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## **SCOTT'S HALL RECEIVES UPGRADED WATER SUPPLY**

KINGSTON, JAMAICA(November05, 2009)- Over 1, 075 members of the Scott's Hall community, situated in SouthEast St. Mary have recently benefited from a newly upgraded water supply which was handed over to the community on Friday, November 05, 2009.

The Jamaica Social Investment Fund (JSIF) in alliance with the Government of Jamaica/Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries, continue in the bid to endorse sustainable development for the country's underserved communities. 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 living/learning facilities.

With a total project cost of \$22, 925,422.47, this project symbolizes a stepping stone for development in another one of Jamaica's rural communities.JSIFcontributed over \$ 18 million to this project while the community provided over \$4 million which reflected 11% of the total project cost.

The upgrading of the water supply system included mechanical works for the following items of works: relaying of 50 mm diameter PVC distribution main and laterals within the community; connection of the incoming supply line from the entombment to the water storage tank;connection of the outgoing supply line from the water storage tank to the distribution main; connection of the force(pressure) pressure main to the electro-mechanical works; reinstatement of trenches, pipe surround and road surfaces; electro-mechanical works for the testing and commissioning of the water supply system, to include sterilization of both tank and water mains as well as the installation of a water filtration system. The community also benefited from

capacity building training of the sponsor body to adopt the community based contracting (CBC) approach that was used for a section of this project.

Community participation engenders a sense of achievement on the part of the local people and so, the members of the Scott's Hall community who knew what they wanted to achieve, did what they could, worked like they should to accomplished what they wanted...water in their homes. Mr. Donovan Samuels, Board member of JSIF reminded the community members of the importance of their water supply and cautioned them to use less, save more and advocate always. They were also reminded of their responsibility as citizens, to contribute to the protection and preservation of the infrastructure.

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