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Table of Acronyms

BVI-EC	British Virgin Islands Electricity Corporation
CSO	Central Statistics Office
DWM	Department of Waste Management
ITT	Invitation to Tender
JVD	Jost Van Dyke
M&E	Monitoring and Evaluation
MCW	Ministry of Communications and Works
MHSD	Ministry of Health and Social Development
MNRL	Ministry of Natural Resources and Labour
PS	Permanent Secretary
RE	Renewable Energy
RDA	Recovery and Development Agency
RDP	Recovery to Development Plan
RVIPF	Royal Virgin Islands Police Force
SoR	Statement of Requirement
ToR	Terms of Reference
WP	Work Package

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Report Clearance

Date	Description
8 March 2019	First draft report completed
23 March 2019	First draft approved by RDA Board
29 March 2019	First draft sent to Office of Premier for review
9 April 2019	RDA receives feedback from Office of Premier
11 April 2019	RDA finalises and publishes the report

1. Project Status Update

This section outlines each project and a brief status update.

TABLE 1: PROJECTS CURRENTLY IN THE PLANNING PHASE

Number	Project Name	Lead Ministry	Status
145	Bregado Flax Junior School internal wall construction	Education and Culture	A draft Statement of Requirement (SoR) has been completed and presented to the Ministry. At the end of the month project managers met with the Permanent Secretary (PS) about the project to discuss the SoR before it is signed.
150	Technical assistance to education strategy	Education and Culture	Meetings were held with the PS about the ToR before procurement takes place. Currently waiting on final authorization and approval.
151	VG sports complex	Education and Culture	An initial meeting was held with the PS about the SoR.
155	Social registry system development	Health and Social Development	Members of the RDA attended a workshop hosted by MHSD. Technical assistance and guidance were provided by World Food Programme on the best way to develop a social registry system.
177	Marine Base	Governor's Group	A site visit has been conducted and the draft SoR is being reviewed.
186	Installation of incinerator scrubber	Health and Social Development	A site visit to the incinerator was conducted. The designs are being commissioned and procured by the Ministry. The project will go on hold until designs for scrubber and pumps are completed by MHSD.
187	Dismantling of old incinerator	Health and Social Development	A site visit to incinerator was conducted. The SoR is being drafted for the Ministry's review.
188	Designs for new incinerator	Health and Social Development	MHSD is working on a waste management strategy that will provide direction to defining this requirement. Once that is completed the RDA will be able to provide technical support to the design of the new incinerator.
189	Marine Survey	Natural Resources and Labour	Funding has been approved for this research project. The planning team has sent a draft SoR to the Ministry and all relevant stakeholders including the National Parks Trust for review.

TABLE 2: PROJECTS CURRENTLY IN THE PROCUREMENT PHASE

Number	Name	Lead Ministry	Status
103	Virgin Gorda Baths repairs	Natural Resources and Labour	After the SOR was approved by National Parks Trust as the appointed representative of the lead Ministry, the design of the works was sent to procurement. At the end of the process, a request for quotation (RFQ) was sent to 3 vendors and one was chosen. Operations is expected to begin in April.

133	Removal of derelict boats	Natural Resources and Labour	An environmental assessment of the staging and removal process has commenced. The project is currently in procurement searching for the best staging site to remove vessels.
136	Phase 1 Sea markers	Communication and Works	The specifications of the project have been finalised and the sea markers are expected to be procured in mid-March.
147	Temporary school units at Elmore Stoutt High School	Education and Culture	The specifications and requirements have been approved. The project will now go into the procurement phase.
154	Temporary housing for maximum of 15 households	Health and Social Development	The specifications and requirements have been approved. The project will now go into the procurement phase. Operations are expected to commence in March.

TABLE 3: PROJECTS CURRENTLY IN OPERATIONS PHASE

Number	Name	Lead Ministry	Status
108	Special Debris Clearance	Health and Social Development	The barge arrived on 18 February to commence clearance of derelict cars and remaining hurricane debris.
152	AO Shirley Grounds Phase One	Education and Culture	The painting on the track has been completed. The procurement process was opened for the bathroom construction and is currently in the technical evaluation stage.
160	Repair VG admin building phase 1	Governor's Group	The project has moved forward into the operations phase. Most recently a contract was procured for deep cleaning and installation of AC units in the Vanterpool building.
179	VHF network analysis and build	Governor's Group	A VHF expert has been hired after an evaluation process. The expert has arrived and is currently conducting the VHF assessment and design.
182	Virgin Gorda Police Barracks	Governor's Group	Construction is progressing well and on track. Construction is expected to be completed in May.
183	Jost Van Dyke Admin Building	Governor's Group	Construction is progressing well and on track. Construction is expected to be completed in May.

