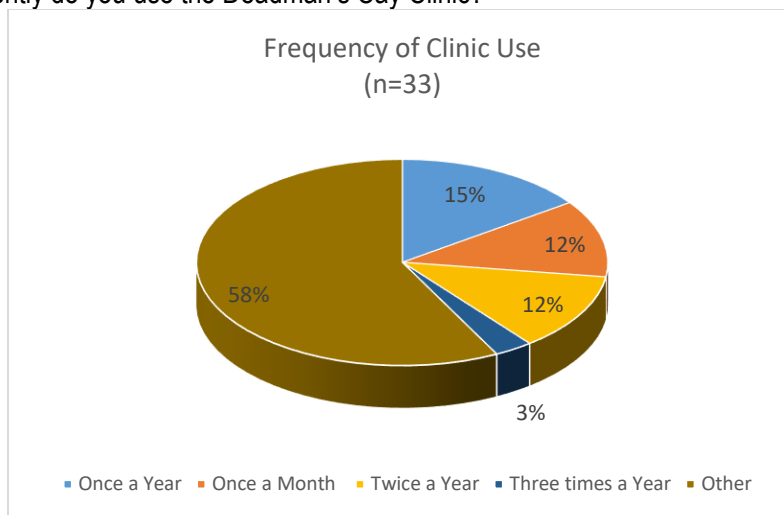
6. For residents of Long Island in which part of Long Island do you live?



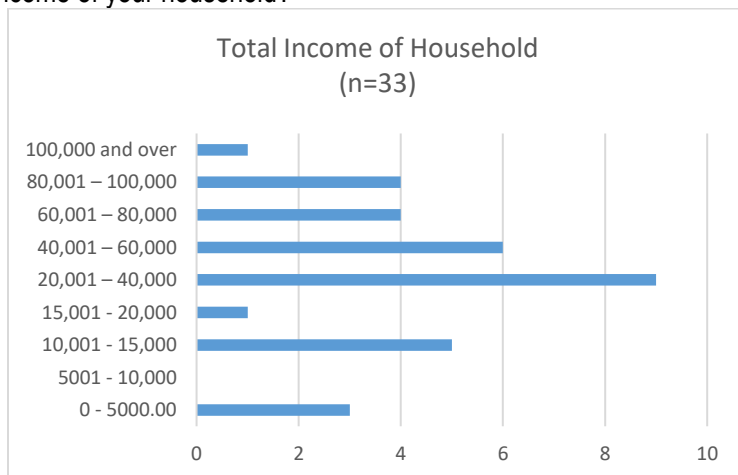
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8. How frequently do you use the Deadman's Cay Clinic?

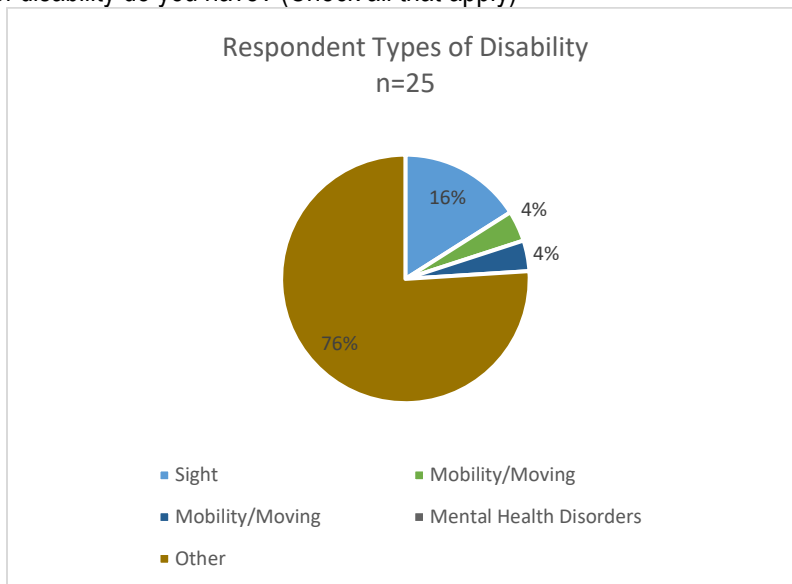


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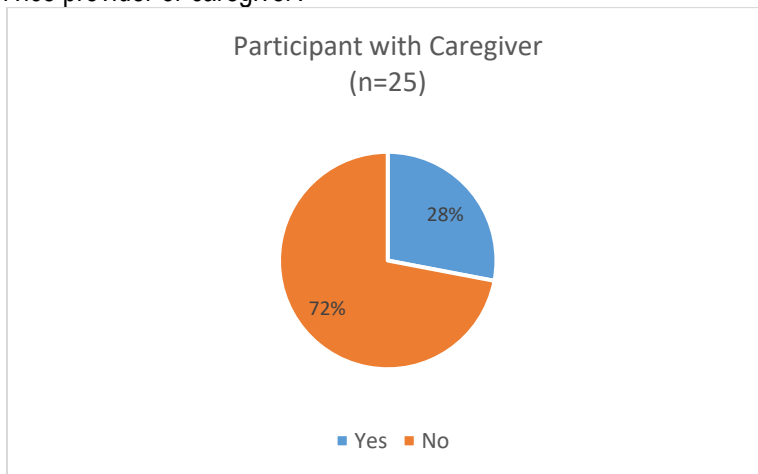


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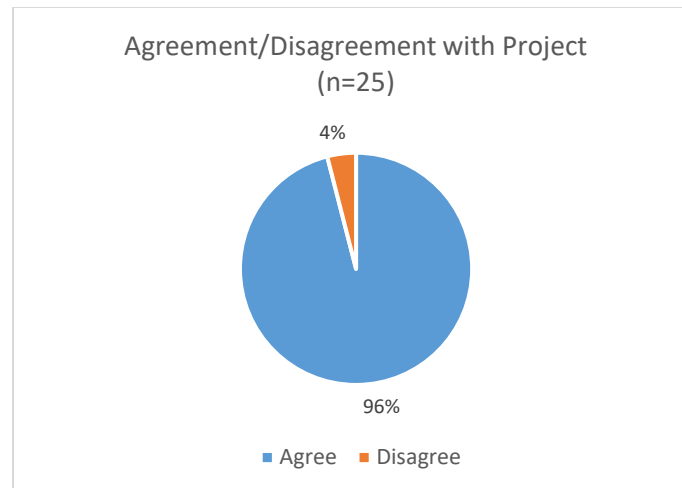
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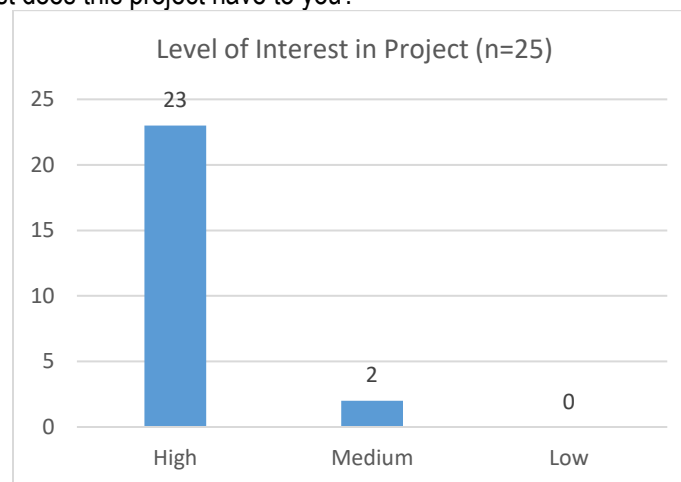
12. Do you have a service provider or caregiver?



