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# Beyond Survival: Reintegration as a Matter of Rights, Belonging, and Inclusive Sustainable Development

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## OUTLINE

- What is reintegration?
- Why does it matter to Jamaican society;
- From individual risk to collective outcomes;
- From survival to social inclusion;
- Reintegration as a matter of rights;
- Reintegration and sustainable community development;
- Jamaica's opportunity;
- Key gaps undermining *effective reintegration*;
- Bridging the gaps;
- Call to action.



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Introductory Handbook on  
**the Prevention of Recidivism  
and the Social Reintegration  
of Offenders**

CRIMINAL JUSTICE HANDBOOK SERIES

# WHAT IS REINTEGRATION?

Figure 1: A Process-Oriented Conceptual Framework for Effective Reintegration



Source: Author

# Types of Forced Return & Release of Persons Deprived of Liberty

## Types of Forced Return



### Deportation / Removal

State-ordered expulsion



### Expulsion

National security / Public order



### Assisted "Voluntary" Return

Return under duress



### Readmission Return

Bilateral agreements



### Summary / Expedited Removal

No due process



### Constructive Forced Return

Loss of status / Threats



### Collective Expulsion

Mass deportations



## Release of Persons Deprived of Liberty



### End to Pre-Trial Detention

Release before any trial



### End to Arrest

Release from police custody



### End to Prison Sentence

Completion of rehabilitation



### End to Non-Custodial Sentence

Completion of alternative punishments



Figure 2: The Spectrum of Reintegration Considerations

Survey of Individuals Deprived of Liberty:

Caribbean 2016–2019

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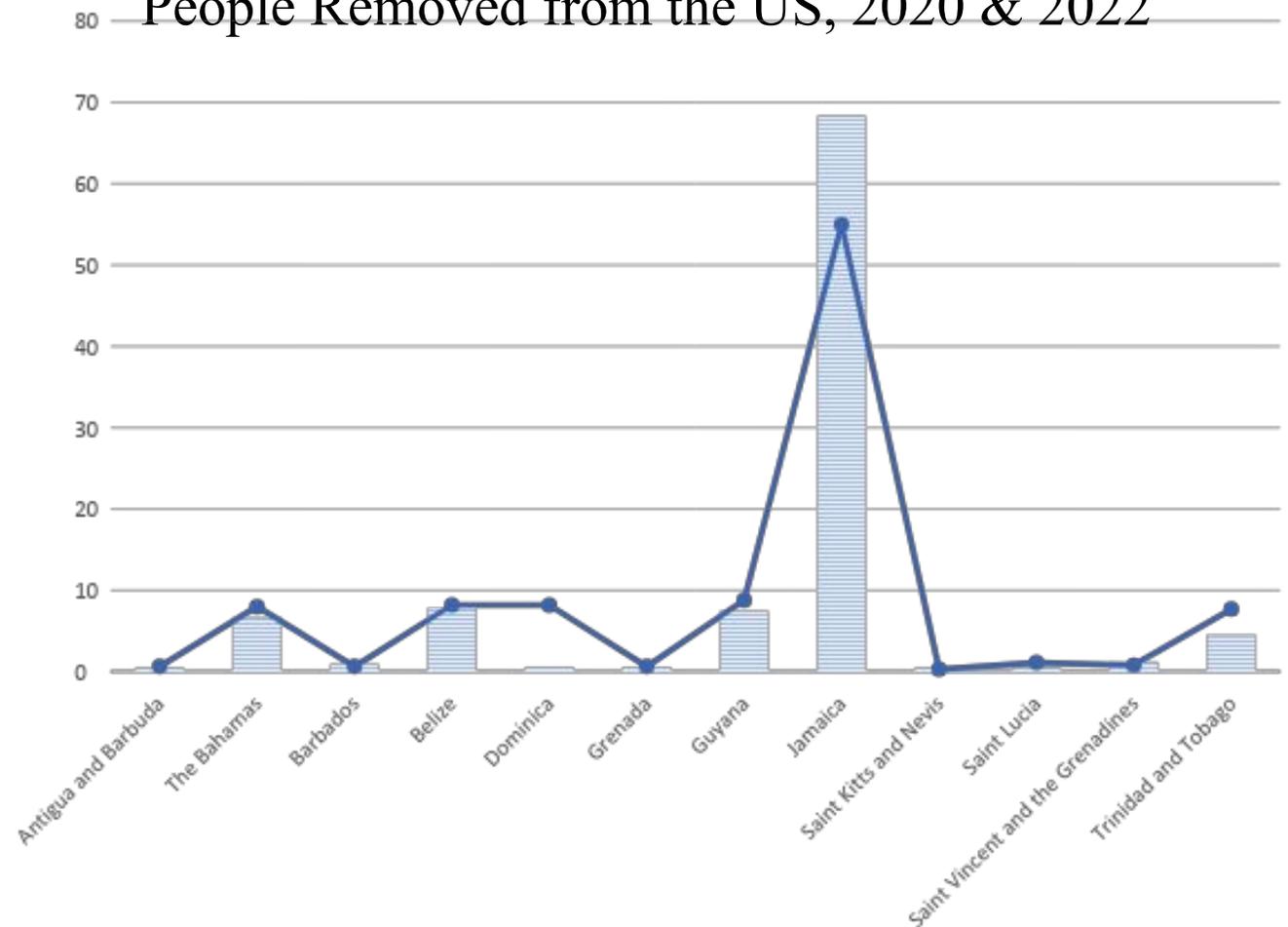
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# WHY DOES REINTEGRATION MATTER TO JAMAICAN SOCIETY?

