Project Profile: Essex Valley Agricultural Development Project

This project aims to boost agricultural exports from Jamaica and drive growth in the sector by boosting the productivity of farms in the Essex Valley. The project will result in reduced costs of irrigation for farmers and improved drought resilience by improving irrigation and access to 700 hectares of land, increasing the area under irrigation by 50%. The use of solar power will offset the increased power required to irrigate the larger area of land. The project will train 200 farmers to use improved production technologies and market their produce to international markets, whilst also ensuring this is sustainable and climate-friendly.

Status

- March, 2017: Capital Grant to undertake the project approved
- Q4, 2021: Projected completion of works
- Procurement activities for the various components are underway

Project Funding

- Total UKCIF allocation for Jamaica: £53.2 million
- Capital total: £35.6mn
- Capital grant: £35.5mn
- Other funding: £0.1mn

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