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ANNUAL REPORT AND AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE BANANA
BOARD
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

The matter for tabling in the Houses of Parliament is the Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements of the Banana Board for the year ended December 31, 2016. This report is being tabled in Parliament in accordance with the provisions of Section 27 (2) of the Banana Board Act.

2. **REVIEW OF THE OPERATIONS**

The Banana Board was established on October 1, 1953 under the Banana Board Act, and is aligned with the Banana Insurance Act of 1946. The statutory functions of the Board are primarily:

- To promote the interest and efficiency of the banana industry;
- To assist in the development of the industry;
- To control and eliminate any disease affecting bananas;
- To develop bananas wholly and partially immune to disease;
- To manage the Banana Industry Catastrophe Fund and
- To collaborate with the Ministry of Industry, Commerce, Agriculture and Fisheries (MICAF), to implement the strategic plan for the Jamaica banana and plantain industry and conduct market study of the Banana Industry.

In 2016, the Board continued to implement *The Banana Board Grant Contract for Technical Services 2*, a project of the Jamaica Banana Accompanying Measures Programme (JBAMs) which is funded jointly by the Government of Jamaica (GOJ) and the European Union (EU). The overall objective of this (JBAMs) four-year programme which began on November 2013 is to combat poverty and to improve revenues in banana dependent areas. Over the three years of implementation, the programme is achieving its purpose through the application of scientific protocols, knowledge and technology transfer, disease and disaster mitigation, as well as, the monitoring and auditing of farm operations and value-added enterprises (ripening room, chip factories, etc.) to achieve best practice standards.

3. **MUSA (Banana and Plantain) PRODUCTION**

A total of 58,701.80 tonnes of banana and 43,436.30 tonnes of plantain were produced in 2016. Banana and plantain production for 2016 achieved 7.6% and 13.1% increase respectively over the previous year.

4. **EXTENSION SERVICES TO FARMERS**

During the initiation period of the JBAMs grant Contract (Nov 2013 to Jan 2014), a study was conducted to ascertain the risk management needs of the banana and plantain farmers across the island. The study revealed a number of key findings, which were used to set targets for Extension Services modalities and facilitating the streamlining of the

Extension Programme. The results attained from the study were affirmed in 2015, with a comparative analysis done by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries (MOAF) under the JBAMs PIU to assess the baseline needs of banana producing and non-banana producing households. These results were identical to the Banana Board's initial findings, which bolstered the rationale behind the existing Extension activities. Table 1 highlights activities, targets and achievements during the year 2016.

TABLE 1 - SUMMARY OF EXTENSION SERVICE ACTIVITIES IN THE YEAR 2016

Activities	Annual Targets	Achievements (Jan to Dec)	% completed	Gender Impacted (Jan to Dec)	
				Male	Female
Farm visitations	1750	2122	121.26%	1697	425
Group meetings	48	54	112.50%		
Field Days/Group Training	48	80	166.67%		
On Farm training	24	31	129.20%		
Growers trained	500	741	148.20%	592	149
Business Management training	10	6	60.00%		
Farmers trained in Business Management	300	129	43.00%		
Youth/Agricultural students introduced to banana/plantain production	600	544	90.70%		
Average Achievements			108.93%		

5. JAMAICA BANANA EXPORT EXPANSION PROGRAMME (BEEP)

The Banana Export Expansion Programme (BEEP) is a project geared towards increasing banana production with international standards and developing the industry through technical and infrastructural support. The BEEP was an on-going GOJ strategic priority, which had been launched in April 2015. The BEEP aims to stimulate banana productivity both in quantity and quality, to meet the export demand and also to preserve the industry's competitiveness in both the export and the domestic markets. The Programme (BEEP) is funded by a grant from the European Union through its Jamaica Banana Accompanying Measures (JBAMs) and the Government of Jamaica (GOJ). It is being implemented through a collaborative effort by the Ministry of Industry, Commerce, Agriculture and Fisheries, the Banana Board, The Rural Agricultural Development Authority and the All Island Banana Growers Association.

