

*Environmental Foundation of Jamaica*



**2008 Congressional Report on Jamaica's  
Enterprise for the Americas Initiative (EAI) Fund**

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## Jamaica

The Environmental Foundation of Jamaica (EFJ) was created through two bilateral debt reduction agreements with the United States signed in August 1991 and January 1993. The two funds created reduced USAID and PL480 debt by \$311 million. The interest on the remaining \$95 million is projected to provide the Fund with a total of \$21.5 million over a 19 year period to 2012. Operations of the EFJ began in May 1993.

### **Mission Statement:**

The mission of the EFJ is to serve the public good by promoting and implementing activities designed to conserve and manage the natural resources and environment of Jamaica in the interest of sustainable development and to improve child survival and child development.

### **Major Achievements in 2008**

This report covers the achievements within the fiscal year August 1, 2007 – July 31, 2008. The EFJ continues to be guided by its Strategic Plan (2004-2009) and has accomplished the goals set out in its 2008 Annual Work Plan. Significant accomplishments completed this year include:

- *Capacity Building*

The Foundation focused special attention on grantee capacity building. It trained over 150 members of NGOs and Civic and Community Groups in proposal writing. In addition, an Institutional Self Assessment (ISA) was also introduced and promoted as an internal tool for NGOs to assess, monitor and improve their own capacities with a view to sustainability. A Grantee-Grantee Mentorship Program was also introduced with significant results, to date, in the reforestation and ecotourism projects.

- *Social Interventions*

Nineteen (19) grants totaling over US\$530,000 were provided in the aftermath of Hurricane Dean for both for infrastructural repairs and to assess and give support to affected families. In addition, 17 grants totaling over \$46,000 were provided in support of income generation and self-sustainability projects in affected communities.

- *Investment Grants*

Over US\$110,000 in grants were awarded to established grantees for long-term investment in their endowment funds towards their self-sustainability.

- *Public Sensitization on Climate Change*

The EFJ, in partnership with the Commonwealth Foundation and Jamaica's National Environmental Education Committee (NEEC) hosted a forum to ensure community-level understanding of Climate Change and the effect it will have throughout Jamaica. In addition, EFJ's annual lecture series presented a talk by Dr. M. Witter entitled "*Climate Change and Jamaica: Sustainable Development as Strategic Adaptation.*"

- *Project Mapping, Website and Documentation Center*

Work began this year to catalogue the abundance of information available in the EFJ Documentation Center. This includes information on project management, philanthropy, as well as EFJ grant reports and successes. The information will be available on the EFJ's new improved website which also includes information on grant-making processes and grants (current and archived).

- *Secretariat Management*

EFJ rationalized its staffing to achieve a more efficient and effective secretariat while upholding its commitment to fiscal prudence with strong program oversight. For the financial year 2007/08 administrative expenses were \$754,949 and represented 23.18% of grant disbursements.

### **Grant making activities**

Technological advances, made with the GIFTS ® grant-management software and operational procedures, have ensured that the reduction in staff size has not adversely affected EFJ's productivity or grant-making levels. However, in order to rationalize work load distribution and to increase grant monitoring and evaluation activities, EFJ moved from two annual Call for Proposals to one. The transition year was 2008, so there was a Call in October 2007 and again in March 2008. The next Call will be March 2009.

The Grant Management Committee (GMC) met six (6) times for the year. It reviewed 503 proposals from both calls and recommended 91 proposals valued at approximately \$3.9 million to the EFJ Board.

#### **Comparative Grants Approved by Themes and Year of Award 06/07 – 07/08**

Themes	No. of grants approved	Value of grants approved (US\$)	No. of grants approved (US\$)	Value of grants approved (US\$)
	<b>2006/2007</b>		<b>2007/2008</b>	
<b>Environment</b>	31	\$1,354,089	53	\$2,105,588
<b>Child Survival and Development</b>	32	\$1,241,661	88	\$1,836,933
<b>Total</b>	63	\$2,595,750	141	\$3,942,521