TABLE 4: PROJECTS CURRENTLY ON HOLD OR REMOVED

Number	Name	Phase	Lead Ministry	Status
104	Sage Mountain Restoration	Removed	Natural Resources and Labour	It has been agreed that this project will be completed by National Parks Trust and not RDA.
124	Cane Garden Bay dinghy dock repair	Removed	Premier's Office	It has been agreed that this project will be completed by the Office of the Premier and not the RDA.
156	Insurance and rental sector assessment	On Hold	Health and Social Development	MHSD is currently reviewing their policy for this project,

				therefore, the project is currently on hold.
157	Repair a maximum of 30 homes	On Hold	Health and Social Development	As of 9 February, this project is on hold with the Ministry pending a policy decision on the future direction of the Housing Recovery Programme.

Future Planning

While Phase One is already in the implementation phases, the RDA is working in parallel on the planning of other recovery and development projects across the Virgin Islands. This includes:

1.1.1. West End Area Programme

The West End Ferry Terminal has been a node for travellers moving to and from the US Virgin Islands, for medical, shopping and leisure activities ('day trippers') as well as 10,000 or more private and charter yachts per year. The destruction of the facility and damage to the surrounding area during hurricanes Irma and Maria have presented challenges to travellers wishing to travel to the BVI for leisure and has resulted in the additional utilization of the Road Town Ferry Terminal, which has presented a capacity problem in that terminal and detrimental economic impacts on the West End.

Tender evaluations on the design consultant proposals have commenced by the Ministry of Finance. Once tender evaluations are completed, and award given, further consultations will be had with stakeholders to further refine the requirements and finalize a workable design for buildout. There will be a consultation with the Premier on the wider strategic vision of the area.

Continued interest remains from private donors. Available funding options for completion of this project include direct funding from Government revenue, private donations, and loan financing from the Caribbean Development Bank. Central Government will consider available options in determining a final financing strategy for this project.

1.1.2. Renewable Energy

The Government of the Virgin Islands published the Renewable Energy (RE) regulation on the 1st November 2018. This has provided the enabling environment for a strategic review of the power infrastructure network. Formal meetings of an Energy Plan Working Group, composed of BVIEC, MCW, MNRL, a private sector representative, and the RDA have continued into January. Currently a renewable energy expert, funded by the RDA, is providing technical advice to the working group on the development of the renewable energy strategy.

In February, the Government working group completed 3 weeks of intense work, meeting stakeholders and building consortium support for a significant shift towards renewable energy. Working with the other members of the Energy Plan Working Group, the secretariat, the renewable energy consultant helped draft an outline strategy and working paper: The BVI Green Energy Plan. The outline of the plan is a consortium-led process of building local capacity to deliver a substantial transition to lower-cost, renewable and resilient energy for the BVI.

The plan extends out with pilot programmes and testing in year one, through five years of capacity building (through training and apprenticeships on solar installation) and solar-storage delivery, all the way to a full 100% renewable supply, with large scaled deployment of solar and battery storage proposed to ensure

resiliency and low-cost supply. March and April will see continued dialogue with stakeholders with a focus on dialogue with the new government, to progress the finalization of the plan as the foundation of the renewable energy work planned for the recovery effort, supported by the RDA and the consortium.

Data cooperation with ministries

At the beginning of this month the RDA’s monitoring and evaluation team (M&E) met with the Ministry of Finance and the Central Statistics Office (CSO) to discuss collaboration and data sharing partnerships. The team also began to work on possible visualisation technologies for different datasets, towards working collaboratively to strengthen data reporting across the public sector.

Using tourist arrivals data from the CSO, the graphs below demonstrate the gradual recovery of the tourism sector in the Virgin Islands following the impacts of 2017’s storms. Towards the end of 2018, total arrivals began to return to 2016 pre-storm figures.

The RDA has worked to support the Central Government in implementing projects aimed at recovering the tourism sector, including Special Debris Clearance, the VG Baths repairs, and Removal of derelict boats. The RDA will continue to support the outcome of tourism sector recovery, while also working to strengthen data management and reporting across the Territory.

These draft data visualisations can be found in Annex II: Data Visualisation of Tourist Arrivals. Going forward the RDA will work with Central Government to build capacity in data visualisation and analytical techniques and software knowledge.

2. Relevant Policy

The RDA's implementation of projects and initiatives requires that relevant laws, regulations, and policies support their delivery.

