

Operation PRIDE, Jamaica — Lessons from a Failed Squatter-Regularisation Programme

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Quality score: 24/100

Evidence strength: Descriptive / self-reported

Summary

Jamaica's 1994 Operation PRIDE aimed to regularise squatter settlements islandwide but collapsed under cost overruns and corruption. Its 2008 successor, the Housing Agency of Jamaica, has spent nearly two decades finishing the job — a cautionary case on regularisation design.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured results	1/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	1/3
Scalability	1/3
Sustainability / continuity	1/3
Innovation	1/3
Inclusiveness / equity	0/3
Multi-stakeholder collaboration	0/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-08-12

[Housing Agency of Jamaica \(successor to Operation PRIDE / National Housing Development Corporation\)](#) — accessed 2026-08-12

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