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### **JSIF BREAKFAST MEETING SERIES WITH PARISH COUNCILS**

The Jamaica Social Investment Fund (JSIF), hosted the first in a series of breakfast meetings with Parish Councils across the island. The first meeting was held at the in Montego Bay and involved the administrative staff of four (4) Parish Councils in St. James, Westmoreland and Hanover.

The objective of JSIF in engaging the secretariat of Parish Councils is to inform them of the projects that are being done in their various communities and to strengthen the partnership between the JSIF and the Parish Councils.

The meetings are being held to solidify the relationship among the Parish Councils who the JSIF must inevitably engage with, when implementing infrastructure projects in the various communities.

In addition, the officers of the councils were given details of the various project offering of JSIF so they could be better able to identify potential projects within their respective communities.

The process of accessing funding for these projects was also explained and Parish Councils were encouraged to first identify then write and submit proposals for projects they want to get underway in their various communities.

JSIF Managing Director, Omar Sweeney in his presentation pointed to the government's move to introduce a new building code which is being promulgated in Parliament.

He pointed out that when the legislation is passed there will be need for proper training in order for persons within the Parish Councils to manage the process.

Mr. Sweeney offered the support of JSIF in providing training and expertise to guide the Parish Councils in the administration of the new building code.

The next in the series of Breakfast meetings will be held in Kingston at Courtleigh Hotel on April 20 and will see the JSIF engaging with the Kingston and St Andrew Corporation (KSAC), as well as the St Catherine and Clarendon Parish Councils.

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