In January, the RDA received the Letter of Expectations from Government on its priorities. During the month of February, the RDA developed the Draft Implementation Schedule. This draft was delivered to the Government based on the Letter of Expectations and the RDP. As the Government administration reviews there will most likely be a response and continued discussions on the content of the Implementation Schedule.

The government is working on the development of the following strategies: waste management, renewable energy and tourism. Once these strategies are finalised this will form a strong foundation to shape the Government programmes implemented by the RDA in these areas to deliver against government priorities. The following legal or policy development frameworks have been put in place, paving the way for the delivery of these intended results, and as such, progress can be made on the delivery of these supporting projects:

TABLE 5: RELEVANT POLICY

Policy	Outcome	Date
Act No 3 of 2018-Disaster Management (Amendment) Act, 2018	This amendment to the DDM Act allows removal of derelict vessels.	9 July 2018

SI No 51 of 2018 – British Virgin Islands Electricity Corporation (Renewable Energy) Regulations, 2018	Renewable energy planning and strategy development regulations and guidance	27 September 2018
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3. Communications

This section reviews communication releases and key public events.

Events held

3.1.1. Events

TABLE 6: EVENTS HELD IN FEBRUARY

Project/Event	Date
Bidder's Conference and Site Visit - Temporary Wooden Structures at the Vanterpool Administration Building Site	28 February 2019
Bidder's Conference and Site Visit - Temporary Wooden Structures at the Elmore Stoutt High School Site	28 February 2019

TABLE 7: UPCOMING EVENTS

Project/Event	Date	Description
VG Baths, operations commence	April 2019	Construction is expected to commence on the VG Baths site in April once the designs are complete.
VG Sports Complex, operations commence	April 2019	Construction on the structure of the VG sports complex building is expected to begin in April.
ESHS temporary wooden structures, operations commence	April 2019	ESHS temporary wooden structures are expected to be procured and ready to install in April.
Sea markers, operations commence	April 2019	Sea markers are expected to be installed beginning in April.
Bregado Flax Junior School temporary classroom refurbishment, operations commence	April 2019	The BFJS temporary classroom refurbishment will begin in April, after the SoR is signed by PS.

3.1.2. Communication Releases¹

TABLE 8: COMMUNICATION RELEASES IN FEBRUARY

Release	Date	Description
Invitation to Tender: Temporary Wooden Structures at the Vanterpool Administration Building Site, Virgin Gorda	18 February 2019	Tender invitation for temporarily wooden structures at Vanterpool admin building.

¹ All communications releases can be found on the website as well.

Invitation to Tender: Temporary Wooden Structures at the Elmore Stoutt High School Site, Road Town, Tortola	20 February 2019	Tender invitation for temporarily wooden structures at ESHS.
Invitation to Tender: Supply and Install Sea Markers	22 February 2019	Tender invitation for sea markers project.
Invitation to Tender: Design, Supply and Installation of Stadium Lighting at the A.O. Shirley Recreational Grounds	28 February 2019	Tender invitation for AO Shirley Grounds project.

Annex I: Project Updates

Virgin Gorda Baths

Lead ministry: Natural Resources and Labour

Project: 103

Status: Procurement

Start date: February 2019

Estimated end date: May 2019

Outcome 1: Improved tourism product that is aesthetically appealing, easily accessible and provides an enhanced experience to our visitors and a catalyst for economic recovery.

Overview

The Baths at Virgin Gorda is an important tourist destination that suffered damage to ticket booth, bathroom and bar shaded area. While originally the scope of works included minor repairs, the needs have since expanded to a wider project.

Activity 1: Design

Status: Procurement

Budget: \$1,500

After the refined Statement of Requirement was approved by National Parks Trust and the Ministry of Natural Resources and Labour, the design of a shade area was sent to the procurement team to begin the procurement process.

At the end of the process, a request for quotation for (RFQ) for the design of a shade area needed at the baths was sent to 3 vendors and one was chosen (Systems Engineering). The contract with Systems Engineering was signed on the 25 February.

Activity 2: Construction

Status: Planning

Construction is currently estimated to begin in early April after the designs are received and the procurement process is complete.