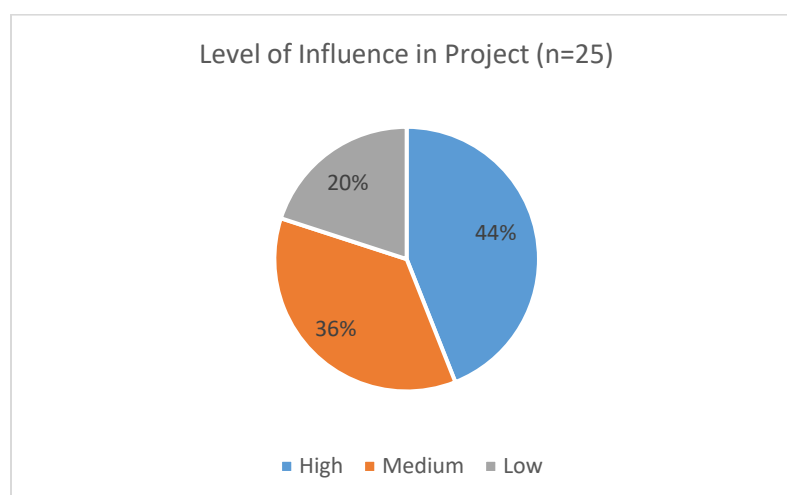
13. What is your position regarding this project. Do you



14. What level of interest does this project have to you?



15. What is your level of influence in this project with the assistance of residents, tourists, workers, politicians, the media and others?



ANNEX VI: List of Registrants – Public Consultation (Long Island) 27th April 2021

1.	First Name	Last Name	Email	Registration Time	Approval Status
2.	Linda	Bowe	lindabowe@bahamas.gov.bs	26/04/2021 19:00	approved
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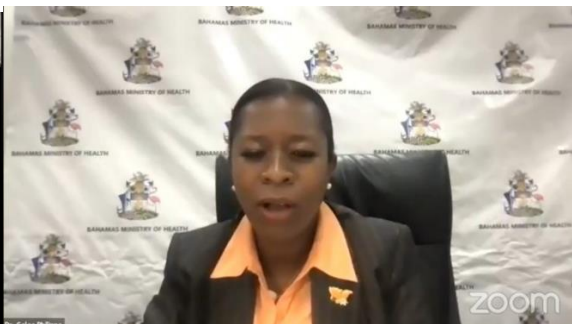
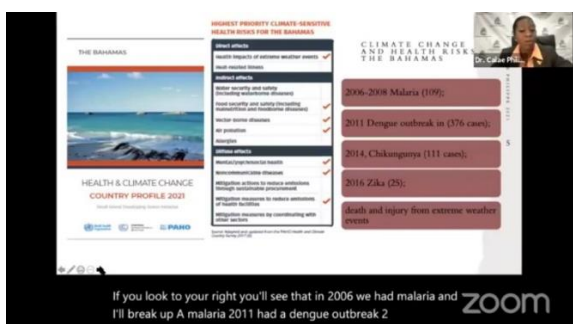
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Table 4-2: Number of Tropical Storms and Hurricanes Recorded from 1871 to 2020 and Averaged Probability of Recurrence in Years

Islands	Total Number of Tropical Storms	Total Number of Hurricanes	Total	Average wind speeds of hurricane hits (mph)	Average time between direct hurricane hits (years)	Average Probability of Recurrence* (years)
Abaco	34	51	85	114	3.77	1.75
Exuma	23	38	61	116	8.28	2.44
Andros	36	45	81	122	4.66	1.84
Eleuthera	27	46	73	114	4.38	2.04
Long Island	30	38	68	109	5.73	2.19
Inagua	22	23	45	103	9.31	3.31
Cat Island	27	42	69	113	4.97	2.16
San Salvador	25	37	62	110	5.14	2.40
Bimini	27	44	71	113	4.52	2.10

document identifies and table 42 the number of tropical storms and hurricanes





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HAPPENING NOW

The Ministry of Health's virtual public consultation to discuss the renovation, redesign and expansion of the David Simms Memorial Health Centre.

**The Bahamas Ministry of Health** was live.

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Zoom

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3 shares • 5.4K Views

Annex VIII: Minutes of Preparatory Meetings

MOH Public Consultation Meetings with Long Island Administrator and Chief Councilor

8th April, 2021 Via Zoom 2:00pm

In attendance:

- Mrs. Desiree Ferguson, Administrator Long Island
- Dr. Anya Symonette, FAS
- Mr. Coral Miller, FAS Communications
- Mrs. Charlene Bain, ACHS
- Dr. Calae Philippe, SMO Focal Point for Environmental and Social Component

Apologies:

- Mr. Knowles, Chief Councilor

Brief Overview:

1. **Dr. Symonette:** Overview of MOH and IDB loan public consultation expectation.
2. **Dr. Philippe:** Overview of Climate Change and IDB Loan and some expectations.
3. **Mrs. Bain:** Overview of Scope of Works and Community Engagement Needed.
4. **Mrs. Miller:** Communications Components needed.

Items Discussed

Location of public consultations on island:

1. 3. Locations: Church, South MGM Major High School and Community Center Focal Point

Capacity of Virtual Platform:

1. Zoom Connection: 500-1000

Vulnerable Populations to be included:

1. Elderly
2. Disabled
3. Hearing impaired,

Moderator(s):

1. Should be from the Island
2. The person will sit Dr. Philippe to go over the presentation
3. The person will be responsible to lead the discussion.

