

JAMAICA
STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, OPPORTUNITIES, AND
THREATS ANALYSIS

STRENGTHS	Over the past decade, and possibly longer, the Jamaican media has operated free of government controls. Both government and media believe that a free press and freedom of expression is essential for a thriving democracy. This enshrined in the Jamaican Constitution.
WEAKNESSES	Government operatives are not shy about criticising the media. Fortunately, however, no laws or regulations have been used to hamper media operations. High street crime can be a problem for the practice of journalism in some areas of the country.
OPPORTUNITIES	The government has continued to hold weekly post-Cabinet press briefings which are leading to a greater flow of State information to the media.
THREATS	A sharp rise in cases of Dengue in Jamaica could lead to the return of Covid-type restrictions which could limit contact between Government ministers and the news media. Attacks on journalists by non-State actors is creasing.