Special Debris Clearance

Lead ministry: Health and Social Development

Project: 108

Status: Operations

Budget: \$647,000

Start date: August 2018

Expected end date: April 2019

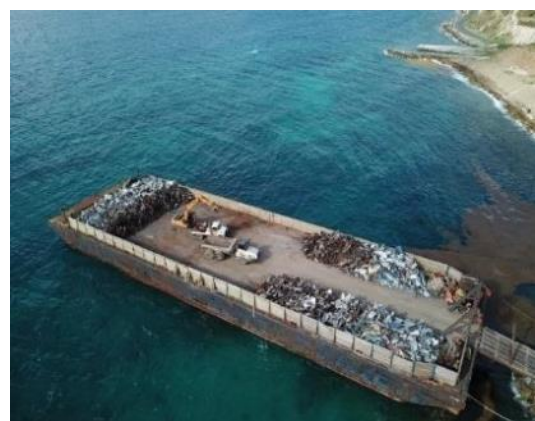
Outcome 1: Improved tourism product that is aesthetically appealing, easily accessible and provides an enhanced experience to our visitors and a catalyst for economic recovery

Overview

The hurricane disasters resulted in a significant amount of debris being deposited across the Virgin Islands and the project was developed to support the Department of Waste Management (DWM) to collect the debris. The objective of this project was to reduce the risk of damage and threat to human life, by removing debris which could become projectiles during strong winds ahead of the height of the 2018 hurricane season (early September).

Status

The barge and crusher have arrived in the Territory to remove the remaining debris on Virgin Gorda. The barge is currently at Pockwood Pond while awaiting the Department of Waste Management's identification of a site on Virgin Gorda to be used as a base for loading debris.



Removal of Derelict Boats

Lead ministry: Natural Resources and Labour

Project: 133

Status: Procurement

Start date: October 2018

Estimated end date: November 2019

Outcome 1: Improved tourism product that is aesthetically appealing, easily accessible and provides an enhanced experience to our visitors and a catalyst for economic recovery

Overview

The passing of hurricanes Irma and Maria in 2017 left a significant number of marine vessels stranded along the coastlines and bays of the Virgin Islands. The bulk of these vessels have been removed by the owners and their insurance providers. However approximately 280 derelict vessels remain that need to be removed from their land or sea location and then disposed of.

This is a large, complex project that requires detailed planning to minimize the effect on the environment and maintain value for money.

Activity 1: Staging Site Preparation

Status: Procurement

A Request for Quotation (RFQ) for the staging site portion of the project was published and extended into early March. This RFQ is concerned with finding a “staging site” for the derelict vessels, where they can be gathered for processing.

Activity 2: Removal

Status: Planning

An environmental assessment began this month. The objectives of the assessment were to research and plan how to mitigate any environmental risks that could occur when removing the derelict vessels.

Activity 3: Processing

Status: Planning

The planning team had site visits to possible staging sites and conducted feasibility studies as to whether these staging sites could be used for processing.

Activity 4: Disposal

Status: Planning

The planning team began researching possible disposal methods, their feasibility, and their cost.



Sea Markers Installation

Lead ministry: Communication and Works

Project: 136

Status: Procurement

Start date: December 2018

Estimated end date: May 2019

Outcome N5: Immediate improvement to national infrastructure to prepare for recovery

Overview

The reinstatement of the navigational system is crucial to the navigation of BVI waters to ensure safe passage of vessels and ensure BVI is tourist ready. The Territory's sea markers are managed by the BVI Ports Authority (BVIPA), with input from Virgin Islands Shipping Registry (VISR) on placement.

The majority of the markers have been reinstated by BVIPA, however there are some markers still outstanding.

Status

The SoR was finalized, agreed upon, and handed over to procurement at the beginning of February.

The invitation to tender (ITT) for the project was published on 19 February and will close on 22 March.



Temporary Classrooms at Elmore Stoutt High School

Lead ministry: Education and Culture

Project: 147

Status: Procurement

Start date: November 2018

Estimated end date: September 2019

Outcome 2A: Restored educational and recreational facilities that provide a safe and secure environment for learning and recreational activities

Overview

The RDA is overseeing construction and renovation of temporary classrooms for Elmore Stoutt High School in consultations with the ministry and landowners. The outcome of the project is to improve the present conditions at the school.

Status

Currently, the RDA is focusing on and planning immediate improvements to the Clarence Thomas Limited building while discussing the number and location of temporary classrooms with MEC.

The temporary wooden structures to provide additional temporary classrooms has been handed over to procurement. A site visit and bidder's conference were held for potential contractors. The invitation to tender (ITT) was published on 28 February and is closing on 20 March. The contract will depend on final agreement of location and number with MEC.



