

# EUROPEAN UNION FOOD FACILITY

## TURNING THE TIDE OF RISING HUNGER

**"STRENGTHENING JAMAICA'S FOOD SECURITY PROGRAMME:  
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The world's largest donor, the European Union (EU) has partnered with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) in support of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) to halve by 2015 the proportion of persons living in extreme poverty and hunger (MDG1).



Funded by the EU and implemented under the supervision of the FAO, the European Union Food Facility (EUFF) is a 2-year worldwide medium-term development initiative aimed at supporting food security in countries by increasing agricultural productivity and income of the most vulnerable households through quality inputs, improved infrastructure and technical support.



Over EUR€215M (US\$301M) is being channeled through FAO for operations in 28 countries. It responds to FAO's urgent calls for increased investment in agriculture after three decades of decline. The EUFF targets the transition period from emergency aid to longer-term development.



FAO aims to boost agricultural production by working with local communities and farmer organizations on quality agricultural inputs, seed and livestock production, extension services, access to markets, storage, irrigation and conservation agriculture.



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With a total budget of EUR€5.9M, the EUFF project in Jamaica addresses the challenges and opportunities for food security, tackling gaps inclusive of limited access to technology and its application; high input costs; inadequate irrigation infrastructure and rising food prices.



Over 5,000 small-scale farmers are being assisted to enhance their food production and safety nets as well as offset the impact of rising input prices through:

- Increased rice production by small farmers
- Greater accessibility to clean, quality root and tuber planting materials produced in specially-established rapid multiplication centers
- Increased production of root and tuber crops
- Greater availability of quality vegetable seedlings
- Promotion of organic crop production techniques
- Increased small-scale irrigation
- Establishment of machinery pools to improve accessibility of small farmers to mechanization
- Promotion of backyard gardening and consumption of local produce
- Provision of selected inputs including fertilizer
- Improved post harvest management through the renovation and refurbishment of packaging facilities
- Improved small ruminant production
- Improved data collection systems by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries (MoAF) and Rural Agricultural Development Authority (RADA) to provide better information support to maximize profit and minimize risks in rural enterprises



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## Food Security:

*The state when all people at all times have physical and economic access to sufficient, safe and nutritious food that meets their dietary needs and food preferences for an active and healthy life - FAO 2003*