## The 2008 Grant Themes

### Environment:

- **Waste and Water Management**
  - Waste Water Recycling and Reuse
  - Solid Waste Recycling
  - Hazardous Waste Management
  - Community systems for efficient/effective use of water
- **Watershed and Coastal Zone Management**
  - Upper Watershed reforestation
  - Beach Management
  - Coastal Habitat Protection
- **Biological Diversity** with a focus on
  - Habitat Conservation and Management
  - Endemic/Endangered Species Conservation and Management
- **Alternative Energy Systems** with emphasis
  - Hybrid Systems (wind, solar, biogas)
- **Community Green Spaces**

### Child Survival and Development:

- **Early Childhood Interventions**
  - Training of Professionals
  - Enrichment Programmes
  - Early stimulation & training of parents
- **Children in Challenging Circumstances** with a focus on:
  - Abandoned and Institutionalised Children
  - Abuse and Violence Prevention
  - Adolescents –at –Risk
- **Children With Special Needs and Disabilities** with a focus on:
  - Development Programmes/Therapies
  - Accommodations and Facilities
  - Equipment

The Foundation's Discretionary Grants Program allows for quick response, low maintenance grant requests that yield high returns. In 2008, the Foundation was able to provide about \$112,465 to 48 such requests, including eight for Hurricane Dean Recovery/Relief.

### Comparative Grant Approval and Disbursement Rates

Year	Received	Approved	Amount Approved (US\$M)	Amount Disbursed (US\$M)
1993/1994	108	30	0.53	0.31
1994/1995	228	95	2.26	0.80
1995/1996	218	94	1.62	1.38
1996/1997	134	81	1.26	1.04
1997/1998	90	39	0.50	1.11
1998/1999	48	30	0.64	0.63
1999/2000	87	52	1.86	1.07
2000/2001	106	40	2.03	1.30
2001/2002	76	45	1.44	2.01
2002/2003	80	52	1.91	1.71
2003/2004	442	148	8.58	4.26
2004/2005	394	148	5.39	6.29
2005/2006	305	77	3.73	4.18
2006/2007	275	63	2.60	3.39
2007/2008	503	141	3.94	3.16
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3094</b>	<b>1135</b>	<b>38.29</b>	<b>32.64</b>

**Grant Awards during the year in detail:****PL480 GRANTS – Environmental Conservation and Management****Theme: Alternative Energy Systems**

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Amount Approved (J\$)</b>
Association of Development Agencies	Development of National Energy Project	\$2,500,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>J\$2,500,000 (~US\$ 34,886)</b>

**Theme: Watershed and Coastal Zone Management****Large Coastal Habitat Protection**

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Amount Approved (J\$)</b>
Discovery Bay Marine Laboratory, Centre for Marine Sciences, UWI	Best Strategies for Determining Coastal Habitat Health Status and Priorities for Impact Mitigation/Ecosystem Restoration	\$2,077,000
Portland Environment Protection Association	Developing Youths Stewardship Toward the Preservation of Coastal Habitats	\$1,500,000
St. Thomas Environmental Protection Association	St. Thomas Coastal Zone, Beach and Community Awareness Development Project	\$2,328,700
UWI, Department of Life Sciences	Port Royal Laboratory Biodiversity Centre	\$6,686,900
UWI, Department of Life Sciences (Centre for Marine Sciences)	Monitoring of the Coral Communities and Water Quality of the Port Royal Cays for Long Term Changes	\$1,675,000
UWI, Department of Life Sciences (Centre for Marine Sciences)	Monitoring the Cut Face of Rackham's Cay for Coral Recruit Recovery	\$1,000,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>J\$15,267,600 (~US\$ 213,054)</b>

**Upper Watershed Reforestation**

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Amount Approved (J\$)</b>
Ewarton Watershed & Farmers Cooperative Society Limited	Watershed Management Pilot Project to Reforest Mt. Diablo	4,780,000
Mafoota Agricultural Cooperative Society Limited	Mafoota Greenhouse Project	1,315,000
Mocho Development Committee	Reforestation by Farmer Training in Mocho	5,430,000
Northern Caribbean University	Watershed Reforestation of Swift River Portland	5,150,000
One Love Farmers Group and Faithful Farmers Group	Introduction of Greenhouse and Beekeeping to Farmers in the Upper Rio Cobre Watershed to Provide Alternative Livelihoods and Reduce Hillside Farming	2,800,000