Figure 3: Percent Distribution of Anglophone Caribbean People Removed from the US, 2020 & 2022



Sources: various



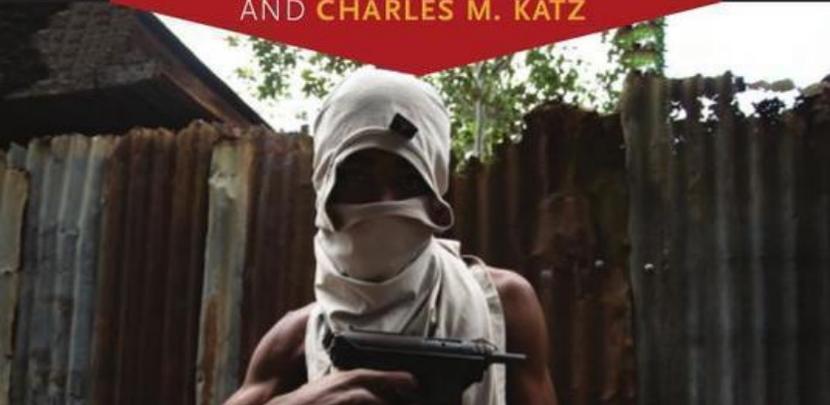
## **FROM INDIVIDUAL RISK TO COLLECTIVE OUTCOMES**

- **Employment** → community stability
- **Social inclusion** → reduced harm
- **Dignity** → compliance, trust, participation
- **Exclusion** → cycles of marginalisation

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## BEYOND SURVIVAL

- Temporary income ≠ belonging
- Short-term support ≠ social inclusion
- Compliance ≠ citizenship

Control  
in  
Jamaica

Problems of  
Reforming  
Ex-Colonial  
Constabularies





**UNODC**  
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**The United Nations  
Standard Minimum Rules for  
the Treatment of Prisoners**  
(the Nelson Mandela Rules)

# REINTEGRATION AS A MATTER OF RIGHTS

Right to belonging;

Right to dignity;

Right to non-discrimination;

Right to social protection

Right to participation and voice.

