

## WHY A SOCIAL PROTECTION NETWORK?

It has been recognized that the provision of partial or specific solutions, *per se*, does not generate an effect that contributes to overcoming critical conditions of poverty. As such, a social protection network reflects a synergetic effect produced by joining integral and complementary resources. Among the benefits that a social network offers are:

- Reduced implementation costs
- Allows for more integrated approach to social programming
- Allows for greater social impact of programmes
- Provides access to the most vulnerable, unattached youth and the disengaged

The members of the SPN were chosen based on their potential and ability to offer services that would fulfill the needs of beneficiary families in accordance with the pillars of the 'bridge.' To this end, the members of the SPN would be requested to:

- Facilitate preferential access to services for beneficiary families of the Bridge Jamaica project
- Reduce costs (where feasible) to services for beneficiary families of the Bridge Jamaica project
- Connect beneficiaries to partnering programmes (if necessary)
- Determine specific hours of engagement for beneficiaries

Further, members of the SPN will be requested to formalize their commitment to the project through the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).

The JSIF and implementing partners will:

- Coordinate the establishment of linkages in the network
- Guarantee the participation of beneficiaries in the services offered
- Provide periodic updates on the progress of the project and
- Maintain regular contact with the members of the network.

## **How will our partners benefit from participating in the Social Protection Network?**

Participation in the Social Protection Network will provide substantial benefits to your organization, including:

- Increased business opportunities through access to the “Bottom of the Pyramid”
- An opportunity to fulfill or expand your corporate social responsibility
- An opportunity to contribute to the government’s social development efforts
- An opportunity to increase corporate contact
- Inclusion on JSIF’s website as one of our valuable partners which will bring about additional exposure
- International recognition of your organization and its products and services.