Advertisements:

1. IDB provided flyer and pamphlet being reworked by MOH Communications Team.

Proposed Public Consultation Program Schedule:

1. Time : 6pm – 8pm vs. 7pm – 9pm
2. Agenda;
 - a. Welcome: Island Administrator?
 - b. Introductions: Moderator
 - c. Prayer: Member of the Long Island Clergy
 - d. Remarks by Member of Parliament
 - e. Remarks by Minister of Health

- f. Presentations:
 - a. Overview Context MOH Climate. Change & Health – Dr. Philippe
 - b. Healthcare Services Proposed- Mrs. Bain
 - c. Site Visit, Design, Plans for expansion. Mr. Terrence Cartwright, Wellington Wright
- 2. Vote of Thanks: Long Islander

Questions/Responses:

Ferguson: Will the IDB dealing with the Infrastructure and other support? Funds to renovate the clinic

Symonette: The IDB has specific funds for the work . The monetary investment is for the scope of works

Mrs. Bain: Although dealing with Deadman's Cay will also be dealing with Simm's Clinic. Other scopes of work are being supported by the Government. Aware that people in the meeting may have concerns about the Clarence Town Clinic and will be addressed separately.

Symonette: Those are the remit of the politicians to speak to.

Steps/Way Forward

- 2. Upcoming Meetings;
 - a. 12th April, 2021 to prepare for the advertisement to go out on 13th April, 2021
 - b. Health Team Meeting : for North and South Long Island TBD
 - c. Meeting with Administrator, Chief Council and other administrators
- 3. Technical Component
 - a. Need a Technical Team for the central room and satellite meeting locations
 - b. Ensure that the link is open at least 1 hr. before for registration
- 4. Community Engagement :
 - a. Need a list of all persons and email addresses- Sample of the Stakeholder identification it is not limiting.
 - b. No newspaper, or radios, but there are Church bulletins that it can be sent to.
 - c. Listing of Businesses and Communities and will put it out to them.
 - d. Mention persons who live in Long Island and other visitors are urged to be in attendance.
 - e. Ask persons to register at least half hour for the meeting.
 - f. Ensure Vulnerable populations are represented and have access to the meeting via zoom or get to the site.
- 5. Question and Answer live
 - a. Provide suggested questions to capture specific responses
 - b. Have a secretary to capture from Zoom Meeting
 - c. Chief Moderator and site moderators to collect and field questions.
 - i. E.g., site 1 any questions , site 2 any questions like a round robin
 - d. Dr. Symonette to provide lead for the Secretariat
- 6. Grievance Mechanism Long Term:
 - a. Electronic
 - b. Paper-based
- 7. Suggest that there is water or juice on site for persons .
- 8. Meeting to finalize advertisements on 12th April, 2021 (1 or 2pm) to be posted for 13th April, 2021.

19th April, 2021

Meeting via Zoom

Dr. Symonette (FAS), Mrs. Coral Miller (FAS), Dr. Calae Philippe (SMO)

Presentation by Dr. Philippe

Feedback:

1. Presentation too long Reduce to focus on Long Island.
2. Presentation meant for Administrators to know the broad scope first.
3. People would really want to know the changes to the clinic
4. Older Generation at sea level not interested in Climate Change but new generations have started to move to higher ground.
5. We have about 20 years to make changes so start with kids in primary school.
6. The Deadman's Cay clinic started in 1960 finished in 1967 need to change information.

Locations:

1. MGM Central
2. North Long Island
3. Old North Island

21st April 2021 Meeting with Long Island to review the Proposed Public Consultation Program Schedule:

Dr. Philippe (SMO), Ms. Ferguson, (Administrator), Mr. Knowles (Chief Council)

1. Locations:
 - a. Clarence Town Community Center- Ms. Desiree Ferguson
 - b. NGM Major High School-Mr. Ian Knowles
 - c. Highway Church of God – Ms. Elizabeth Collie TBC?
2. Time : 7pm – 9pm
3. Agenda;
 - a. Welcome: Island Administrator: Ms. Desiree Ferguson
 - b. Introductions: Moderator- Mr. Ian Knowles
 - c. Prayer: Member of the Long Island Clergy
 - d. Remarks by Member of Parliament- Mr. Adrian Gibson
 - e. Remarks by Minister of Health – Hon Renward Wells
 - f. Presentations:
 - g. Overview Context MOH Climate. Change & Health – Dr. Calae Philippe
 - h. Healthcare Services Proposed- Mrs. Charlene Bain
 - i. Site Visit, Design, Plans for expansion. Mr. Terrence Cartwright, Wellington Wright

- j. Q&A
- k. Vote of Thanks: Long Islander

23rd April 2021

Via Zoom 1:20pm-2:16pm

Attendees:

1. Herbert Pirela
2. Sonia Cuesta
3. Ricardo Cuevas
4. Ms. Heidi Fishpaw, Environmental and Social Safeguards Specialist
5. Ms. Gabriella Fraser, Project Coordinator
6. Ms. Natalie Bethel, Operations Associate
7. Herbert Pirela, ERM Consultant
8. Dr. Anya Symonette, FAS
9. Mrs. Coral Miller, FAS Communications
10. Dr. Calae Philippe, Focal Point Environmental and Social

Apologies:

- Ms. Coral Miller
- Dr. Anya Symonette
- Mrs. Charlene Bain

Review of Expectations for Report:

- Due date: April 30th, 2021 (3 days after consultation)
 - Should include : Stakeholder Engagement and Public consultation details.
- 1. Presentation & Agenda:**
 - a. Reviewed by the team
 - b. Asked to include the overview of the Operation from 2 slides that will be provide by Ricardo Cuevas.
 - 2. Stakeholder Engagement:**
 - a. Describe what we have been doing e.g., meetings with the Long Island Administrator and Chief Council
 - b. Stakeholder analysis Sections 6.1, 6.2,6.3
 - c. Take screen shots in virtual mode
 - 3. Public Consultation:**
 - a. This is the first component
 - b. Ensure the presentation covers the overview of the operation.
 - c. What actions did we take to include folks from different backgrounds?
 - d. Anything shared that led to modification of the project

- e. Recording and transcribing the questions
 - f. Evidence of how it was publicized, flyer, Facebook anything done by contact, telephone and email
 - g. If someone is speaking; are they from a vulnerable group and note if men or women as per gender and inclusiveness of women.
 - h. If people get in touch by phone or email to share their input, please include
 - i. COVID19 Measures put in place at each center
- 4. Registration (Zoom and onsite) should include: (3 live centers)**
- a. Age
 - b. Gender
 - c. SES
 - d. Disability
 - e. Location Do you use the clinic

27th April, 2021

Zoom 9:30am – 10:38am

- Maria Eugenia Roca, Chief of Operations
- Heidi Fishpaw, Environmental and Social Safeguards Specialist
- Gabriella Fraser, Project Coordinator
- Natalie Bethel, Operations Associate
- Herbert Pirela, ERM Consultant
- Dr. Anya Symonette, FAS
- Mrs. Coral Miller, FAS Communications
- Dr. Calae Philippe, Focal Point Environmental and Social

Purpose: To talk through step by step and if anything, we may have missed. We can have everything on track.