# Jamaica's National Goals and National

## Outcomes

# NATIONAL VISION

"Jamaica, the place of choice to live,  
work, raise families and do business"



Source: PIOJ (n.d.)

## TOWARDS INCLUSIVE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

### Exclusion undermines:

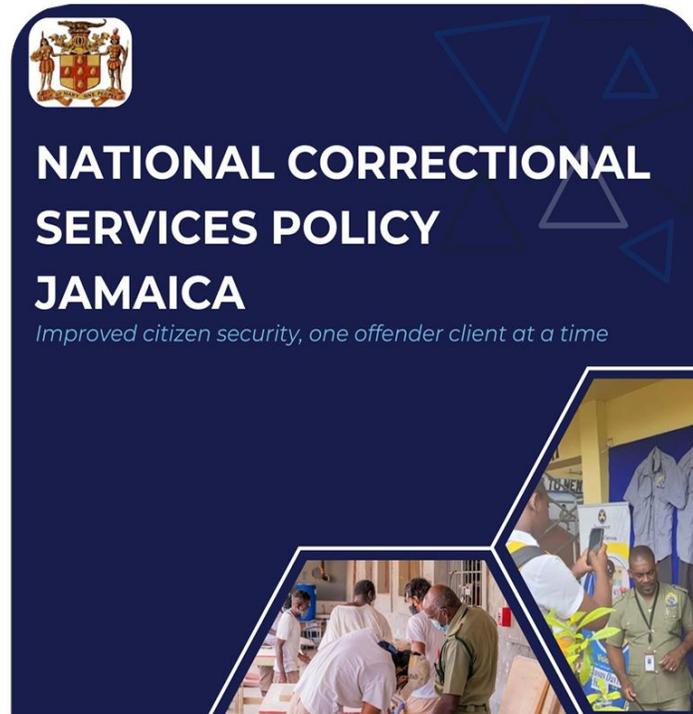
- Economic productivity;
- Social cohesion;
- Community resilience.

### Effective reintegration contributes to:

- Labour force participation;
- Reduced recidivism;
- Intergenerational stability.