Under the BEEP, farmers receive:

- International certification that will guarantee a selling price above the cost of production;
- Infrastructural support and training in the use of new technology;
- Internal audits by the Banana Board and external audits by international certification bodies (global Gap and Fair-Trade Labelling Organization (FLO), and
- Inputs valued at \$261,000 in a revolving loan scheme.

6. THE BOARD PERFORMANCE

For the year 2016, the Banana Board received a subvention of J\$86.86M from the Government of Jamaica Budget Support, earned J\$12.46M from property rental and J\$7.80M from other sources as appropriations-in-aid (AIA). Over the 12-month period, the Board also received a grant of J\$40.92M from the EU's JBAMs programme (for the Banana Board Grant

Contract for Technical Service 2 and other amortised grants). The Board utilized inflows to offset total expenditure of J\$148.04M which enabled it to accomplish or surpass specific pre-set targets in technical services for the year 2016.

7. **SALARY AND EMOLUMENTS**

The salaries and emoluments of the directors and senior executives are set out at Appendices I and II respectively.

8. **AUDITOR'S REPORT**

The accounts were audited by CalvertGordon Associates, Chartered Accountants, and they have stated that in their opinion the financial statements gave a true and fair view of the financial position of the Board as at December 31, 2016. They have also stated that its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended were in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards and the requirements of the Jamaica Companies Act.

9. The Annual Report of the Banana Board for the year ended December 31, 2016 are hereby submitted to be tabled in the Houses of Parliament in accordance with the provisions of Section 27 (2) of the Banana Board Act.



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APPENDIX 1

DIRECTOR'S COMPENSATION - 2016

Position of Director	Fees (\$)	Motor Vehicle Upkeep/Travelling	Honoraria (\$)	Other/Misc. (\$)	Total (\$)
Dr. Jean Dixon	12,500	-	-	-	12,500
Mr. Jeffery Hall	24,000	-	-	-	24,000
Mrs. Grethel Sessing	-	-	-	-	-
Dr. Wayne Myrie	14,000	-	-	-	14,000
Mr. Roger Turner	34,000	11,280	-	-	45,280
Mrs. Carissa Messado	15,000	-	-	-	15,000
Mr. Robert Chambers	-	-	-	-	-
Mr. Noel Clarke	15,000	9,400	-	-	24,400
Dr. Damian Graham	7,500	-	-	-	7,500
Mr. Janet Connie	-	-	-	-	-
Dr. Sophia Ramlal	14,000	-	-	-	14,000
Mr. Webster McPherson	14,000	5,640	-	-	19,640
Dr. Alexander Powell	7,000	-	-	-	7,000
Mr. Jason James	-	-	-	-	-
Mr. Egbert Miller	7,000	10,857	-	-	17,857
Total	164,000	37,177	-	-	201,177

APPENDIX 2

BANANA BOARD SENIOR EXECUTIVE RENUMERATION FOR THE YEAR 2016

Position of Senior Executive	Year	Salary (\$)	Gratuity (\$)	Travelling Allowance (\$)	Other Retirement Benefits (\$)	Other Allowance (\$)	Non Cash Benefits (\$)	Total (\$)
General Manager	2016	5,259,757.71	1,291,913.50	Fully Maintained Motor Vehicle	-	101,739.60 ^a	-	6,653,410.81
Pathologist	2016	2,594,948.25	635,097.00	723,525.00	-	50,252.60 ^b	-	4,003,822.85
Chief Accountant	2016	2,590,443.03	642,099.31	653,373.00	-	164,291.56 ^c	-	4,050,206.90

^a Year end subsistence for General Manager

^b Year end subsistence for Pathologist

^c Year end subsistence for Chief Accountant (\$50,165.35) and overtime (\$114,126.21)