

# Women's Centre of Jamaica Foundation – Programme for Adolescent Mothers

Gender Equality · Good practice · Jamaica

Quality score: 85/100

Evidence strength: Observational / pre–post

## Summary

Since 1978, Jamaica's WCJF has served 46,989 adolescent mothers (aged ≤17) in a school-continuity programme; ~70% return to formal schooling, repeat-pregnancy rate below 2%, and Jamaica's adolescent fertility rate fell from 131 to 54 per 1,000 live births.

## Key dimensions

| Dimension                       | Score |
|---------------------------------|-------|
| Transferability / replicability | 2/3   |
| Impact on gender equality       | 1/1   |
| Effectiveness                   | 1/1   |
| Efficiency                      | 1/1   |
| Evaluated outcomes              | 1/1   |
| Sustainability                  | 1/1   |
| Achievement / evidence          | 1/1   |
| Gender-mainstreaming embedding  | 1/1   |
| Curator validation              | 0/1   |

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

## Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-06-23

[Women's Centre of Jamaica Foundation \(WCJF\)](#) — accessed 2026-06-23

[Jamaica Information Service – WCJF agency profile](#) — accessed 2026-06-23

[CEPAL Montevideo Consensus – WCJF entry](#) — accessed 2026-06-23

[WCJF official website](#) — accessed 2026-06-23

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