



ACP-EU Development Minerals Programme Implemented in partnership with UNDP

RETURN TO WORK (RTW) PLAN

PROGRESS REPORT

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I. RETURN-TO-WORK PLANS

Return to Work projects are a valuable mechanism for workshop participants' personal and professional development. As part of your sponsorship, you were required to develop a return-to-work plan on a project you would undertake on your return, applying the knowledge and skills gained from workshop to influence change.

This follow-up on the progress of implementation of the return-to-work plan will be used to determine the most successful projects; and subsequently offer a number of selected participants the opportunity to attend future training events.

II. REPORTING STRUCTURE FOR RETURN-TO-WORK PLANS

To facilitate ease of reporting on the progress of your return to work project, the structure below outlines the key project elements that need to be covered. **Please submit the progress update on the Return to Work Project (RWP)** using the structure provided below.

GENERAL INFORMATION
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Brief description of the project: Standardization and dissemination of information regarding locally found materials for ceramic production.
What were the expected outcomes and what outcomes did you achieve? Expected Outcome: To develop standard clay body/bodies of international standards, utilizing locally sourced and processed materials for use in ceramic production. Achieved Outcome: Four [4] local clay bodies were fired to cone 5 to test for a high fire clay body to use in slip casting: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Golden Vale2. Askenesch3. St. Thomas

4. Hampstead

It was discovered that Golden Vale could fire to cone 5. Further tests will have to be conducted to test for shrinkage, glaze fit, and other faults and defects.

[See test result photos attached at end of document]

What were the expected outputs and what outputs did you achieve? Please be specific. For example, if you held a workshop or presentation to share the knowledge you gained during the training workshop: Where was the workshop held? When? How many people attended? What was the gender balance? Please also attach as an appendix any photos or other media.

1. **A clay body/bodies of international standard for use in ceramic production**

UPDATE: in progress. Four samples tested, 1 sample promising to use in slip casting production at high temperatures. Shrinkage and chemical composition testing to be done next.

2. **Raw materials listing and ideal uses**

UPDATE: this will commence after the testing of all the clay bodies

3. **Publicized digital geographical maps**

UPDATE: this will commence after the sampling and testing is completed

4. **Materials showcase [to be held in November]**

UPDATE: first preliminary planning meeting held August 16th 2017

5. **Training**

UPDATE: Shipping container delivered. Modifications to convert to a studio space to allow for training of the local community to start once set up is completed.

Please describe the key partnerships and collaborations that you established in your country as well as any joint collaboration with other countries

I have found the partnerships developed with the Mines and Geology department fruitful. We are VERY excited about the results of the potential of the Golden Vale clay, which will be used for the development of a slip for use in local clay production. This is especially useful to our company as it will allow us to fire along with our porcelain body, making our production more efficient [instead of doing two separate firings, we can fire both bodies in one session].

Partnership with the JBDC has also been fruitful, as they provide support needed, and encouragement. Our liaison has been keen on getting an incubator up and running, in order to assist in scaling our businesses, which will ultimately grow the industry.



What indicators of success have you achieved since the start of implementation? (Describe the indicators of success in relation to the expected outputs and outcomes)

- **Discovery and testing of local clay body for slip casting**
- **Procured shipping container to increase space and capacity for training local community**

What strategic opportunities have you acted upon that have contributed to the continued success of your project? (include linkages to sub-regional and regional agendas)

Attending ATA Market Readiness Program in NYC Aug 19-23, 2017. Will engage them on was to build the industry in Jamaica.

What opportunities opened up for you personally as a result of your RWP?

We anticipate great opportunities for revenue and sales and growth of business [HR] once we add our **PREMIUM** line of 100% products from Jamaican soil!

Please explain any problems encountered during implementation of your project, highlighting any deviations from the project plans (Describe the solutions sought for the problems and corrective actions undertaken for the deviations)

Progress has been a little slow; we only received the clay samples August 2nd, 2017. Due to the vast number of clay samples to be collected across the island. However, we are moving along and will have new products and a few clay bodies for various types of clay products.

There were some issues with getting the shipping container sooner, as Kingston Wharves had problems with clearing the volume of shipments coming into the country; therefore we had to wait until they cleared that out. We are pleased to report the container was delivered August 16th, 2017.

What specific actions have you undertaken to ensure sustainability of your project?

1. Constant communication with other artisans to ensure the testing is ongoing.
2. Constant communication with partners [Mines & Geology and JBDC] to ensure we keep on track
3. Sticking to the plan, despite set backs to ensure success of project

Please describe any future actions in the table below

ACTION PLAN

Period	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR
Activities												
Complete RWP												
Review current geological maps												
Collect samples from across the island												
Compile data analysis & create map												
Showcase												
Publish findings												
Create New products using local clay												





Figure 1: Results of cone 5 temperature test



Figure 2: Golden Vale clay body testing [slip, throwing clay, Golden Vale + St. Thomas mix]



Figure 3: 45' shipping container being hoisted into place Aug 16th, 2017

NB:

1. Please attach any evidence of commendation/award/certificate received as a result of implementing your return-to-work plan

III. SUBMISSION OF THE PROGRESS UPDATE OF THE RETURN-TO-WORK PLAN

The progress update of the Return to Work plan should be sent to:

development.minerals@undp.org.