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Haddington Basic School in Hanover to be expanded

Through a partnership between the Haddington Progressive Organization and the Jamaica Social Investment Fund (JSIF), rehabilitation work is about to begin on the Haddington Basic School in Hanover at a total cost of J\$29,373,130.

The community, through sweat equity and other inputs will provide \$4.8 million of the total sub-project cost. The addition of three new classrooms and other much needed facilities will benefit 57 students and three staff members directly, and also impact the wider community.

In his address as Member of Parliament for Eastern Hanover, Dr. D K Duncan lauded JSIF as an “excellent social organization and reminded the audience that education is the key.”

At the ceremony, community member and one of the signatories to the contract Courtney Hudson outlined that “this expansion has been seven years in the making but today the expansion is been realized.”

“It is particularly gratifying because this partnership along with the Caribbean Development Bank which provided the funding for this expansion under the Basic Needs Trust Fund (BNTF) demonstrates the continued commitment to community development by the government of Jamaica.”

The scope of work that will be undertaken includes upgrading of existing classrooms, construction of a covered ramp, upgrading of students bathrooms, kitchen and storage area, construction of a cafeteria and play area, fencing of the play area and installation of water storage tanks.

Additionally, classrooms, kitchen, administrative area will be equipped with furnishings. A new play area will also be constructed and equipped.

The Haddington Progressive Organization has also proposed to host a library and remedial classes for the wider population after completion.

McKenzie stated, “JSIF welcomes the community’s contribution and views this aspect of the project as the most important because it shows that you are really committed to making a difference.”

Land for expansion was sourced by the community.

The other representative who signed on behalf of the community was Mrs. Rosetta Satchwell, Principal of the Haddington Basic School. Construction and equipping is expected to be completed in four months.

Additional information on the JSIF and its subprojects can be found on the JSIF's website at www.jsif.org

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