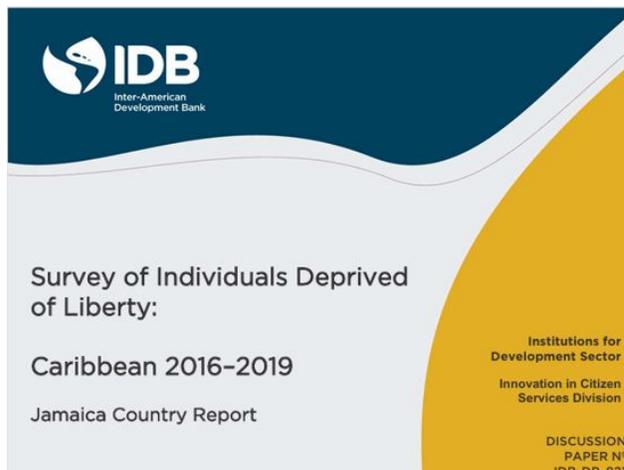
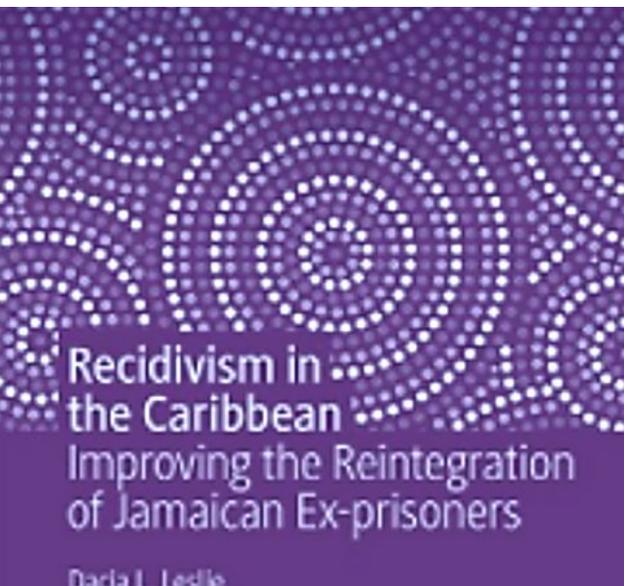
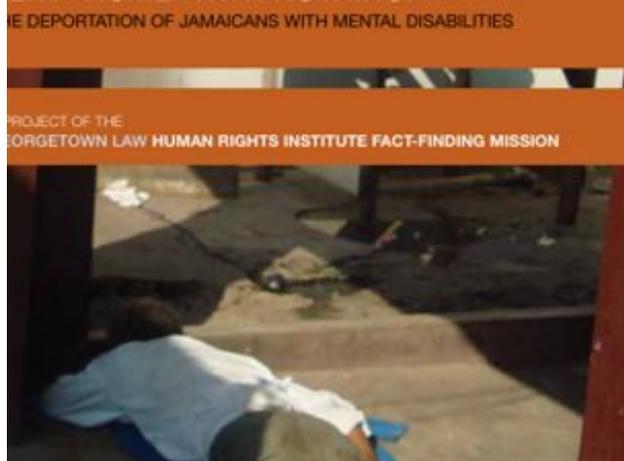
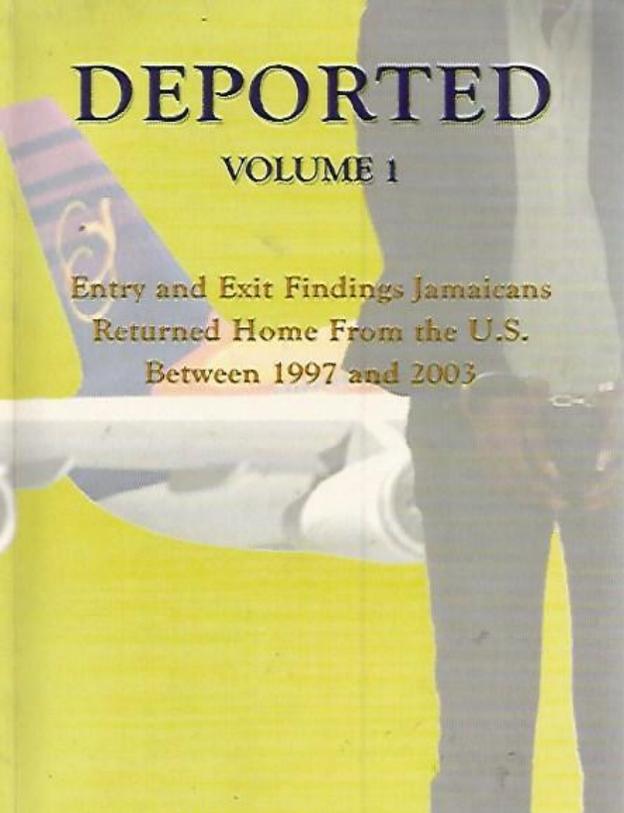
# JAMAICA'S OPPORTUNITY

- Existing policy frameworks;
- Community-based initiatives;
- Faith-based and civil society engagement;
- Growing recognition of reintegration gaps.



NATIONAL DEPORTATION POLICY:  
JAMAICA

2019-2030



# KEY GAPS

- Stigma and informal exclusion;
- Fragmented coordination;
- Limited employer engagement;
- Short funding cycles;
- Insufficient attention to families and communities.

# BRIDGING THE GAPS

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- Whole-of-society approach;
- Greater policy–practice alignment;
- Private sector as partner, not bystander;
- Community institutions as anchors;
- Effective MEAL;
- Lived experiences informing design.



# CALL TO ACTION

- From charity to shared responsibility;
- Policy courage;
- Institutional coordination;
- Community leadership;
- Long-term commitment.



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