

ACCOMPLISHMENTS & ACHIEVEMENTS

St. Paul's Chapelton Basic School Construction

The St. Paul's Chapelton Basic School in Clarendon was conducting classes for 144 students in the teacher's cottage at the Chapelton All Age School. The classrooms were overcrowded, the termite infested building had no electricity and the single toilet serving the students was out of order. As a result a Public Health Inspector had threatened to close down the school. Recognising the situation needed drastic intervention the Chapelton Police Youth Club requested assistance from the JSIF. Far from looking for a handout, the Youth Club had already taken the initiative with fundraising and was simply looking for a partner to assist them in their efforts. JSIF provided approximately J\$8 million for the construction of a five-classroom structure complete with a kitchen, canteen and sanitary facilities. In turn, the Youth Club procured desks and chairs for the classrooms as well as a stove and refrigerator for the school's kitchen and provided the services of an Employment Coordinator. The value of the community's contribution was equalled to \$450,000. In addition, the members of the Youth Club and PTA committed to undertaking fundraising



Before



In progress

activities to supplement the school's upkeep costs and are to undergo training for the maintenance of the new building.

St. Augustine Place of Safety Rehabilitation



Before



After

JSIF spent approximately \$5 million on the rehabilitation of a major section of the St. Augustine Place of Safety in Clarendon. This institution provides housing, remedial classes and skills training for young men who are wards of the State. Most of the boys at St. Augustine are from low-income households. A number of the wards had suffered at the hands of abusive parents, some were abandoned while others are orphans. St. Augustine also has boys who are delinquents sent there by the Courts or the police as well as homeless youths seeking shelter and refuge. In keeping with JSIF's mission to assist vulnerable groups, the Organisation collaborated with the Ministry of Health, specifically, the Children's Services Division. St. Augustine was originally constructed to accommodate 60 boys but had to reduce its population by 50% after a fire destroyed sections of the building in 1998. The newly renovated facility is comprised of three dormitories, a classroom, sanitary conveniences and a gymnasium. The institution can now accommodate 30 additional students.

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Belfield Farm Roads Rehabilitation

JSIF provided more than \$26 million to repair approximately 8.37 km of roadway for farming communities in Belfield, St. Mary. The community sponsor for this project was the Belfield Farmers Co-Operative. In addition to the community JSIF also partnered with the Eastern Jamaica Agricultural Support Project (EJASP), who co-financed the rehabilitation works, by funding the design, cost estimation and technical supervision inputs. Prior to JSIF's intervention only four-wheel drive vehicles could traverse the road which was the main thoroughfare linking Belfield to Port Maria, the Capital of the Parish. RADA, who also collaborated on this project, estimates that economic returns from agricultural production in Belfield can increase by as much as 50 per cent now that the roads have been repaired. In addition there will be improved ease of access for the approximately 4,000 beneficiaries.

Bellevue Basic School Completion and Equipping

In 2000 a resident of New Eden, the community in Portland where the Bellevue Basic School is located had donated land for the construction of a permanent location for the school but the structure remained unfinished. In the time being, classes were being held in a dilapidated structure with a zinc roof and unfinished concrete flooring. This was an unsuitable learning environment for the twenty-three students who were between the ages 3 – 5 years. Recognising the need for substantial financing, the Bellevue Basic School Parent Teachers Association applied to the JSIF for assistance. The completion of the school building and the construction of kitchen and sanitary facilities were financed at a cost of \$3 million. The community was responsible for clearing the site prior to the start of construction work and landscaping the school compound when the building was completed. The fact that the structure was already 60% completed demonstrated considerable initiative and commitment on the part of this community. JSIF was proud to partner with this



group and supply the needed funding to complete the project. With this new structure the children have a safe and comfortable place to learn and can now properly focus on learning.