Rio Pedro Valley Watershed Management Council	Watershed Restoration and Soil Conservation	3,500,000
Sweet Water Agricultural Cooperative Society Ltd	Sweet Water Greenhouse Project	1,010,000
Jamaica Institute of Environmental Professionals	4th Biennial Conference on the Environment under the theme "Climate Change - Caribbean Response" May 12-14, 2009	2,000,000
National Environmental Education Committee	Voices For Climate Change Education	2,500,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>J\$28,485,000 (~US\$ 397,499)</b>

### **Theme: Biological Diversity**

#### **Endemic and Endangered Species Conservation and Management**

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Amount Approved (J\$)</b>
Negril Area Environmental Protection Trust	Conservation and Management of Endemic and Endangered Species of the Negril Royal Palm Reserve through Habitat Improvement and Interpretation	\$1,620,576
Northern Jamaica Conservation Association	Jamaican Boa Education Programme	\$1,875,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>J\$3,495,576 (~US\$ 48,779)</b>

#### **Habitat Conservation and Management**

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Amount Approved (J\$)</b>
Charles Town Maroon Council	Sambo Hill Trekking Tour	1,180,000
Cockpit Country Local Forest Management Committees	Capacity Building for Three Local Forest Management Committees in the Cockpit Country Protected Area	6,100,000
Jamaica Baptist Union Funded Initiatives	Critical Project Management Support to EFJ	1,000,000
Jamaica Conservation and Development Trust	BJCMNP-Monitoring, Evaluation and New Management Plan	6,000,000
Munro College	Munro College Forestry Department	1,007,600
Port Morant Development Area Committee	The Spring Bank Conservation and Eco-Tourism Project	650,000
Shortwood Teachers' College	Shortwood Teachers' College as a "Green" Learning Community	2,071,500
UWI, Department of Geography & Geology (Environmental Management Unit)	Environmental Management and Resources Conservation: A Decade of National, Regional and International Development	1,500,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>J\$19,509,100 (~US\$ 272,243)</b>

## Theme: Waste and Water Management

### Hazardous Waste Management

Organization	Project Title	Amount Approved (J\$)
Jamaica 4H Clubs	Denbigh 4H Bio Diesel Production Project	1,793,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>J\$1,793,000 (~US\$ 25,021)</b>

### Solid Waste Recycling

Organization	Project Title	Amount Approved (J\$)
Fairy Hill Citizens Association and Neighbourhood Watch	Waste Management and Recycling at Boston Primary Infant and its Environs	921,589
Protect the Environment Trust	Plastic Collection and Recycling	7,040,400
UWI, Department of Geography & Geology (Environmental Management Unit)	Recovery of PET and High Density Polyethylene Plastic Containers on the UWI Mona Campus	4,565,487
<b>Total</b>		<b>J\$12,527,476 (~US\$ 174,817)</b>

### Waste Water Recycling and Reuse

Organization	Project Title	Amount Approved (J\$)
Beeston Spring Community Development Committee	Natural Spring Conservation, Reorganization and Beautification	2,142,000
Brown's Town Community College	Organic Waste Recycling	1,600,000
Hampton School	Hampton's Sesquicentennial Go Green Initiative Practical Environmental Awareness	1,500,000
Hills United Development Organisation	Development of Bogue Reserve Nature Trail to Provide Alternative Livelihoods for Member Communities and Facilitate Protection of the Watershed Reforestation	6,303,000
Hills United Development Organisation	Provision of an Appropriate Wastewater Treatment System for the Operations Centre of the Bogue Estate Nature Trail	3,200,000
Local Initiative Facility for Urban Environment	Strengthening of Communities to Address Environmental, Alternative Livelihoods and Child Survival Issues- Phase II	5,317,660
St. Catherine 4H Parish Advisory Council and the Rose Hall 4H Community Club	Demonstrating Water conservation and Crop Irrigation through a Grey Water and Pond System	2,004,700
St. Richard's Primary School Parent Teachers Association	St. Richard's Primary School Rainwater Harvesting and Grey water Recycling Project	4,680,000
Williams Field Citizens Association	Williams Field Water Project	4,300,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>J\$31,047,360 (~US\$ 433,256)</b>