Virgin Gorda Sports Complex Repairs

Lead ministry: Education and Culture

Project: 151

Status: Procurement

Start date: January 2019

Estimated end date: July 2019

Outcome 2A: Restored educational and recreational facilities that provide a safe and secure environment for learning and recreational activities

Overview

The Virgin Gorda basketball sports complex was damaged by the 2017 hurricanes and has been in a state of disrepair and thus unusable since then.

The facility is used by the residents of Virgin Gorda for sporting events and recreation. The facility is currently unsuitable for use, denying the residents this opportunity.

Status

The SoR was finalized, agreed upon, and handed over to procurement at the end of February. The goal is to complete the complex repairs ahead of competition season for basketball over the summer. More updates will be available in March.



AO Shirley Grounds Phase One

Lead ministry: Education and Culture

Project: 152

Status: Operations

Start date: October 2018

Expected end date: June 2019

Outcome 2A: Restored educational and recreational facilities that provide a safe and secure environment for learning and recreational activities

Overview

The AO Shirley athletics grounds is a priority project to renovate the grounds to meet international accreditation standards as a Level 2 ground, so that BVI can host upcoming national events later this year and future international events. This will require preparation of the grounds prior to the installation of the new track by the specialist company Mondo, repairs to make the perimeter secure to boost income-generation from events, installation of bathroom facilities, installation of lights to allow events after dark, repair to the spectator stand (ideally with shade), and renovation of the clubhouse pavilion to provide meetings, events and changing facilities.

Activity 1: Track

Status: Complete

Budget: \$139,150

The track laying and painting is complete, and the track activity is therefore finished. We have received feedback from BVI OC and athletes that they are happy with the quality of the track and how it was installed.

PHOTO 2: TRACK BEFORE CONSTRUCTION



PHOTO 1: TRACK UNDER CONSTRUCTION



PHOTO 4: TRACK AFTER CONSTRUCTION 1

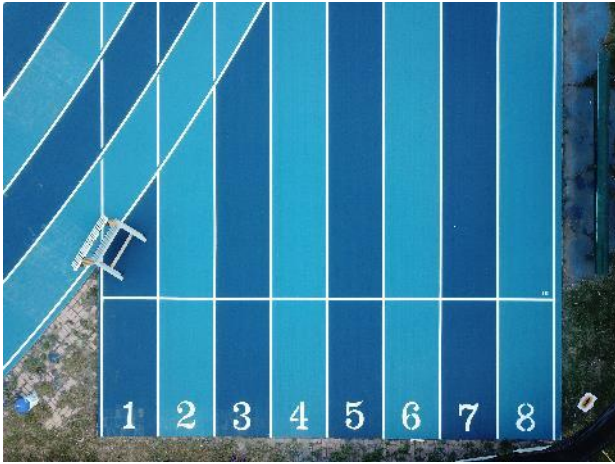


PHOTO 3: TRACK AFTER CONSTRUCTION 2



Activity 2: Bathroom

Status: Procurement

The RFQ process was restarted after a change in requirements. The new round closed on 26 February and currently the procurement team is evaluating proposals.

Activity 3: Wall and Gates

Status: Procurement

The new design for the wall was submitted on 12 February. The planning team evaluated the technical input, finalized the SoR, and handed over the activity to the procurement team on 27 February. A technical site visit is planned for March.

Activity 4: Grandstand

Status: Planning

The scope of works for the grandstand repairs has been drafted and sent for technical review and approval within the planning team.

Activity 5: Stadium Lighting

Status: Procurement

The invitation to tender (ITT) for stadium lighting was published on 28 February and will close on 28 March.

Activity 6: Pavilion

Status: Procurement

The scope of works for the design of the roof of the pavilion has been drafted and sent to the planning team for technical review and approval.

Virgin Gorda Admin Building Repair

Lead ministry: Governor's Group

Project: 160

Status: Procurement

Start date: November 2018

Estimated end date: December 2019

Outcome 3C: Immediate improvement to priority government infrastructure and systems to improve services key to easing ability of doing business and prepare for recovery

Overview

The two Virgin Gorda Admin buildings, the Flax building and the Vanterpool building were badly affected by the 2017 hurricanes. The Flax building's roof was destroyed, and this building is now unoccupied.

All services are now being provided in the Vanterpool building. There are leaks (allowing ingress of rainwater) and traces of mould/damp in the Vanterpool building, which is contributing to the sub-standard provision of public services and health risks for staff.

Status

An RFQ for deep cleaning, removal of ceiling tiles, and installing an AC unit has been issued. The RFQ closed at the end of February and works are set to begin on the Vanterpool building in early March.