Mrs. Miller:

1. IDB would have received notice which went out 13th April, 2021 by WhatsApp groups and letters to governmental and non-governmental agencies and we asked a list from Mrs. Ferguson, Long Island Administrator. We were of the opinion that we were dealing with 8 sites, 5 new ones and 3 to be upgraded. But it was corrected that it was 9 nights.
2. After receiving letter persons can come up to three ways by emailing or using the two WhatsApp or MOH Facebook page.
3. We have been receiving request to register including IDB.
4. Persons will be receiving their registration and the brochure.
5. By latest people will get the link by 12 noon today. So, they will have to register to join the meeting which enable us to have a count have a participants list.
6. Starting off with the meeting:

- a. This afternoon the Communications Committee will leave home to deal with various aspects e.g., attendance, make sure no one is using their microphone or no one is walking around naked.
 - b. Additionally, we have the polling at the very beginning of the meeting. We would have like to include at the registration. But we will launch the poll and keep the poll up the entire meeting so that people have to complete before they see the clear screen of the zoom then.
- 7. Requested permission to Share the trifold brochure ; the programme, financing, Environmental Social Impact Assessment and Impact Mitigation measures
- 8. Share with you the program: before persons come in will do check with two sites in Long Island if persons are unable to link in. Central and. South and not in the North. Because of COVID19 Scare. We have encouraged social distancing and there will be a sight manager and then will feed in the questions via a WhatsApp group we have created with the Communications Department. We will do check between 6:00-6:30pm and pin persons so that they will be at the top of the Zoom platform so we will not have problem find them.
- 9. For the Q&A: We have invited the media in the meeting. This is not a press conference but we encouraged to join and will allow them to ask questions.

Questions and Responses

- 1. FAS Miller: We have about 17,000 follows we have made sure to increase our reach and they have agreed to carry the face book live and share it on their page and they have agreed to advertise this morning.
 - a. BIS has agreed to share their page as well as MOE, and OPM
- 2. Fishpaw: Fantastic to share. So many followers speak to the reach of the event. Is the agenda still a draft, or is there a way to update the title? It is about the operation. Taking into account in touch with UB and Facebook live and a reach that goes beyond one island. Which will include the renovation to fine tune.
- 3. Philippe: Yes I believe can we review the title again and so you want it to reflect the Title Health System Strengthening for The Bahamas.
- 4. Miller: When you say operation. The full loan includes the renovation of the 4 clinics, and 5 new clinics, digitizing and model of care.
- 5. Fishpaw: Want people to see in the overview of entire of project
- 6. Maria Roca IDB & Bethel: Is there an opportunity for IDB to make a few remarks? Decision yes after the MP as is protocol as no one speaks after the Minister. MOH will share remark with IDB so there is congruency.
- 7. Fishpaw: Is the programme completed can we change the overall title to "Programme to support the Health System Strengthening of The Bahamas.
- 8. Philippe: We tried to utilize the IDB link to The Bahamas programme and it was not working.
- 9. Maria Roca & Fishpaw: We will review and send the correct link.
- 10. Philippe: Thank you I checked the link and it is now working, <https://www.iadb.org/en/project/BH-L1053>
- 11. FAS Miller: screenshots we were told it was useful. There were two questions: What is your recommended frequency? To capture each section of the programme? Or is there a recommended

way. Heidi: That's good but taking pictures of the participants/gallery. Philippe taking pictures of the various sites and.

12. Philippe: Non-real public consultation is it still expected for 30days with public input. Will this delay our submitting our report within
13. FAS Miller: When the consultation was being proposed it was 18 projects. Now that we have gone down to 9 facilities-With the new facilities what is the project costed at with 5 new clinics and 4 upgrades/renovations? Has the fun
14. FAS Symonette: There are two loans 1) the prototype addresses negative pressure air-condition for the 18 sites are for COVID19 retrofitting and this 9 is the second loan which is an investment loan.
15. Maria Roca IDB: is the COVID19 Loan approved last December vs. health investment loan. Important Investment Loan of \$40 M for retrofitting and building/upgrading with resilience new clinics. For environmental safe guards Heidi: The previous loan was retrofitting for COVID19 and this one is to address for Climate Change and Resilience.
16. Philippe: Has the IDB been part of the climate resilience building upgrades. Heidi, yes
17. Fishpaw: Grateful will be available and can reach out
18. FAS Miller: grateful this is team event and we can cooperation and assistance.

