



Speaking Notes

For

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Managing Director, Jamaica Social Investment Fund

At

GAZETTING CEREMONY

for

ICDP-II Environmental Wardens

On March 28, 2024

At AC Hotel.

Kingston.

Salutations

Mr. Edson Carr, Projects and Planning Manager, representing
Mr. Audley Gordon- Executive Director, NSWMA

Ms. Mona Sue-Ho, Social Development Manager, Jamaica
Social Investment Fund

Ms. Celia Champagnie – ICDP II Project Manager

Members of Staff of the Jamaica Social Investment Fund

Environmental Wardens

Members of the Media

Other specially invited guests

Ladies and Gentlemen,

This afternoon we gather here to celebrate your achievements as
Community Environmental Wardens. This life changing opportunity
was made possible under the second cycle of the Government of
Jamaica's JM\$1.9 Billion funded Integrated Community
Development Project (ICDP-II) currently implemented by the
Jamaica Social Investment Fund.

The ICDP-II aims to promote public safety transformation through the provision of basic infrastructure and social services in 10 communities in the parishes of Kingston and St. Andrew, St. James, Clarendon, and Westmoreland.

The ICDP - II Solid Waste Management sub-project is designed to improve community cleanliness through public education, expose residents to sustainable solid waste management practices, promote the containerization and reduction of illegal dumping and enforce the Laws and Regulations of the NSWMA. As a result, the Environmental Wardens programme was implemented under the ICDP 2 Solid Waste Management sub-project. Under this project, the JSIF invested approximately JM\$27 million into improving these community spaces, with the beneficiary communities contributing an additional JM\$2.7 million.

A total of four hundred Environmental Wardens were trained, equipped, employed, and gazetted under the National Solid Waste Management Act. As legal Environmental Officers, these wardens are primarily responsible for promoting the

proper waste disposal in their respective communities and with oversight by the NSWMA, have the authority to issue tickets to persons who are non-compliant with the NSWMA Act.

I would like to commend our Wardens today for the work you have been doing to transform your respective communities in a relatively short time. I am very impressed by the transformation that has taken place in these spaces, and how well the level of cleanliness has been maintained. I know that your assignment has not been easy, but you were not looking for easy. You made great efforts to be effective and your effectiveness has resulted in cleaner and healthier communities in which residents are now proud to live.

We at the JSIF are delighted to be a part of this significant and critical journey and I am confident that because of its successful implementation, the ICDP-II Environmental Wardens Programme will become a game changer for waste management in the beneficiary communities.

I know that ultimately, it's up to the residents to accept personal responsibility to keep their communities beautiful, but I am extremely proud to be here today to celebrate your successes. I

would like to congratulate all of you who signed up to get your hands dirty, in order to make a difference in your communities. I urge you to continue to apply the greatest commitment, discipline and hard work that you have displayed over the last 3 years, to keeping your communities clean. We at JSIF are excited to reinforce and encourage you to continue your good practices within your communities, so that the progress that you have made will not be reversed.

Thank you on behalf of the Jamaica Social Investment Fund and best wishes.