



**GREETINGS BY**

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**FOR**

**INTEGRATED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT (ICDP)**

**Curatoe Hill/Canaan Heights, Community, Clarendon**

**Friday, March 27, 2015 @ 4:00 p.m.**

**Community Centre**

## Salutations

- **Mr. Lester Michael Henry, Member of Parliament,  
Central Clarendon**
- **Cllr Sean Barnswell, Mayor of May Pen**
- **Hon William Shagoury, Custos Rotulorum for  
Clarendon**
- **Councillor Carla Watt – Curatoe Hill/Canaan Heights  
Division**
- **Mr. Baldwin McKenzie, Parish Manager Social  
Development Commission**
- **SSP Maurice Robinson – May Pen Police**  
**Ms. Kareen Reid, Community Relation Officer , Ministry  
of Education**
- **Community Members**
- **Ladies and Gentlemen**

Good Afternoon,

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

Welcome to the launch of the Integrated Community Development Project. The project will be implemented across Eighteen communities in Jamaica and I'm happy to say that three communities in Clarendon are recipients namely Tread light, York Town and of course your community.

JSIF continues to implement projects that invest in communities so ICDP will aim to promote public safety, transforming basic infrastructure and introducing social services.

The project will also pursue rehabilitation of education facilities; and road networks, installation of water supply and household sewage connections. The construction of community integrated spaces and a Solid Waste Management component to clean up and beautify the local environment as well as provide equipment, infrastructure and training of environmental wardens which will assist in the process.

The project will also see the training of community mediators; construction of mobile mediation posts in addition to violence prevention programmes in schools.

In complement with such training, the project will additionally target the replacement of zinc fences with alternative fencing solutions; the installation of street lights and street signs and the critical component of creating recreational spaces and community parks.

Under the ICDP, a Youth Livelihood Projects will include provision of resident youth with the means to learn and sustainably earn.

The project will therefore feature Micro Enterprise Development – inclusive of training and provision of grants; other Education and Skills Training programmes for at-risk youth ; as well as training in creative industries – to include animation, entertainment and the arts.

The holistic programme design is also inclusive of youth engagement in leadership and civic projects; and Youth Recreational programmes such as after-school programmes, sports and summer camps.

We are going to this all through partnerships with organisations such as HEART Trust/NTA, the Dispute Resolution Foundation, Jamaica Public Service, National Works Agency, Ministry of Local Government and Community

Development, Ministry of Youth and Culture, Ministry of Transport, Works and Housing and the Registrar General's Department and National Solid Waste Management Authority.

It's not the first time in Canaan Heights as the JSIF has implemented a Community Development and Training Initiative in Canaan Heights which sought to bring sustainable livelihoods to families in the area.

We are seeking to ensure that those who need help most are assisted in designing a new and better tomorrow.

We look forward to your one hundred per cent participation in this initiative as we work together to reach our goal. So we call on all community members work with us that your future may be secure .

I thank you