A site visit and bidder's conference for temporary wooden structures is planned to be hosted on 7 March. There are plans for a full refurbishment of both the Vanterpool and Flax buildings.



Virgin Gorda Police Barracks Repair

Lead ministry: Governor's Group

Project: 182

Status: Operations

Budget: \$800,000

Start date: September 2018

Estimated end date: May 2019

Outcome 3B: Functioning law enforcement institutions and communication networks to restore a sense of safety and security and improved communications between agencies

Overview

The purpose is to return the Virgin Gorda Police Barracks to a fully functional state with police able to deploy required numbers from Tortola. A key outcome will be for the police to be able to sleep personnel on Virgin Gorda to ensure a shift system can be effectively managed and to enable the pre-disposition of resources key to disaster preparedness ahead of the 2019 hurricane season.

Status

Over the course of February, construction works have been progressing on the site. There was an initial milestone setting meeting held on 1 February and progress was monitored throughout the month.

As of February, the site has been set up, electrical testing was conducted, scaffolding was erected, and the roof was stripped. There are still major works to be done, including installing new roof timbers and roof, concrete repair, window repair and storm shutter installation, and minor appliance, electric, and decorative works.



Jost Van Dyke Admin Building Repair

Lead ministry: Governor's Group

Project: 183

Status: Operations

Start date: July 2018

Estimated end date: May 2019

Outcome 3C: Immediate improvement to priority government infrastructure and systems to improve services key to easing ability of doing business and prepare for recovery

Overview

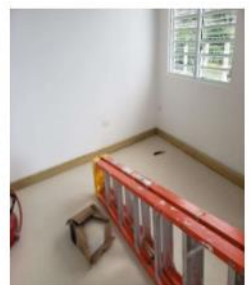
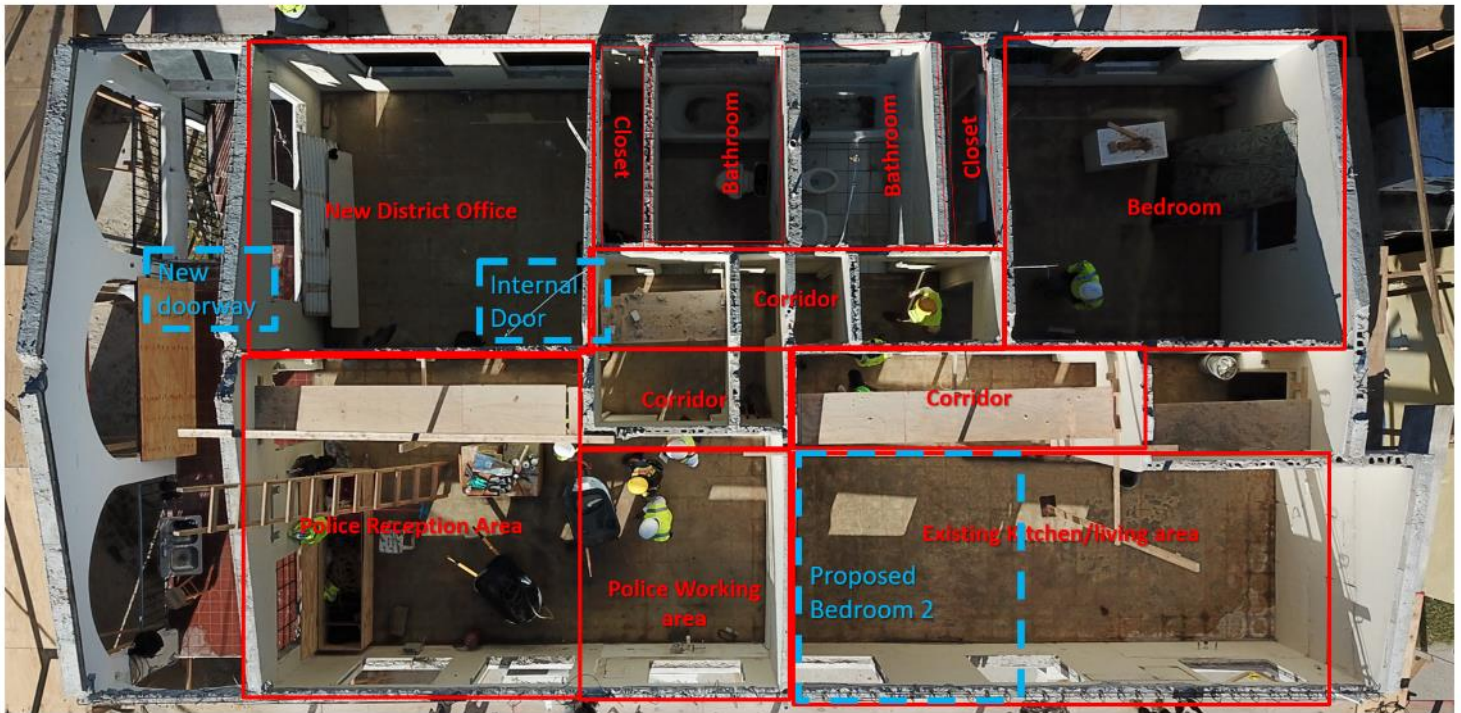
The repairs to the Jost Van Dyke administration building will re-establish a working space for the District Officer to coordinate public service delivery on the island, as well as space for police, customs and immigration services to become fully functional. This will re-establish a fully functioning border control point at the main jetty and re-establish a functional police base, including a cell. The full detailed planning and procurement for this project has been completed and it is currently in its operations phase.

