



GREETINGS BY

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FOR

INTEGRATED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT (ICDP)

Launch in Denham Town, Hannah Town and Tivoli

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Salutations

- Honourable Julian Robinson, Minister of State in the Ministry of Science, Technology, Energy and Mining/Chairman of the Utility Regularization Committee
- Mr. Desmond McKenzie. Member of Parliament West Kingston
- Councillor Donovan Samuels – Tivoli Gardens
- Ms. Kelly Tomblin, President and Chief Executive Officer,
- Mr. Percival Stewart, Interim Executive Director National Solid Waste Management Authority (NSWMA)
- Ms. Sandra Goulbourne, Parish Manager, Social Development Commission (SDC)
- Mr. Gerald McDaniel, Communication Consultant, World Bank
- Mr. Rion Hill, JP representing Hon. Steadman Fuller, Custos Rotulorum for Kingston
- Superintendent Ryland Salmon representing SSP Michael Smith - Police Command for the Kingston, Western Division
- Ms. Audrey Williams, Principal of Denham Town High School
- Mr. Richard Troupe,, Educational Social Workforce Ministry of Education, Region One
- Community Members
- Ladies and Gentlemen

Good Morning,
I bring you greetings on behalf of the Board of Directors,
Management and Staff of the Jamaica Social Investment
Fund.

The World Bank, in collaboration with the Government of Jamaica, has approved a new project in the form of the Integrated Community Development Programme (ICDP) to address the needs of 18 communities in the island which are in critical need of development interventions. Under ICDP, funding of US\$42M has been assigned to rehabilitate roads, improve storm water drainage, install water supply and household sanitation connections and also improve electricity connections and lighting.

This project which runs from May 2014 to May 2020 also includes the rehabilitation of education facilities, the construction of mobile mediation posts and integrated

spaces and a Solid Waste Management component to beautify the local environment. Under this new initiative, residents will also participate in several social services projects aimed directly at violence prevention and reduction including mediation and counseling services, trauma responses, the training of community mediators, , education and skills training projects, summer camps as well as violence prevention projects in schools.

Today, this project, which is being implemented by the JSIF, is being launched for the communities of Denham Town, Hannah Town and Tivoli Gardens.

These communities have benefitted from several JSIF projects in the past including the rehabilitation of roads in Denham Town such as Last Street, Nuttall Street, Victoria Street and Nelson Street; the upgrade and Rehabilitation of the Charles Chin Loy Basic School , the Edward Seaga

Development Centre rehabilitation, capacity building in Hanna Town and the Construction of the Tivoli Gardens Hardcourt.

The agency has also completed the Midtown sanitation upgrading, the Rehabilitation and equipping of the Denham Town Police Station and the construction of the Regent Street SDA Basic school. More recently, in February of this year, 602 students from these communities participated in GSAT Preparation Clinics funded under the ICDP which is being launched in these communities today.

Our presence here today, however marks a departure from the implementation of one-off projects in communities as the ICDP has been designed to deliver a comprehensive menu of projects to support the holistic development of communities.

Our Partners in this venture will include (but indeed are not limited to): the Planning Institute of Jamaica, Ministry of National Security, Jamaica Public Service, National Water Commission, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Labour and Social Security, Social Development Commission, National Solid Waste Management Authority, HEART Trust/NTA, the Dispute Resolution Foundation, the National Works Agency.

Alongside several partners both at the state level and within this community, the JSIF is targeting the improvement of living conditions in Jamaican, making it a better place to live, work and raise families.

The JSIF remains guided by this goal. We look forward to your enthusiastic participation as we work together to make these three communities much better than they were before.

I thank you.