Annex IX: Invitations List for Key Stakeholders

Long Island Stakeholders IDB Funded Project, Deadman's Cay Health Centre Tuesday 27th April, 2021					
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1	337-3030	427-8035	Desiree Ferguson	desireeferguson@bahamas.gov.bs	Administrator
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3	337-1069	472-8190	Ian Knowles	ian.knowles@gmail.com	Chief Councillor
4	337-1068	464-2183	Kendrick Capron	ken.eagleeyes@gmail.com	Dept. Chief Councillor
5	337-8271	472-2023	David Pinder	david.pinder74@yahoo.com	Chairman NT
6			Stephen Major	steviemajor@coralwave.com	Chairman ST
7	337-0999	357-1200	Bernard Bonaby	bernard.bomamy@rbpf.bs	Chief Supt. Of Police
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11	337-1233	357-1003	Licinda Petsch	longislandlicinda.petsch@nib-bahamas.com	NIB
12	338-8668	4642-308	Don Simmons	dsimmons@bahamas.com	Ministry of Tourism
13	472-8156	577-0037	Peggy Sands	peggysands@yahoo.com	District Nurse
14	337-1242	558-5672	Dr. Yvette Cater	yvette.carter@hotmail.com	District Doctor S
15	338-1223	472-1099	Dr. Cunningham	athenacunningham8572@gmail.com	Doctor North
16	338-8937	472-9500	Pedro Maecellos	PAMarcello@bplco.com	BPL
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18	337-0972	472-1833	Silas Turnquest	wccsturnquest@wsc.com.bs	Water & Sewage
19	337-3517	472-8199	Latoya Adderley	latoyaadderlet@bahamas.gov.bs	Road Traffic
20	337-0500	433-3399	Patsy Cartwright	patsybecartwright@gmail.com	Museum
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26	337-1069	472-8288	Vincent Lockhart	Vincent128@hotmail.com	Council Member
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29	337-1069	472-1801	Sharon Cartwright	cartwrigsharon@hotmail.com	Com Member S
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36	337-0162	472-1209	Nacara cartwright	nacaracartwright@gmail.com	Museum
37	337-0522	472-8052	Mary Moree	moreemary72@gmail.com	MOE
38	338-2004	357-1583	Jermaine Adderley	jermaineiadderley@gmail.com	Youth
39	338-8668	472-8014	Oral Lockhart	olockhart@bahamas.com	Ministry of Tourism
40	338-866	472-3259	Lillie Coakley	lilliecoakley@gmail.com	Ministry of Tourism
41	337-1086	472-2014	Oliver Turnquest	ellinsinn@yahoo.com	Guest House
42	338-0369	357-1134	James Fox	Jamesfox@gmail.com	Fisherman
43	337-3101		Sean Minnis	seanminnis@gmail.com	Fisherman
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45	337-2378	472-2378	Kevin Pratt	kevinpratt@gmail.com	Shelter Manager
46	337-2226	466-7611	Paul Cartwright	paulcartwright@hotmail.com	Shelter Manager
47	337-0186	464-2015	LaSandra Knowles		Red Cross
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40	337-0999	357-1043	Omar Daley	daley_omar@yahoo.com	Car Rental
50	338-0111	357-1451	Stephanie Cartwright	steffknowles@hotmail.com	Fisheries Dept.
51	337-3030	357-1248	Aspasia Fox	afox.gov@gmail.com	Admin Office
52	338-8555	472-2622	Azel Smith	az1704@hotmail.com	Shelter Manager
53	337-3276	472-0495	Maurice Minnis	mauriceminnis_3@hotmail.com	Shelter Manager
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61	338-2050	818-6232	Euley Ginton	euleyginton@gmail.com	Aviation Dept.
62	337-1069	464-2174	Cindy Cartwright	cindycartwright62@hotmail.com	Local Government
63			Tanya Farquharson	longislandersassociation@gmail.com	President LI Asso.
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65	338-0032		Basil Fox		Long Island Petroleum
66	337-1005		Damien Treco		Treco's Service Station

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67	338-8600		Alfred Simms		Bunches Gas Station
68	337-6130		Mario Cartwright		Bayside Service Station
69	337-1060		Mario McHardy		Kirkland's Supermarket
70	337-0017		Blake Carroll	carrship@yahoo.com	Carroll Shipping
71	337-0644	357-1182	George Constantakis		Constantakis Sea Enterp
72		376-0120	<u>Steffan Knowles</u>		Architect
73	338-0177		Tyrone Knowles		Sou Side Res
74	338-0022	357-1192	William Miller		Hillside Food Sply
75	338-0021		Merlene Dean		Club Washington
76	338-0149		Michelle & Jason	Tinysbahamas.com	Tiny's
77	338-8954		Gaye Miller		Vindells Takeaway
78	338-8438		Joseph Adderley		Alex Building Supplies
79			Gloria Culmer		Whysical Creations
80	338-8045		Mario Simms		Blue Chip
81	338-2059		Eugene Moree		Watering Hole Bar
82	338-2050		Jill & Joel Freeze	jill@stellamarisresort.com	Stella Marris Inn
83		357-1141	<u>Rodney Gibson</u>		Sunset Restaurant
84			Shawn Gibson		Busted Bridge Rest.
85			Melvin & Roslyn Adderley		Roselyn's Takeaway
86	338-8227		Edward Gibson		Aarons Car Rental
87			Kiea Shera		MGS Food Store
88			Tankie Albury		Burnt Ground Store
89	338-0016		K C Cartwright		KC Liquor Store
90	338-0041		Dennis Fox		Fox Auto
91	338-80136		Marcia Fox		Marcie's Beauty Spot
92			C. Degoicoechea	www.cshellsguestquarters.com	C Shells Guest House
93	337-7230	472-8652	Floyd Moree		Mid Way Mini Mart
94		816-5994	Alex Fox		Foxie's Vape & Smoke
95	337-0663		Danya Turnquest		Omni Financial
96	337-1056	464-2747	Erma & William Smith		Smithy's Liquor Store
97	436-9022	802-5369	Bernard Adderley		Moon Glow Rest. & Bar
98	337-1015		Gladestone Taylor		Big Gate Rest. & Bar
99	337-1522		Kendall Hanna		Bling Bling Bar
100	337-0877	426-1293	Jennifer Smith		Bahamas Air

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101	337-1722		Gigi Darville		Southernair
102	337-1050		Gary Ritchie		Maxx Conch Bar
103	337-1446		John Cartwright		J&M Food Store
104	337-1246		Dudley Dean		The Forest
105	337-1255		Sharon Hanna		Kidsville Pre-School
106			Bahama Breez	www.bahamadreamin.com	Bahama Breeze
107	337-0044		<u>John Wells</u>		Drew Drop Inn
108	337-0566		Garvin Simmons		Tipsy Tops
109	337-6130		C. Cartwright		Island Traders
110		472-1105	R. Ramacola		Pnoy Lumber
111		438-4660	Maggy Constantakis		Flowers and Things
112	337-6050		Sandra Ramacola		Sea Winds food Store
113	337-0310		Colette Knowles		A & M Electrical
114	337-0168		C. Miller		700 Wines & Sprits
115	823-6850		M. Knowles		Aliv
116	337-0249		Sharon Turnquest		Sunflower Food Mart
117	337-5223		Gerona Adderley		Swamp Thing Rest.
118	337-5762	337-5763	Ellis Major	harborbreezevillas@coralwave.com	Lloyds Sporting Lounge
119	337-6007		Erica Darville		Erica's Bakery
120		472-8078	<u>Bernard Knowles</u>		Winter Haven
121	337-3430	337-3435	Flying Fish Marina	andrew@flyingfishmarinia.com	Light House Pont
122		472-0016	Mark Taylor		Skeeters Bar
118	337-5762	337-5763	Ellis Major	harborbreezevillas@coralweave.com	Lloyds Sporting Lounge
119	337-6007		Erica Darville		Erica's Bakery
120		472-8078	<u>Bernard Knowles</u>		Winter Haven
121	337-3430	337-3435	Flying Fish Marina	andrew@flyingfisfmarina.com	Light House Pont
123	337-3088	357-1113	Kiesha Roberts		Unique Wheels
124	337-3088		Ellis Major	harbourbreezevillas@corawave.com	Harbor Breeze Villas
126	337-3448		<u>Jay Tylor</u>		Jays Convenience Store
127	337-0422		Nacole Turnquest		On The Go Rest. & Bar
128	337-2377		Rudolph Pratt		Long Island Gas
129	337-2325		W Dean		Gordon's Convenience
130		357-1374	Chez Pierre	pierre@chezpierrebahamas.com	
131			<u>Yan Turnquest</u>	Jus1danz@hotmail.com	Tour