Status

Over the course of February, works and construction has been progressing on the site.

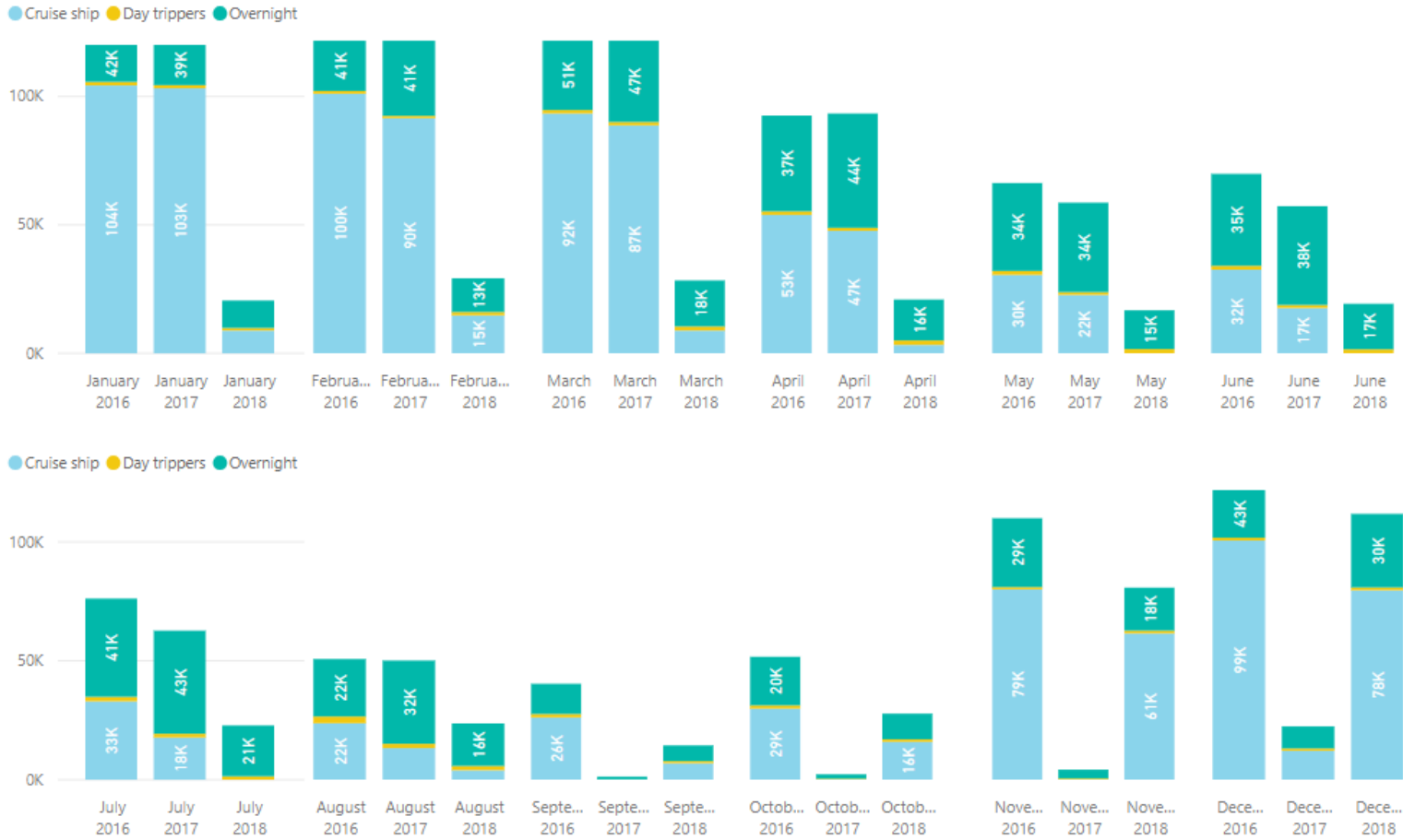
The project management team conducted a fourth site visit to the admin building, noting that all constructions are currently on track and going well. Work has continued with scaffolding, windows, and the damaged doors. Roof framing continues, windows have been delivered to the site, and electrical works have begun.