## Theme: Community Green Spaces

### Upgrade/Establishment of Community Parks and Green Spaces

Organization	Project Title	Amount Approved (J\$)
Association of Clubs	Upgrading Association of Clubs Summer Campers Park	2,212,626
Claremont Heights Citizens Association	Project Green Space # 1	1,400,000
Falmouth Restoration Company & Falmouth Heritage Renewal	Revitalization & Restoration of Victoria Park, (Uriah Rowe Park) Falmouth	1,700,000
Leiba Gardens Citizens' Association	Leiba's Beautification Project	650,000
Longville Park Citizens Association	Upgrading of Green Spaces in Longville Park into Community Park	535,000
Parottee Citizens Association Benevolent Society	Parottee Beach Park	2,169,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>J\$8,666,626 (~US\$ 120,940)</b>

### Scholarships

Organization	Project Title	Amount Approved (J\$)
Ava Gail Gardiner	International Project Design, Carbon Sequestration for the Forestry and Bio-Energy Sectors	360,000
Canute Tyndale	M.Sc Environmental Hazards & Geographical Information Systems	1,535,834
Ava Lawrence	Master of Arts in Education: Natural Science	1,197,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>J\$3,092,834 (~US\$ 43,160)</b>

### Capacity Building

Organization	Project Title	Amount Approved (J\$)
Association of Development Agencies	Building Institutional Capacity in ADA	5,512,941
Council of Voluntary Social Services	Development of a National Project for the Child Sector	2,500,000
Jamaica Environment Trust	Contribution to Jamaica Environment Trust (JET) Endowment for Operational Costs	3,000,000
Mona GeoInformatics Institute	Website Improvement and Webmapping	7,000,000
United Way Of Jamaica	Technical Assistance Support Fund for Development and Implementation	6,500,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>J\$24,512,941 (~US\$ 342,070)</b>



## AID DEBT GRANTS – Child Survival & Development

### Theme: Children in Challenging Circumstances

#### Abandoned and Institutionalized Children

Organization	Project Title	Amount Approved (J\$)
Best Care Foundation	Stimulation and Intervention Programme for Best Care Foundation	1,221,103
St. Andrew Parish Church Home for Girls	Establishment of Holistic Developmental Programme for Girls and Young Women at Risk Resident at St. Andrew Parish Church Home for Girls	1,500,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>J\$2,721,103 (~US\$ 37,972)</b>

#### Abuse and Violence Prevention

Organization	Project Title	Amount Approved (J\$)
Council of Voluntary Social Services	National Volunteer Centre and EFJ Public Lecture	4,260,000
Family and Parenting Centre	Conducting Positive Parenting Skills Workshop for 360 Family Court and Women's Centre, Parents and Caregivers using the Positive Discipline Tool Kit	4,081,710
Family Counselling Centre of Jamaica	C-SALT Mentoring Program	2,971,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>J\$11,312,710 (~US\$ 157,865)</b>

#### Adolescents-at-Risk

Organization	Project Title	Amount Approved (J\$)
Golden Grove Cluster	Golden Grove Cluster Home Work Project	2,867,000
Irish Town, Redlight and Middleton Citizens Association	Establishment of the Irish Town Learning Centre	2,671,180
Oracabessa Foundation	All Star Sport Parents	726,400
The Boy's Brigade Jamaica (BBJ)	A Military Marching Band and a Sports Training Programme for Boys at Risk	1,580,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>J\$7,844,580 (~US\$ 109,469)</b>

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**Theme: Children with Special Needs and Disabilities**

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**Development Programmes/Therapies**