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134	338-5273		Mathew Brear	gm@capessantamaria.com	Cape santa Maria
135			Locksley Cartwright	lcbigbones@gmail.com	Bone fishing
136			Mark Cartwright	Captmark042@hotmail.com	Bone Fishing
137			Navin Knowles	info@longislandbonefishing.com	Bone fishing
138			Hans Darville	gemsatparadise@batelnet.com	Gems at Paradise
139			Colin Cartwright	colin@batelnet.bs	Fishing
140			Delbert Smith	captaindelbert@hotmail.com	Guise Bonefish
141			Emile & Cameron Knowles	Pigsinparadise242@gmail.com	Swimming with the Pigs
142	337-0235	472-1796	Leonard Cartwright		Cave Tour
143	361-2401	394-6538	Gus Cartwright	checkerscafe@gmail.com	Chekers Cafe
144	338-0094	33-0093	Craig Fox	www.seafarermarine@yahoo.com	Seafarer Marine Supply
145	357-1096		Father Lynden Douglas		Anglican Church
146	337-3002		Father Keri Marcell		Anglican Church
147	338-7038		Pastor Allan Dixon		Church of God
148	338-8438		Pastor Ivan Roberts		Salem Baptist

Annex X: Questions and Comments Arising from the Public Consultation Meeting

Questions/Comments	Responses
Robert Baker (Resident of Long Island): I have been through several hurricanes during my time here (14 years). Hurricane Joaquin was the most recent and the worst that I have experienced in a long time. One of my main concerns is that I notice that we have an ambulance, but you know the area around here, flooding is a big problem. Quite a few weeks after the hurricane, the road down there was impassable for a few weeks. Are there any plans to have an alternative route in the event of flooding because it does create a major problem getting to the clinic if you do have an emergency in the South or in Clarence Town?	Ian Knowles (Chief Councillor): I guess that question is directed to me or the Member of Parliament because the Ministry of Works is responsible for roads and drainage. We have considered two options. The first is to put proper drain wells in that half-mile area or create an alternate road. The [latter option] is challenged by the issue of private land. We are aware that when it rains, wells overflow because it is a low-lying area. The Ministry of Works will have to take on that project because that is outside of this scope of this project.
Robert Baker (Resident of Long Island): I do hope that this project takes off. It is very well needed in Long Island. Folks want to move back to this island but health care is a major concern. If we all have the facilities needed, it would be a great thing and move the island forward. Thank you very much for this information that you are providing. We look forward to helping with this and making it a great success.	Ian Knowles: Thank you, Mr. Baker
Zoom Participant: Is there any consideration for dialysis units?	Charlene Bain (MOH): That is a common question asked by residents throughout The Bahamas. Presently, that is not one of the services that we will provide on Long Island because there are different types of dialysis services and we will have to look at safety. However, when we look at the wider scope of services, the specialists would have to say what type of dialysis services, if necessary, could be provided in Long Island. But that's not a service being offered right now.
Facebook Participant: Is there any plan for the clinic in North Eleuthera?	Charlene Bain (MOH): Yes, we have a community led project in the Bluff, Eleuthera. Renovations are going on as we speak. We are awaiting approval to proceed with the Lower Bogue Clinic and we are anticipating that that project will be starting shortly – hopefully before the end of May.
Zoom Participant: What are the plans for satellite clinics on the island, especially Clarence Town?	Charlene Bain (MOH): There are about 83 clinics in the Family Islands. What we are trying to do is renovate, redevelop, and upgrade clinics in a strategic manner. We are targeting the main health centres to fully resource them. When we were in Long Island about two years ago, the issue of Clarence Town Clinic came up and the Ministry, at that time, offered no objections to the community rebuilding that and indicated our willingness to provide staff. Whether in Long Island or any other island, we are targeting the main health centres where we can provide comprehensive package of service.
Facebook Participant: Will there be consideration for an orthodontist on Long Island?	Charlene Bain (MOH): That is a specialist service and so, it is not offered routinely in primary care services. Of course, like I said, if the infrastructure is there, conversations could be had with an orthodontist to see how they may wish to offer service.
Zoom Participant: What is the projected time frame for the project – start to finish?	Charlene Bain (MOH): We have not confirmed the start date. We have completed the schematic design. That will

Questions/Comments	Responses
	have to be converted to architectural drawings. I am hopeful that this project will start before the end of the year.
Zoom Participants: With this project coming on stream and services expanded, there will be need for more staff. Will staff be selected from the current staff be selected from the people of Long Island or persons who wish to relocate?	Charlene Bain (MOH): One of the things that we have achieved over the last two years is the placement of two (2) physicians in Long Island. We know that the nursing team has expressed the need for more staff and that is now under review. We have identified the minimum requirements for Deadman's Cay and will seek to have that remedied as soon as possible.
Zoom Participant: Compared to the Exuma Health Facility, will Deadman's Cay Clinic be open for 24-hour service? Will it be able to serve the Central and Southern Bahamas instead of patients traveling to Nassau?	Charlene Bain (MOH): The Deadman's Cay Clinic will not be on the same level as the Exuma Primary Health Care Facility, which is a regional hub. So, for instance, if someone is suspected to have a fracture in Long Island, we are looking to put portable x-ray machine in Long Island. That person can be referred to the regional hub where specialist care, inpatient care, theatre, and lab will be available. When we look at provision of services, we look to move toward longer coverage. Services will be augmented through telemedicine because the infrastructure is there.
Zoom Participant: Will there be a helipad for transport to Exuma?	Charlene Bain (MOH): No, this phase does not allow for that. It is a phased approach, so we will consider that based on consultation with the people of Long Island, hence the need to reactivate your Local Health Committee.
Kamal Gray (Facebook): When will a dentist be stationed permanently at the Exuma Healthcare Center?	Charlene Bain (MOH): I cannot give you an answer at this time but will get back to you. That matter is being addressed.
Ian Knowles: I know that you are familiar with the clinic, Mrs. Bain. We have had many near chances of accidents on the junction of the road leading to the clinic. The road is very narrow now that Water and Sewerage Corporation utilises the property with the expansion of their services. Are there plans to widen that road?	Charlene Bain (MOH): First with respect to roadwork, one of the things about government is that no ministry works in isolation of another. We will have to bring your concerns to the Ministry of Works so that they can have a look at the passage to see how best that project can be undertaken.
Ian Knowles: Is there going to be an electrical upgrade to the clinic?	Terrence Cartwright: What we have encouraged for all Family Islands is that whatever services you can put underground is preferable. [garbled]
Zoom Participant: Is there a plan to address ongoing cutting edge medical training and interoffice exchange for training purposes?	Charlene Bain (MOH): We will have to look at the scope of services being provided. If we say that we will provide access to x-ray services, we have pursued plans with chief radiologist of the hospital so that Family Island staff can be properly trained. The same thing goes for ultrasound. I encourage people who wish to pursue training in allied health to do so. We do not have an abundance of skills, but we would like to see local residents provide services to their communities. We recently met with the University of Kansas to facilitate scholarships.
Zoom Participant: Do you think that Long Island can function with only two doctors? Maybe we need four?	Charlene Bain (MOH): We are incrementally increasing the number of physicians in post. We hope that with the new nursing act, a nurse practitioner can be placed in Long Island.