Annex II: Data Visualisation of Tourist Arrivals

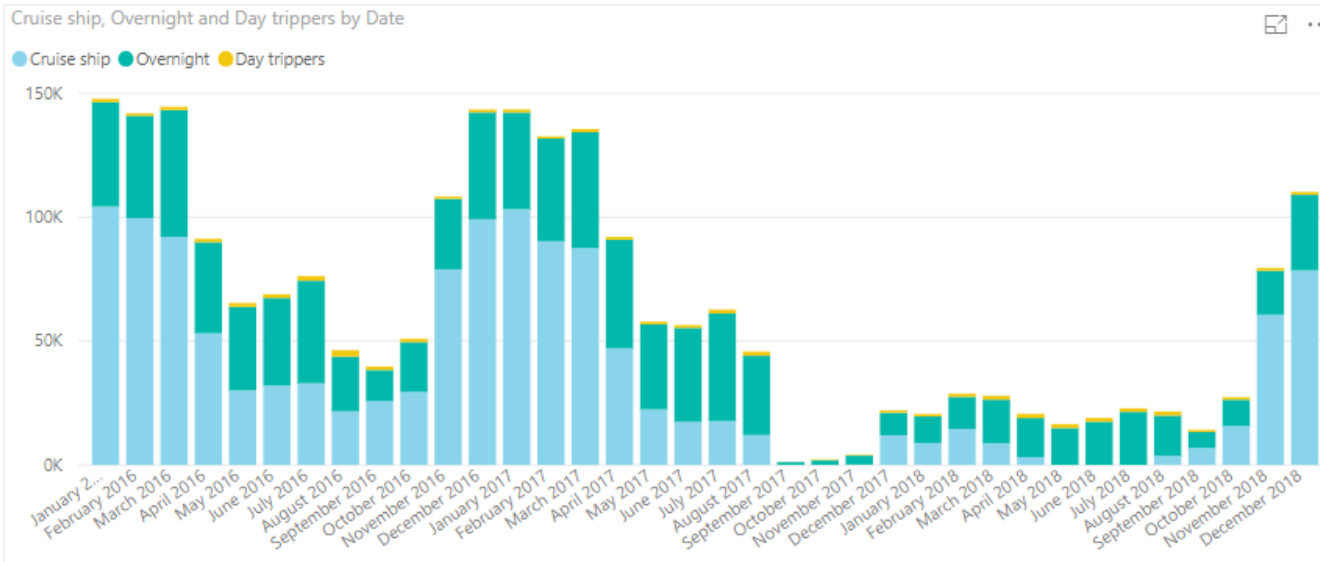
Tourism Analysis by month and type of arrival - 2016 to 2018



The tourism industry was heavily affected by the weather events in 2017. This page compares tourism arrivals with months side-by-side in order to compare by year, as tourism arrivals is seasonal.

One can notice both the drop in arrivals during the month of hurricanes as well as the following months. When we look at the same months in 2018, we see recovering numbers.

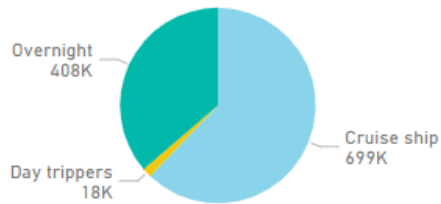
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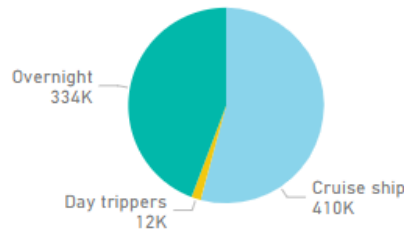
The tourism industry was heavily affected by the weather events in 2017. This page compares tourism arrivals across time from January 2016 to December 2018 as well as the breakdown of arrivals by type in 2016, 2017, and 2018.

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Breakdown of Arrivals in 2016



Breakdown of Arrivals in 2017



Breakdown of Arrivals in 2018

