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The Inner City Basic Services Project

The Inner City Basic Services Project (ICBSP), is a US \$32.8 million dollar project implemented by Jamaica Social Investment Fund (JSIF) with funding provided by the World Bank and the Government of Jamaica. It seeks to provide basic infrastructure and social services for over 60,000 residents of 12 selected communities across the parishes of Kingston, St. Andrew, St. Catherine, St. James and Clarendon.

Building Community Infrastructure

The creation and upgrading of community based infrastructure is a major component of the ICBSP. The basic Infrastructure sub-project is cost at US\$ 20 million and will finance community based infrastructure including integrated networks for water, sanitation, drainage, and roads; construction and rehabilitation of recreational facilities, replacement of zinc fencing with alternative perimeter fencing and the installation of in-house water connections. It also includes street lighting and the regularization of illegal electricity connections; strengthening solid waste collection systems



Zinc fence removal in progress at Federal Gardens

through the procurement of compactor trucks and solid waste receptacles in partnership with the NSWMA as well as technical assistance to parish councils to strengthen operations and maintenance capacity.

The Impact of Mediation



Students Performing at Level da Vibes Session

The mediation and conflict component of the ICBSP includes the hosting of Level da Vibes sessions which focus on the creative arts, music and sport to transmit messages about conflict resolution. The sessions have been successfully hosted in several communities including Flankers, March Pen, Bucknor, Central Village and Whitfield Town and have included sport competitions and clean-up and beautification campaigns in their menu of activities. Another strategy is the use of corner talks which are informal talks with community members

at which time social marketing strategies are applied. The programme also employs conflict and anger management workshops as another part of its strategy. The component depends heavily on institutional partnerships with a range of stakeholders including The Ministry of National Security, Ministry of Justice, DRF, PMI and community based organisations CBOs).



Level da Vibes Football Competition

Photo Gallery Captions

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1. Graduates displaying certificates at the completion of the Bucknor Ornamental Fish Rearing Training.

2. Dawn White, Social Services Field Officer handing a certificate to the Administrator of the Year to Natalie McDonald from Central Village at the Youth Congress Award 2011.

3. Stanley Hall, Project Manager, Jamaica Social Investment Fund Inner City Basic Services Project (ICBSP) (second left) conversing with US Ambassador, Pamela Bridgewater during a tour of the ICBSP Central Village Multi-purpose Complex sub-project. Looking on from left to right are His Excellency Hiroshi Yamaguchi, Ambassador of Japan to Jamaica; Dr. Badrul Haque, Former Special Representative to Jamaica, World Bank and His Excellency Howard Drake, British High Commissioner to Jamaica.

4. Mrs. Mona Sue-Ho, Social Development Manager shares the spotlight with the winning team in the Greater Browns Town Level da Vibes football competition.

5. Taneshia Stoney and Kerriann Wilson Social Workers present a gift basket to a participant from Tawes Meadows participating in the Bridge Jamaica Programme.

Training Youth for Employment



Mrs. Scarlette Gillings (Managing Director of JSIF) attentively watches a participant displaying how to set up the tank for fish rearing. Looking on are Omar Sweeney, Manager of Technical Services and a Community Committee member.

The Alternative Livelihood component seeks to develop human capital by supporting job creation and skills development in a range of areas including agriculture,

ornamental fish rearing, craft production and the arts.

The projects implemented are designed to address many of the risks associated youth crime

and violence. Low income, in itself, is not necessarily a cause of delinquency, however, when multiple disadvantages in health care, education, family life and leisure activities accompany poverty, the possibility of persistent and serious delinquency increases. To date, over 800 youths have benefited from services implemented in collaboration with service providers including the Jamaica Foundation for Life Long Learning, Heart Trust NTA, Cornwall Training Institute (CATI), private sponsors, CBOs among others.

Rags to Riches-The Central Village Story

The Little Lane Women's group "Rags to Riches" initiative is part of a social intervention targeting women in Central Village, St. Catherine. This is another intervention currently being implemented by the JSIF's Inner City Basic Services Project. The objective of the programme responds to high levels of youth unemployment as well as limited access to vocational skills development and apprenticeship opportunities. The overall aim of this activity is to provide

legitimate alternative activities which will assist to

reduce involvement in deviant behavior and contribute to income generation.

This programme involves continued empowerment of 20 women in Little Lane Central Village. This group promotes independence through training activities focused on life skills and entrepreneurial training as well as workshops in areas such as fashion and jewelry making, floral and gift basket arrangements and assorted crafts.



Little Lane Women's Group at Kumba Mi Yabba December 2010

Information Corner

What are the eligibility criteria for community projects?

- Project must be on the JSIF menu (i.e fall within the types of Community Projects considered for funding).
- Project must respond to a priority development need supported by the majority of the community.
- Project must be proposed by a community-based group, either on its own or in partnership with NGOs, service clubs, private sector or local government entities.
- Willingness of the community to provide a contribution to the total cost of the project in cash or kind and to maintain the facility/ services.

Central Village Project

The objective is to engage at least 60 unattached and at risk youths that fall within the 18 to 35 age group in legitimate alternative activities which will assist to reduce involvement in deviant behavior. Components include the 'Women Empowered for Change' (WEC) aimed at improving livelihoods of women through training programmes.

Other elements are environmental management and entrepreneurial development using traditional agricultural skills as alternative means of making a living.

Next Project Feature Jamaica Violence Action Fund (JAVA)



JSIF Project Report Card

as at June 2011

Approved	1385
Completed	973
Disbursed	J\$10.1B

Upcoming Events for the Month of August 2011

- ICBSP NHT August Summer Camp
- PRP II Tiverton Handing over August 23, 2011
- ERP Midtown Sanitation project Thursday, August 18, 2011



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