Annex XI – Invitations to organizations, businesses, and other stakeholders



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HEA/18/10P

26th April, 2021

Mr. Adrian Gibson
Member of Parliament for Long Island
University Drive
Nassau, Bahamas

Dear Mr. Gibson:

**VIRTUAL PUBLIC CONSULTATION FOR THE RENOVATION REDESIGN AND
EXPANSION OF THE DAVID SIMMS MEMORIAL HEALTH CENTRE**

The Government of The Bahamas identified the need to upgrade the existing infrastructure of the hospitals, clinics and medical equipment in The Bahamas. The purpose of the exercise is to-

- modernize the diseased focused care model and information systems; and
- respond effectively to –
 - ✓ COVID-19 emergencies; and
 - ✓ preparedness for public health disasters.

The Support for the Health System Strengthening of The Bahamas for Health Risk Programme (BHL1953) financed by the Inter-American Development Bank, (IDB) was developed to –

- strengthen the functions of the Health System of The Bahamas;
- improve and expand coverage and quality of care that caters to the individual and community; and
- improve the efficiency of health services in The Bahamas.

BHL1953 will finance the renovation and redesign of three (3) existing clinics and the construction of five (5) new primary care facilities in the Family Islands. As part of this programme, an Environmental and Social Assessment was prepared to determine the potential environmental and social impacts the construction and renovation/redesign of the primary care facilities will have on their communities and other sectors of the economy.

As part of the ESA and the Environmental and Social Management Plan associated with BHL1053, a **virtual Public Consultation Meeting** will be held on **Tuesday, 27th April, 2021, to discuss the Renovation, Redesign and Expansion of the David Simms Memorial Health Centre** (Deadman's Cay Health Centre) **at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom**. This consultation process will be the first of eight (8) consultations throughout The Bahamas to ensure Bahamians express their views regarding the recommended changes.

Consequently, I am directed to request your kind participation by bringing brief remarks of 2 – 3 minutes in length.

Please find attached a flyer advertising the event, and the Zoom link below to register in advance for the event. Kindly remember to sign in at the meeting between 6:00p.m. – 6:30p.m.

You are invited to a Zoom meeting.

When: Apr 27, 2021 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

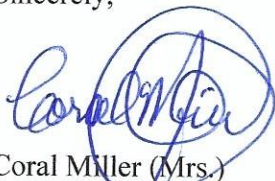
Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/tZ0kc-uhqDkvGN0LQpHnbz8dR27zIQpnM90M>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Thank you in advance for assisting the Ministry of Health on this very important event.

Sincerely,



Coral Miller (Mrs.)
(for) Permanent Secretary

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Att.

To: Financial Secretary
Ministry of Finance
Cecil Wallace Whitfield Centre
Nassau, Bahamas

Your reference:

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Date: 13th April, 2021

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3rd Floor, Manx Corporate Centre
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Nurse In-charge
David Simms Memorial Centre
Deadmans Cay
Long Island, Bahamas

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Director General
Ministry of Tourism & Aviation
Bolam House
Nassau, Bahamas

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Tel.: (242) 502-4700
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MINISTRY OF HEALTH
Meeting Street
P. O. Box N-3730
Nassau, The Bahamas

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Mr. Robert Sands
President
Bahamas Hotel and Tourism Association
Fort Nassau, 2nd Floor
Bay Street
Nassau, Bahamas

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Acting Director
Department of Social Service
Nassau, Bahamas

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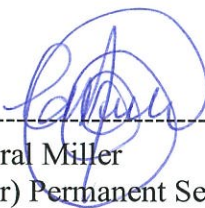
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Supervisor - Family Islands
Bahamas Power and Light
Baillou Hill Road
P. O. Box N-7509
Nassau, Bahamas

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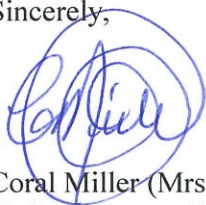
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To: Dr. Jacinta Higgs

Director

Department of Gender and Family Affairs

Nassau, Bahamas

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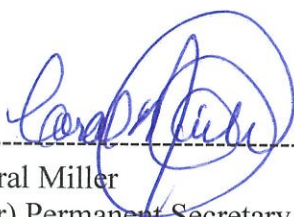
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Mrs. Kayleaser Deveaux-Isaacs
General Manager
Broadcasting Corporation of The Bahamas
Harcourt Rusty Bethel Drive
Nassau, Bahamas

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Chief Executive Officer
Bahamas Power and Light
Baillou Hill Road
P. O. Box N-7509
Nassau, Bahamas