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Amount Approved (J\$)</b>
Jamaica Society for the Blind	Early Intervention for Blind and Visually Impaired Children	2,390,000
Joint Community Based Rehabilitation Agency, RSCD, CGPD, 3D Projects	Establishment of New Community Based Rehabilitation Agency	1,160,000
The S.T.E.P. Centre	Psychological Support Occupational and Physiotherapy for Children with Profound Multiple Disability	5,000,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>J\$8,550,000 (~US\$ 119,313)</b>

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**Theme: Early Childhood Interventions (for Children 0-8 years)**

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**Early Stimulation Activities & Training Parents and Caregivers**

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Amount Approved (J\$)</b>
UWI, Child Development Research Group, TMRI	Caregiver Training and Early Childhood Stimulation in Places of Safety - Phase 2	4,498,600
Dudley Grant Memorial Trust	St. Thomas Early Childhood Resource Centre Outreach Parenting Programmes for Children Birth to Six Years	2,140,000
Environmental Health Foundation	Parent - Child Support Initiative	5,350,536
Negril Education Environment Trust	Library Education Action Partnership	3,500,000
Rural Family Support Organization	The Roving Caregivers Programme - Early Childhood Stimulation and Parenting Programme	5,965,500
<b>Total</b>		<b>J\$21,454,636 (~US\$ 299,393)</b>

**Enrichment Programmes to Benefit Children**

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Amount Approved (J\$)</b>
Association of Clubs	Tools & Strategies to Parent Jamaican Children at the Early Childhood Development Stage	5,557,257
Bernadette Preparatory School	Reading for Life	754,000
BREDS - The Treasure Beach Foundation	Installation of playground, Fence & Water Harvesting/ Beautification System at Sandy Bank Basic School	500,000
*Dudley Grant Memorial Trust	Project Management Services For Basic School Upgrading	7,000,000
*Dudley Grant Memorial Trust	Project Management Services For Basic School Upgrading Phase II	6,950,000
*Dudley Grant Memorial Trust	Project Management Services For Basic School	4,650,000

Higgins Land Basic School	Educational Enhancements at the Higgins Land Basic School	500,000
Jamaica Baptist Union	JBU Early Childhood Enhancement Initiative	7,170,000
Jamaica Conservation and Development Trust	Environmental Experiential Learning for Children at Holywell	7,162,120
Mustard Seed Communities	Child Survival and Child Development Projects	3,848,500
Spring Village Development Foundation	Arts and Music for Perspective Education and Development	627,000

\* Dudley Grant Memorial Trust is administering sub-grants to 50 Basic School Projects approved by EFJ.

**Total** **J\$44,718,877 (~US\$ 624,038)**

***Provisions for Long Term Programmes for Early Detection of Special Learning Needs and Disabilities***

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Amount Approved (J\$)</b>
Combined Disabilities Association Ltd.	Prevention of Disability Through Sensitization, Early Detection and Intervention	5,175,000
Foundation for International Self-Help Medical Centre (FISH)	Vision Screening of Primary Schools	6,129,874
Lawrence Tavern Primary School	Training of Teachers for Early Detection, Diagnosis and Treatment of Children with Special Learning Needs	1,157,400
Lions Club of Kingston	Sight Conservation of School Children in the Kingston Metropolitan Area - 2	3,500,000
Point Hill Diagnostic Reading Centre	Point Hill Reading Intervention	2,813,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>J\$18,775,274 (~US\$262,003)</b>

**Training of Professionals in the field**

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Amount Approved (J\$)</b>
Dudley Grant Memorial Trust	Piloting of the New Early Childhood Curriculum and Child Friendly Early Childhood Institution Initiatives	4,780,000
International University of the Caribbean	Training for Early Childhood Teachers	3,280,000
United Way Of Jamaica	Technical Assistance Support Fund for Project Development Implementation.	7,000,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>J\$15,060,000 (~US\$ 210,158)</b>

## Scholarship

Organization	Project Title	Amount Approved
Dorothy Rickard-Reid	Graduate Teacher Education - Exceptional Student Education	599,200
Marcia Lewis-Brown	Graduate Teacher Education Program - Exceptional Student Education	599,200
<b>Total</b>		<b>J\$1,198,400 (~US\$ 16,723)</b>

