



GREETINGS BY

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AT

THORNTON WATER SUPPLY SPONSOR SIGNING CEREMONY

ST. THOMAS

ON

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Salutations

- Member of Parliament
- JAS Representative
- Representative
- Representative
- Chairman
- Ladies and Gentlemen
- Boys and girls

Good day to you all

Worldwide, over one billion people lack safe water, three billion lack sanitation; and eighty (80) per cent of infectious diseases are waterborne, killing millions of children each year.

This global picture brings home the importance of creating sustainable and safe water systems for our communities and homes.

Here in Thornton and surrounding areas, no water and low water-pressure have been creating serious hardship in homes and on farms.

Today, we are gathered here to seal the deal for the extension of the water system to this community.

We want to address this situation before it leads to economic and health problems we cannot control neither afford.

Even those with rubber water-tanks have been feeling the hardship.

Due to the low-water pressure, water is not able to reach these rubber water-tanks

The Jamaica Social Investment Fund is investing in this community at the request of the Thornton JAS.

The targeted population extends to communities such as Seaforth, Sunning Hill, Montpelier and Prospect.

It is estimated that 1,710 residents will benefit from the installation of a pumping unit and motor control centre, plus the laying of approximately 3600 metres of 4-inches (10 mm) diameter, ductile iron pipes which will be laid above ground with takeoff to individual homes.

This subproject is a follow up to a previous subproject, which was not able to deliver water to all the residents.

Our new venture which will be done in four (4) months will also include the installation of 14(2000-gallons Water Storage Tanks, Chlorinator, Sand Filter and necessary pipework are also included.

The St. Thomas Parish Council has also committed to take over, manage and maintain the system after the completion of the subproject.

We are able to do all of this through funding by the Caribbean Development Bank-Basic Needs Trust Fund (CDB-BNTF) with a total cost of \$12,768,920.67. The JSIF will be providing an amount of \$11,233,261.96

As part of the condition for approval of the funding, the community is required to make a minimum of 11% of the total subproject cost as contribution in cash or kind. Your community contribution is therefore expected to be in the amount of \$1,535,658.71.

This will include but is not limited to the following:

- Security of materials and machinery
- Storage for construction materials and machinery
- Plan and Organize Signing and Handing Over Ceremonies
- Clean up exercise after construction
- Employment Co-coordinator
- Site Clearance before construction
- Land for storage tanks

The sponsor signing ceremony here today, represents your commitment to do all these things and to make sure the subproject will be completed on time.

With your great desire for a more reliable source of water, we are sure that you will all pull together to make this happen.

We thank you.