



**GREETINGS BY**

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**FOR**

**INTEGRATED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT (ICDP)**

**LAUNCH IN ANCHOVY, ST. JAMES**

**MARCH 13th, 2015**

**11:00 am**

## Salutations

- Hon. Derrick Kellier, Member of Parliament, St. James Southern
- His Worship the Mayor Cllr Glendon Harris Mayor of Montego Bay
- Mr. Joseph Williams, JP representing Custos Rotulorum of St James, Hon Ewen Corrodus
- Councillor Homer Davis - Anchovy Division
- Mr. Randy Hayle, Parish Manager - Social Development Commission
- Mrs. Roan Clennon-Powell member of the Montpelier Senior Citizens Group
- Mr. Eifert Daley – Regional Operations Manager – NSWMA
- Police Representative
- Residents
- 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.

Since 1996, the JSIF - a development agency within the Office of the Prime Minister - has been executing the Government's strategy for the upgrade of social and economic infrastructure within areas where they are most needed in Jamaica.

We are pleased to this morning to outline the latest of these ventures.

Today marks the official launch of the Integrated Community Development Project (ICDP) in Anchovy.

The programme will run from May 2014 to May 2020 with funding coming through a Government of Jamaica loan from the World Bank in the amount of US\$42million.

This represents what is truly an acceleration of work already started in the community and its neighboring districts.

In Anchovy, the JSIF has completed roads including the Arcadia to Mellerswood Feeder road, with others currently in the planning stage.

In the area of education, much work has been completed including the Cambridge infant school expansion and equipping; refurbishing of the Cambridge and Catadupa Primary schools and the equipping and expansion of Horse Guard Basic School.

The agency has also completed the repair of the Niagra and Retrieve all age schools. Other projects, including road works are in the design stage.

The new ICDP thrust includes a full menu of interventions, including both roads and schools.

Incorporating the needs expressed by community members, this new programme will tackle a number of social and environmental challenges which all are intended to create a better quality of life for all affected.

The ICDP seeks to promote public safety and provide infrastructure upgrades and social services in 18 communities across the island.

Special focus is being put on the young. The programme will provide a range of social services interventions including after-school educational and recreation projects, minor rehabilitation to school infrastructure, provision of

birth certificates, mentorship, employment and skill training opportunities for youth through partnerships with numerous entities including HEART/NTA, NSWMA, and private sector companies, support to vulnerable students and their parents.

Under the heading of infrastructure, the ICDP will deal with road rehabilitation; improving storm water drainage; and Installing water supply and sanitation household connections.

The project is being spearheaded by the JSIF, in partnership with the Ministry of National Security, National Solid Waste Management Agency and the Social Development Commission.

The JSIF will be providing maintenance training so that upgraded infrastructure can be managed on a sustainable basis, he noted.

JSIF, in continuing its work in the island's inner cities to make conditions better for every family within them.

The ICDP principally seeks to promote public safety.

Included are special Violence Interruption Programmes in communities – including mediation and counselling services and trauma responses which are expected to create a cultural change.

The Integrated Community Development is reflective of the National Vision 2030 which aims to provide a better place for Jamaicans to live, work and raise families.

The JSIF remains guided by this goal. I look forward to your full participation in the change which is coming.

I thank you