## Jamaica's Financial Sector COVID 19 Pandemic

## Jamaica's Financial Sector History

| Started Informally<br>1700s | Colonial Bank of<br>London 1837                              | Victoria<br>Mutual <b>Building</b><br><b>Society</b> (VMBS)<br>1878 |
|-----------------------------|--|---|
| Scotiabank 1889             | 1925 Merger with<br>Barclays, Name<br>Changed to NCB<br>1977 | Credit Union 1938   |

## Financial Sector & Growth Agenda



# Challenges

| 1914 World War            | The Great<br>Depression of the<br>late 1920s | Labour Unrest of<br>the 1930s  | World War 1939-<br>1944          | Major Hurricanes<br>of 1944 & 1951              |
|---------------------------|--|--|----------------------------------|---|
| Dollar Introduced<br>1969 | Capital Flight 1970s                         | Financial Fall-Out,<br>High Interest Rates<br>& FINSAC mid –<br>late 1990s | Rapid Devaluation<br>early 2000s | Alternate<br>Investment<br>Schemes mid<br>2000s |
|                           | Financial Crisis<br>2008                     | De-Risking 2013  | <b>COVID 2019</b>                |   |

## **Financial Sector Reform**





BOJ Act 2020



| ADVANCES                                  |             |             |         |        |        |
|---|-------------|-------------|---------|--------|--------|
|   | **Mar-19    | **Mar-20    | Growth  | %Total | Busine |
|   |             |             |         |        |        |
| 1. Agriculture                            | 15,010,601  | 15,505,530  | 3.30%   | 1.79%  | 4.03   |
| 2. Mining                                 | 5,149,882   | 1,020,502   | -80.18% | 0.12%  | 0.27   |
| 3. Manufacturing                          | 31,720,601  | 34,997,912  | 10.33%  | 4.04%  | 9.11   |
| 4. Construction & Land Development        | 36,682,717  | 51,027,517  | 39.11%  | 5.90%  | 13.28  |
| 5. Financial Institutions                 | 11,007,822  | 13,858,100  | 25.89%  | 1.60%  | 3.61   |
| 6. Transport, Storage & Communication     | 13,205,941  | 19,191,065  | 45.32%  | 2.22%  | 4.99   |
| 7. Electricity, Gas & Water               | 32,076,139  | 41,821,646  | 30.38%  | 4.83%  | 10.88  |
| 8. Government Services                    | 17,504,130  | 13,887,139  | -20.66% | 1.60%  | 3.61   |
| 9. Distribution                           | 68,042,615  | 77,154,260  | 13.39%  | 8.91%  | 20.08  |
| 10. Food and Beverage Services (excluding |             |             |         |        |        |
| Tourism)                                  | 476,948     | 476,948     | 0.00%   | 0.06%  | 0.12   |
| 11. Tourism                               | 51,827,525  | 55,790,937  | 7.65%   | 6.45%  | 14.52  |
| 12. Entertainment                         | 2,135,298   | 2,485,590   | 16.40%  | 0.29%  | 0.65   |
| 13. Professional & Other Services         | 46,917,260  | 57,107,946  | 21.72%  | 6.60%  | 14.86  |
| 14. Personal (Local Residents)            | 364,450,079 | 421,494,765 | 15.65%  | 48.70% |        |
| 15. Overseas Residents                    | 47,036,197  | 59,667,870  | 26.86%  | 6.89%  |        |
| TOTAL                                     | 743,243,755 | 865,487,727 | 16.45%  |        |        |
|   | 224 757 470 | 204 225 002 |         |        |        |
| Total Business Loans                      | 331,757,479 | 384,325,092 | 15.85%  | 44.41% |        |

Source BOJ

## State Of Play March 31, 2020

### SECTOR GROWTH & FUNDING



ADJUSTMENT IN RESERVE REQUIREMENTS

### **DIVIDEND PAYMENT HALT**

## FINANCIAL SECTOR & PANDEMIC

**INCREASED REPORTING** 

MORATORIUM

SIMPLIFIED DUE DILIGENCE (KYC)

DIGITISATION



## **Financial Sector Resilience**

PRIMARY & CAPITAL ADEQUACY RATIO ABOVE STATUTORY MINIMA

### **BANKS REMAINED CAPITALIZED**

### COMPLIANCE WITH PRUDENT LIQUIDITY STANDARDS

DTI TOTAL ASSETS INCREASED BY 11.8% (J\$214.0 B) IN 2020 RELATIVE TO 10.6 % (\$173.0 B) EXPANSION IN 2019

## FINANCIAL SECTOR RESILIENC E

### Dollar Value Change in Loans by Customer Group



Source: BOJ

### FINANCIAL SECTOR MACROECONOMIC RECOVERY

#### **Tourism Sector**

Loans grew by 35.2% (2020) compared with contraction of 5.3% (2019)

#### **Entertainment Industry**

Loans grew by 17.8% (2020) relative to a decline of 10.1% (2019).

Distribution, Communication and Utilities Sectors

**Slower growth and contractions** 

Source BOJ

## FINANCIAL SECTOR MACROECONOMIC RECOVERY

### **MSME FUNDING**

• Programmes to drive financial literacy and accessing funds

#### PPP

#### • DBJ Programmes

### **FINANCIAL INNOVATION**

• Creative financing to private sector

### OUTLOOK: Financial Deepening and Innovation

Efficient electronic payments to support MSMEs

Reverse factoring electronic platform

Standardizing asset quality by incentivizing the use of independent credit ratings

Trading platform for fixed income securities

**Central Bank Digital Currency** 

## Key Take Away

Financial Sector is a consistent driver and facilitator of economic growth

GOJ is addressing weaknesses through legislative amendments

Financial Sector is generally resilient throughout the pandemic

DTIs offered moratoria, fee waivers and increased digitization

Financial Sector will work to ensure macroeconomic stability and funding support

Increase PPP to improve access to financing for MSMEs

Tiered KYC is driving financial inclusion

Post COVID 19 recovery - financial deepening and innovation

## **QUESTIONS & ANSWERS**



