



**VIRGIN ISLANDS
RECOVERY AND
DEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

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Table of Acronyms

BVI-EC	British Virgin Islands Electricity Corporation
DWM	Department of Waste Management
JVD	Jost Van Dyke
ITT	Invitation to Tender
JVD	Jost Van Dyke
MoHSD	Ministry of Health and Social Development
MoNRL	Ministry of Natural Resources and Labour
RDA	Recovery and Development Agency
RDP	Recovery to Development Plan
RVIPF	Royal Virgin Islands Police Force
SoR	Statement of Requirement
WP	Work Packages

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Report Clearance

Date	Description
15 January 2019	First draft report completed
	First draft approved by RDA Board
	First draft sent to Office of Premier for review
25 January 2019	RDA receives feedback from Office of Premier
	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	Phase	Lead Ministry	Status
103	Virgin Gorda Baths	Planning	National Resources and Labour	Statement of requirement and site visit has been completed.
124	Cane Garden Bay dinghy dock repair	Planning	Premier's Office	Site visit conducted, and scope of works completed. SoR to be completed.
133	Remove of derelict boats	Planning	National Resources and Labour	Database of derelict boats received and validated. Currently conducting site visits and stakeholder meetings.
136	Phase 1 Sea markers	Planning	Communication and Works	SoR refined and sent to Permanent Secretary for approval.
147	Temporary school units at Elmore Stoutt High School	Planning	Education and Culture	Meetings held to discuss requirements
154	Temporary housing for maximum of 15 households	Planning	Health and Social Development	Currently refining SoR
156	Insurance and rental sector assessment	Planning	Health and Social Development	Draft SoR to be assessed.
157	Repair a maximum of 30 homes	Planning	Health and Social Development	Draft SoR has been completed. Currently working with Ministry of Health and Social Development on the assessment of houses for repair.
160	Repair VG admin building phase 1 – Vanterpool & Flax	Planning	Governor's Group	The SoR has been sent with a proposed schedule of work. Currently awaiting design to procure and implement.

TABLE 2: PROJECTS CURRENTLY IN THE PROCUREMENT PHASE

Number	Name	Phase	Lead Ministry	Status
152	AO Shirley Grounds Phase One – wall and gates	Procurement	Education and Culture	Design & build for fence framework has been superseded. Design of fence framework to be contracted separately.
152	AO Shirley Grounds Phase one – bathroom	Procurement	Education and Culture	Currently in procurement
183	Jost Van Dyke Admin Building	Procurement	Governor's Group	Contract signed with contractor there is agreement to begin in new year.

TABLE 3: PROJECTS CURRENTLY IN OPERATIONS PHASE

Number	Name	Phase	Lead Ministry	Status
108	Special Debris Clearance	Operations	Health and Social Development	Awaiting crusher and barge to arrive in January.
182	Virgin Gorda Police Barracks	Operations	Governor's Group	Construction has started, and project is now in delivery.

1.1. Future Planning

While Phase One is already in the implementation phases, the RDA is working in parallel on the planning of more long-term development projects across the Virgin Islands.

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 has 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.

In November, the RDA with the Immigration Office, Royal Virgin Islands Police Force (RVIPF), Ministry of Communications and Works on behalf of the Port Authority and Customs met to refine the Statement of Requirement (SoR). In December 2018, the SoR was sent to the potential donor for consideration.

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.

In November 2018, the RDA hired a RE adviser to support the Government, BVI-EC and the RDA in developing a RE strategy. The purpose of this appointment is to build and implement an agreed strategy for the BVI renewable sector. A key to this will be building a strong strategic relationship among the critical stakeholders.

In December 2018 the RDA in partnership with BVI-EC, Ministry of Communications and Works and the Ministry of Natural Resources and Labour, established a working group that is focussed on developing an Energy Plan for the BVI which co-ordinates the various facets of energy development to deliver a future RE based energy supply.

Formal meetings of the working group will continue in January.

2. Relevant Policy

The RDA's implementation of projects and initiatives requires that relevant laws, regulations, and policies support their delivery. The following legal or policy development have been put in place, paving the way

for the delivery of these intended results and progress can be made on the delivery of these supporting projects:

TABLE 4: RELEVANT POLICY

Policy	Outcome	Date
Act No 3 of 2018-Disaster Management (Amendment) Act, 2018	This amendment to the DDM act allows us to work on derelict boats	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

3. Events and Communications

This section reviews events that have happened this month as well as communication releases.

3.1. Events held

3.1.1. Meetings

TABLE 5: MEETINGS HELD IN DECEMBER

Meeting	Date	Participants
Association of Reef Keepers – project meetings	4 Dec 2018	RDA planning team, Association of Reef Keepers
Derelict boats stakeholder meeting	5 Dec 2018	RDA planning team, lead ministry (Ministry of Labour and Natural Resources) and stakeholders
Mangrove project meeting	10 Dec 2018	JVD Preservation Society and RDA planning team
Introductory meeting	10 Dec 2018	National Parks Trust and RDA planning team
Youth initiatives meeting	11 Dec 2018	Youth Empowerment Programme (YEP) and RDA planning team
Shock Responsive Social Protection Workshop	12 Dec 2018	RDA planning team (in attendance) at MoHSD workshop
Sea market stakeholder meeting	12 Dec 2018	RDA planning team, lead ministry (Ministry of Natural Resources and Labour) and stakeholders
Planning consent process meeting	13 Dec 2018	Town and Country Planning and RDA planning team
Synergy with recovery and public-sector transformation meeting	13 Dec 2018	RDA planning team, Public Sector Transformation Team
Renewal energy working group planning	13 December	RDA planning team and BVI-EC
Apprenticeship programme meeting	14 December	Youth Affairs and Sport and RDA planning team
Contract signing – JVD customs station and police station	14 December	Quality Construction, RDA board member, RDA planning and leadership teams
Trellis Bay derelict boat project site visit	17 Dec 2018	RDA Planning team, stakeholders
Temporary housing site visit	17 Dec 2018	JVD district officer and RDA operations team
BVI GIS analysis meeting	18 Dec 2018	Environment system and RDA planning team
Temporary housing and house rebuild project meeting	20 Dec 2018	MoHSD, BVI Unite and RDA operations team