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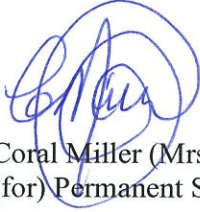
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Coral Miller (Mrs.)
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Director
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Seafarer Marine SupplySeafarer Marine Supply
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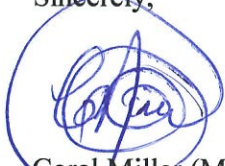
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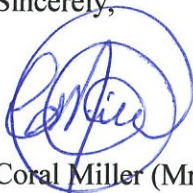
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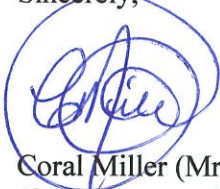
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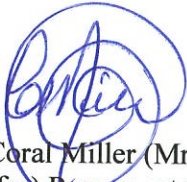
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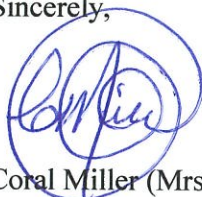
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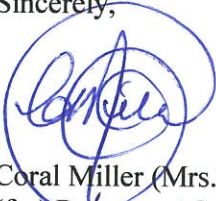
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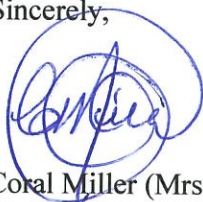
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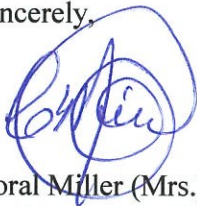
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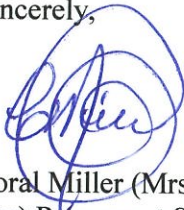
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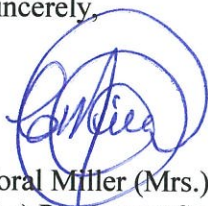
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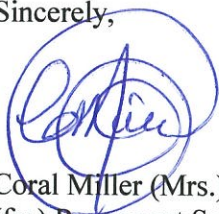
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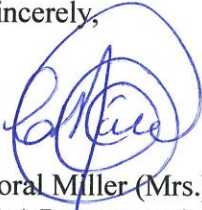
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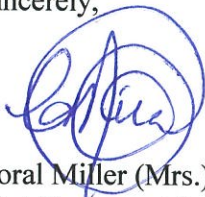
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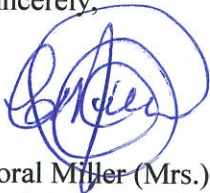
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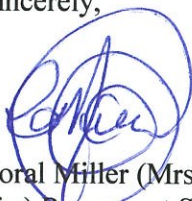
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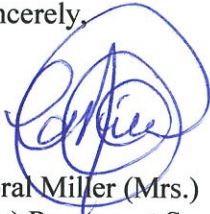
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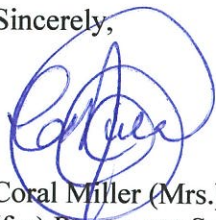
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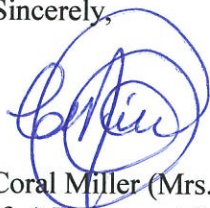
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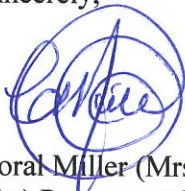
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HEA/18/10P

21st April, 2021

Winter Haven Bahamas
Long Island, The Bahamas
info@winterhavenbahamas.com

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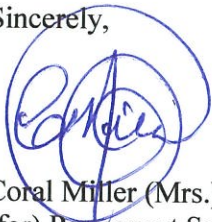
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Ministry of Tourism & Aviation
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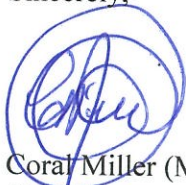
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District Doctor
South Long Island
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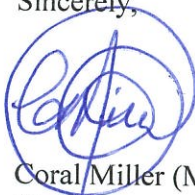
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North Long Island
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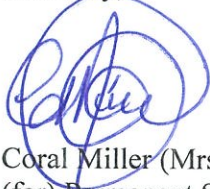
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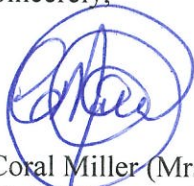
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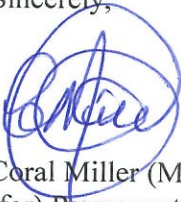
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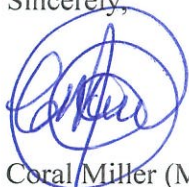
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Local Government
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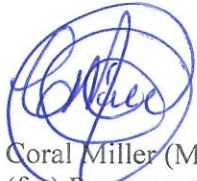
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HEA/18/10P

22nd April, 2021

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Council Member
Local Government
Long Island, The Bahamas

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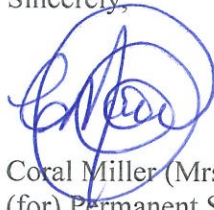
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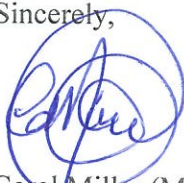
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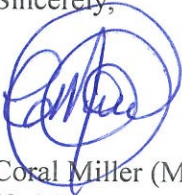
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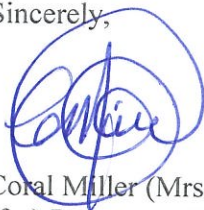
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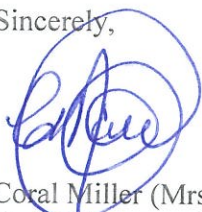
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University Drive
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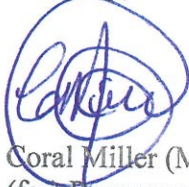
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Director - News & TV
Our News
#21 University Drive (Thompson Blvd.)
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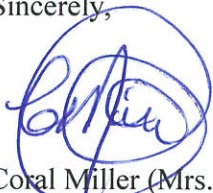
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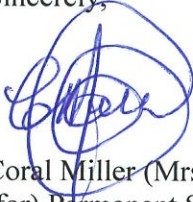
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Ms. Licec Bastian
Broadcasting Editor
JCN News
#83 University Drive (Thompson Blvd.)
Nassau, Bahamas

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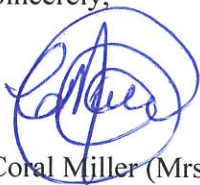
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Director
ZNS Broadcasting Corporation
Harcourt Rusty Bethel Drive
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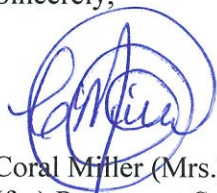
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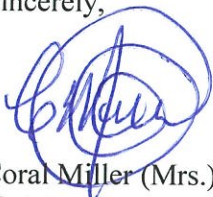
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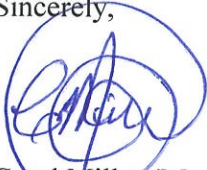
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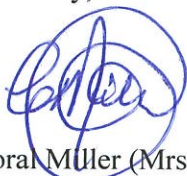
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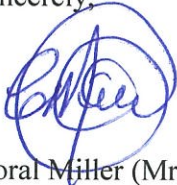
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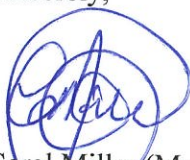
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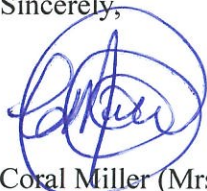
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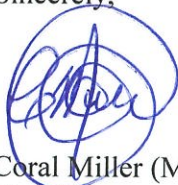
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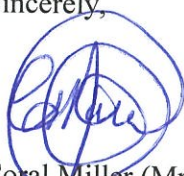
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