## Summary

<b>Environmental Conservation &amp; Management</b>	<b>(53)</b>	J\$150,897,513 (~US\$2.105M)
<b>Child Survival &amp; Development</b>	<b>(88**)</b>	J\$131,635,580 (~US\$ 1.836M)
<i>** Includes 50 Basic School sub-grants being administered by Dudley Grant Memorial Trust</i>		
<b>Total</b>	<b>141 Projects</b>	<b>J\$282,533,093 (~US\$ 3,942M)</b>

## Project Impacts

Over the last year, in addition to initiating 141 new projects, the Foundation continued monitoring its ongoing grants across Jamaica. The following highlights our project activities of significant impact:

### Environmental Conservation and Management

#### Alternative Energy

The EFJ Alternative Energy projects moved from demonstration mode into active energy production for energy independence, income generation and cost savings. For example, the Dallas Castle and Mango Valley Farmers groups were assisted to implement solar and biogas energy systems to provide light and power from their agro-processing industries. Through parallel funding opportunities with the Inter-American Foundation (IAF), these fruit processing facilities are now both 100% independent in their generation of electricity (average savings of US\$200 per month). Additional independent energy production from biodigesters will allow for product certification and improved earnings.

Another example is the EFJ supported solar power generation at Irwin High School for its computer and science labs, as well as night lighting on the campus. According to Jamaica's Education Minister, schools across the island pay an average of US\$2,100 per month for power. Since Irwin began operating its solar electricity system, its monthly bill has been reduced by a third. Not only did the

installation of a solar system save money, but also it served as an excellent hands-on teaching tool for the students. This is the largest single system funded by the EFJ and serves as a demonstration of the potential of such investments.

#### Reforestation and Improved Watersheds

There are 9 critically degraded watersheds identified in Jamaica. The Foundation has worked in six (6) of these with reforestation and soil conservation initiatives. Active projects are ongoing in the Rio Cobre, Rio Minho, Yallahs, and Dunn's River/Wag Water watersheds. Over 150 farmers in community and farmers' groups in the watersheds have adopted improved farming practices to mitigate negative impact on the watersheds. Partners in these initiatives include organizations such as the Forestry Department, Rural Agriculture and Development Authority, the Social Development Commission, the College of Agriculture, UNDP/Global Environment Facility (GEF) Small Grants Program (SGP) and even TFCA's Forest Conservation Fund.

#### Seven Oaks Sanctuary Wildlife Facility



The EFJ, in reinforcing its commitment to wildlife and biodiversity conservation, has provided a US\$83,700 grant to the Seven Oaks Sanctuary (SOS) for Wildlife to cover operational costs of the facility and to generate income for its sustainability fund. The SOS Facility serves as one of only two authorized rescue centers for wild animals inclusive of Jamaican endemic species. SOS Wildlife has gained both local and international acclaim as an educational entity for children and adults, as well as a safe sanctuary for Jamaican endemic fauna.

*Blackbilled parrot* - endangered species  
endemic to Jamaica

## **CHILD SURVIVAL AND DEVELOPMENT**

#### Early Childhood Interventions (0-8 YEARS)

The EFJ has continued to support the Early Childhood Commission's National plan for "a comprehensive delivery of early childhood programs and services" in a more strategic way through partnership with the Dudley Grant Memorial Trust (DGMT). Through a project management support grant for DGMT, the Foundation was able to supply infrastructural items such as fencing, learning materials, playground equipment, and requisite furniture through 14 grants island-wide. In total 27 Early Childhood Institutions with 1,191 children from over 27 communities have benefited from more equipped classrooms and improved school surroundings.

Three (3) additional projects to Bernadette Prep School, Higgins Land Basic School, and Jamaica Baptist Union are successfully supporting Early Childhood Education. They enhance and enrich over 90 Early Childhood Institutions and significantly more children benefit from an improved school environment.

*Children With Special Needs And Disabilities*

The EFJ continues to be the leading donor to projects and programs targeted to children with disabilities. The Foundation's goal in this regard is to address issues arising from inadequate facilities and insufficient knowledge as well as the general integration of children living with disabilities. As such, support has focused on early detection and establishing or enhancing development programs and therapies for the children. The Foundation has provided funding to schools and NGOs working with children with disabilities to adapt facilities, equipment and programs for integration.

