



**HANDING OVER CEREMONY  
FRUITFUL VALE HEALTH CENTRE  
JA\$5M - REHABILITATION**

**The Fruitful Vale community is nestled in the hilly interior of Southern Portland about 9km south of Hope Bay and was recently the beneficiary of a newly reconstructed Health Care Centre at a cost of Five Million Dollars (\$5M).**

**The Jamaica Social Investment Fund (JSIF) in collaboration with The Northern Regional Health Authority of Jamaica, continue in the bid to endorse sustainable development for the country's underserved communities.**

**Speaking at the Handing Over Ceremony on Thursday June 17, Managing Director of JSIF, Scarlett Gillings remarked that "It is in recognition of this very dire situation that the Government of Jamaica through the Jamaica Social Investment Fund has been driven to make health care accessible to all and in some instances at a reduced cost. This is the reason for the establishment of the Fund as part of Government's National Poverty Alleviation Programme – to assist the underserved"**

**Given that financing is one of the major obstacles that prelude many of our needed projects, JSIF in affiliation with diverse**

**government and non-government organizations both locally and overseas, have dedicated an enormous amount of resources to ensure that areas across the island receive better Health Care facilities. Mrs. Gillings informed the gathering that since inception of the Fund in 1996, 41 Health Care Centres across Jamaica have been either repaired or constructed at a cost of over J\$260M, benefiting more than 98000 persons.**

**Also speaking at the function, Daryl Vaz, Member of Parliament for West Portland, commended The JSIF of their wonderful work in the parish and expressed his desire for the Fund to continue to see to the needs of the parish and more specifically, the reconstruction of The Fruitful Vale All Age School.**

**Greetings was also expressed by Suzette Morris, Regional Director of the NERHA who also commended the JSIF for their interest in the small community of Fruitful Vale and welcome the partnership forged and encouraged the community to maintain the facility.**

**The project involved rehabilitation works which included the demolition of the existing roof covering and frame, and replacement of timber-framing and roof sheeting, also new**

walls and partitions, chain link fencing, electrical works and painting.

The rehabilitation was funded by the Government and the World Bank under the Hurricane Dean Emergency Recovery Loan



The Fruitful Vale All Age in performance – “Our Governor General- from Fruitful Vale to Kings House”

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