3.1.2. Communication Releases¹

TABLE 6: COMMUNICATION RELEASES IN DECEMBER

Release	Date	Description
Monthly Report – November 2018	14 Dec 2018	First monthly progress report on the delivery of the Phase One projects.
RDA Business Case: Phase 1	14 Dec 2018	The business case reviewing the Phase One projects.

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

<u>Contract Awarded for Repair of the Jost Van Dyke Government Administration Building</u>	17 Dec 2018	Contract awardee for the repair of the Jost Van Dyke Government Administration Building.
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Annex I: Project Updates

Special Debris Clearance

Lead ministry: Health and Social Development

Project: 108

Status: Operations

Budget: \$647,000

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

December 2018: Awaiting crusher and barge to arrive in January.



Removal of Derelict Boats

Lead ministry: Natural Resources and Labour

Project: 133

Status: Planning

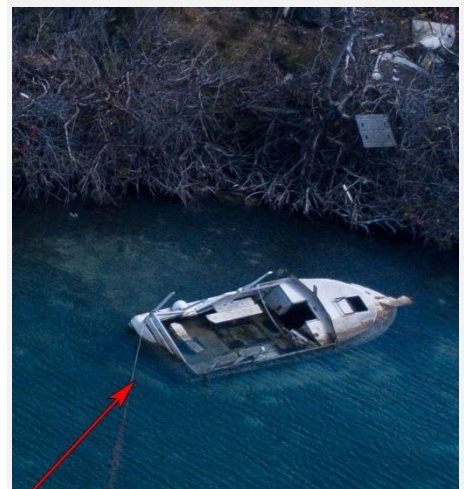
Outcome 1: Improved tourism product that is aesthetically appealing, easily accessible and provides an enhanced experience to our visitors and a catalyst for economic recovery

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 200 derelict vessels remain that need to be removed from their land or sea location and then disposed of.

Status

December 2018: Multiple meetings conducted with Planning Authority and other stake holders. A site visit to Trellis and West End were undertaken and the RDA met with local stakeholders in the areas. The database of derelict boats has been received and validated. Through validation we found that the number of derelict vessels is higher than previously estimated (288 instead of 200).



Elmore Stoutt High School

Lead ministry: Education and Culture

Project: 147

Status: Planning

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 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

December 2018: The Landowner of the current site (TITL) has agreed in principle to renew their agreement with the Government for a further 12 months (currently due to expire in Oct 19). The RDA is awaiting confirmation from the MEC that lease has been extended and for how long.

Permission to complete internal improvements has been granted, however the RDA must get approval for any external improvements. A TITL representative is visiting Tortola on 26 Feb 19, but the RDA will request their approval (in writing) as soon as the endorsed requirement is received from the MEC.



AO Shirley Grounds

Lead ministry: Education and Culture

Project: 162

Status: Procurement

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 in the new 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.

Status

December 2018: Materials for track repair procured and stored for use. Stakeholder meetings held to discuss expectations and requirements. MONDO specialist is contracted for the correct installation of track (expected to arrive early Jan 2019).

The design and build for fence framework have been superseded. The design of fence framework will be contracted separately. An RFQ for fencing design was issued on 4th of December and closed on the 11th of December.



Virgin Gorda Police Barracks

Lead ministry: Governor's Group

Project: 182

Status: Procurement

Budget: \$800,000

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

December 2018: Site visits were conducted, procurement of supplies has begun, and parts of the building are now being worked on.



Jost Van Dyke Admin Building

Lead ministry: Governor’s Group

Project: 183

Status: Procurement

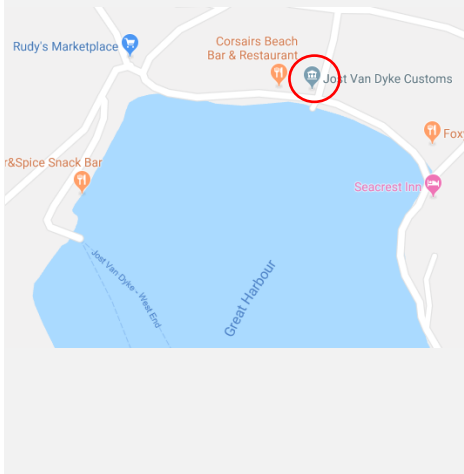
Outcome 3C: Immediate improvement to priority government infrastructure and systems to improve services key to easing ability of doing business and prepare for recovery

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 the police, customs and immigration 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 scoping for this project has been completed and procurement has already commenced.

Status

December 2018: Contract signed with contractor and there is agreement to begin early in the new year.



Virgin Gorda Baths

Lead ministry: National Resources and Labour

Project: 103

Status: Planning

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. The extent of the damage is mostly roof works and are hoping to be resolved quickly.

Status

December 2018: Statement of Requirement has been completed with Ministry of Natural Resources and Labour. Site visit has been conducted and the project is in the planning stage.