The Foundation continues efforts to assist, treat and empower children living with developmental disabilities island-wide and to educate and support their parents and caregivers. Through projects, the EFJ has provided support to:

- Acquire a building to house an early childhood development program for children with disabilities and 'at-risk' children in St. Catherine (southern Jamaica).
- Provide ongoing center-based and home-based support to 234 children living with disabilities from rural and urban areas in the parishes of St. Elizabeth, Hanover, St. James, Westmoreland, Trelawny through the Community Rehabilitation Program.
- Train and recruit 8 Community-Based Rehabilitation Workers (CRWS) who are currently providing home therapy treatment to children living with developmental disabilities in rural communities. CRWS conducted an average of 177 visits per quarter over 2 years.
- Provide assessment and therapy and intervention equipment to two centers in St. James and St. Elizabeth which both serve children with disabilities from the surrounding parishes.
- Support the Jamaica Association for the Deaf (JAD) in implementation of a Hearing Awareness and Assessment project to improve the quality of life of hearing impaired children (0-8 years) in the parishes of St. Catherine, St. Thomas, Clarendon and Kingston and St. Andrew. JAD has screened more than 3,878 children, provided with referrals and follow up, and established a medical records database. Additional essential testing equipment was also acquired allowing JAD to provide improved child services.

## Partnerships and Leveraging EAI Funds:

The Foundation has been forging strategic partnerships with other donors in co-funding *environmental* projects. Of note in the last year EFJ partnered with the Inter-American Foundation on an institutional strengthening initiative entitled the Local Initiative For the Environment (LIFE). In addition, four (4) grants were parallel funded with the UNDP Global Environment Fund's Small Grants Program whereby the EFJ leveraged its grant funds by 240%.

Within the child survival and development sector, EFJ partnered with the Bernard Van Leer Foundation (Netherlands) on an Inner City Early Childhood Project, and with the ELMA Philanthropies (New York) on assistance to children, their families and caregivers in Jamaica following the impact of Hurricane Dean. Another exemplary EFJ partnership was forged with Jamaican churches and the Dudley Grant Memorial Trust to provide critical infrastructural items such as fencing, learning materials, equipment, and furniture to over 90 Early Childhood Institutions (over 2,500 children) to meet the new Jamaican Early Childhood Standards.

## Financial Report:

<i>Account Balances</i>	US \$M
<b>PL-480 (Environment)</b>	6,789
<b>US-AID (Child)</b>	2,283
<b>total</b>	9,072

### Summary Data (US\$)<sup>1</sup>

Fund Data	2006	2007	2008	Total 1993-2008
No. of proposals submitted	305	275	503	4,138
No. of proposals approved	77	63	141	1,123
Total approved funding for grants	\$3,731,782	\$2,595,750	\$3,942,506	\$33,240,000
Total of counterpart match (grantee cost-share)	<i>nr</i>	<i>nr</i>	\$693,373	\$693,373
Other leveraged matches (e.g. co-financing)	<i>nr</i>	<i>nr</i>	\$511,177	\$511,177
Total matching funds as % of approved	<i>nr</i>	<i>nr</i>	31%	n/a
Amount spent on administrative costs	\$ 838,420	\$ 788,170	\$ 754,949	\$13,243,119
Administrative costs as % of approved grants	22.5%	30.4%	19.2%	n/a
Interest and capital gained on investments	\$ 1,800,000	\$1,470,000	\$1,460,000	\$16,430,000
Fund balance at the end of the year	\$ 16,300,000	\$ 12,890,000	\$ 9,070,000	n/a

*nr = not reported*

EFJ Website: [www.efj.org.jm](http://www.efj.org.jm)

<sup>1</sup> All figures in the above table are stated in U.S. Dollars (US\$), converted from the Jamaican equivalent using the following average rates of exchange: J\$62.06: US\$1.00 (2005); J\$65.73: US\$1.00 (2006); J\$68.64: US\$1.00 (2007); J\$71.66: US\$1.00 (2008)