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The Official Community News!

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The Poverty Reduction Programme II (PRP II) is aimed at improving the socio-economic conditions and quality of life with emphasis on the promotion of community safety and the reduction of criminal behaviour in volatile and vulnerable communities.

The PRP II has been designed to contribute to the alleviation of poverty in Jamaica by increasing the participation of poor communities in choosing and implementing projects and by improving living conditions. Specifically, the programme is contributing to the improvement of the living conditions of the poor by providing access to quality basic Infrastructure and services, especially in sanitation, water and health.

The PRP II is a five year programme funded through the European Union 9th European Development Fund (EDF) and the Government of Jamaica (GOJ) which began in 2007.

The total cost of the programme is approximately EUR 11.6 million, of which EUR 10.1 million will be financed through the 9th EDF and EUR 1.5 million will be contribution from the GOJ.

GOLA: Bringing Communities Together



Windsor Heights residents playing dominoes! The eventual winner was Compound.

Gone are the days when the districts of Zambia, Sam Sharpe Square, Windsor Meadows, Hill-view, China Town and Rockland had only one thing in common – war! Today, these districts that comprise the Windsor Heights community of St. Catherine (formerly known as Sufferers Heights) are uniting to ensure that positive initiatives are taking place in their community. Under the European Union funded Grants of Low Amount (GOLA) project, the Windsor Heights Business and Sports initiative was implemented. Through this initiative aimed at generating business activity and employment as well as easing tensions amongst warring factions, the residents of Windsor Heights have made a monumental leap in community relations for themselves. For the first time in their history they are united. This fellowship was

put on displayed via the historic “Windsor Heights Sports Awards and Presentation Ceremony” which took place on a Sunday afternoon where the residents played dominoes, football, netball and had a general camaraderie.

In fact, Meagan Marston, Public Relations Officer stated “I have been living here over forty years and it’s the first I am seeing this happening”.

Meanwhile, Superintendent James Forbes of the Community Safety and Security Branch of the Jamaica Constabulary Force who was guest speaker at the function, congratulated the

residents for participating in the event and encouraged them to make it an everyday occurrence.

The business aspect of the Windsor Heights Business and Sports initiative sub-project comprise the setting up of a meat mart, outfitted with cold storage and shelf space so as to maintain a supply chain from the live-stock farm to the kitchen table for the people of Windsor Heights and the nearby community of Central Village. This business venture also



Both Football and Netball (below) games were intensely competitive during the Windsor Heights Sports Competition which saw China Town winning the Football competition and Hillview winning the Netball competition!

supports poultry, goats and pig rearing – all of which already exists in the community.

Photo Gallery Captions

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1. Children from the inner city community of Grants Pen in St. Andrew enjoying the GOLA funded “**Behavioural Modification Summer Camp 2010**” day trip at Hope Botannical Gardens. The camp sponsor was the Community Policing Consultative Committee also located in Grant’s Pen.
2. Ambassador Marco Mazzocchi Alemanni, Head of Delegation of the European Union to Jamaica (left) has the assistance of the Hon. Andrew Holness, Minister of Education in unveiling the plaque at the recently constructed and equipped four classroom block for the Grade 1 children at the Constant Spring Primary and Junior High School
3. Daval James Bell, Director/ General Manager and Karin Wilson, Programme Manager of the Area Youth Foundation accepting the recently signed Grant Contract for the implementation of the “**Step Up Inna Life: Youth Entrepreneurship and Financial Literacy Training**” project from Omar Sweeney, General Manager Technical Services, JSIF. The project is financed by the Grant of Low Amounts sub-project and has a value of \$1,145,565.
4. The Children from the Endtime Basic School in Waterhouse performing at the contract signing ceremony that will see them receiving a three (3) classroom fully equipped building with teachers’ facility and perimeter fencing valuing J\$23.4-m
5. A Police woman engaging in conversation with a little boy from the Windsor Heights community.

EU invests over J\$450-m in Jamaica’s educational facilities!



L-R: Ambassador Marco Mazzocchi Alemanni, Head of Delegation of the European Union to Jamaica speaking with students of the Maverly Primary and Junior High School while Omar Sweeney, General Manager, Technical Services, JSIF looks on.

The European Union (EU) has invested over J\$450-m in Jamaica’s education system to date. More specifically under the Poverty Reduction Programme I (PRP I) thirteen (13)

school projects were completed while under PRP II, two (2) have been completed with another 16 slated for completion by 2011. Both programmes combined will see over thirteen

thousand students and teachers benefiting directly from these grant funds.

According to Principal, Nellie Box of the Constant Spring Primary and Junior High School, where the PRP II recently funded the construction of the Grade 1 School block, “the new facilities will ensure a better teaching environment for the students and teachers”.

Indeed, the EU’s investment in Jamaica’s education system is a reflection of its commitment to utilizing education to alleviate and through PRP II, its current programme, combatting crime and violence and the promotion of public safety.

Better roads for Jarrett/Saunders Lane residents

In the 1980s, Jarrett/ Saunders Lane could be aptly described as a war zone. Fast forward to the year 2010, over thirty years later and there are still high incidences of crime and violence. Fueling the situation over the years has been a lack of access to social service and infrastructure. More specifically, the roads were in a deplorable state and this prevented easy access to and from

the community, by the relevant Social

police patrol etc.). In 2010 however, the community of Jarrett/Saunders Lane has been transformed as five roads in the community have been completely repaired.



The official handing over of the Jarrett Lane Road Upgrading project.

Service agents (garbage collection, fire service,

Today, as a result of this J\$23.7-m project funded by the Poverty Reduction Programme II, the nearly 2000 residents of this renowned East Kingston community are living in a better environment.

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.

GOLA Update

Under PRP II, the Grant of Low Amount Scheme (GOLAs) was introduced in 2010 to support Community Based Organisations (CBOs) with their small scale (< €10,000) project ideas. Among the projects implemented under GOLAs are after-school remedial projects, agricultural school-feeding projects, sporting activities and video production projects. The GOLA scheme has to date supported twenty six (26) CBO sub-projects directly targeting approximately 3,390 persons and valued at approximately €203,703 (J\$22,797,202).

JSIF Project Report Card

as at February 2011

Approved	1385
Completed	973
Disbursed	J\$10.1B

Upcoming Events for the Month of April

- BNTF Maintenance Workshop April 6—8, 2011
- REDI Tourism Outlook Seminar April 19-20, 2011
- EU PRP 2 GOLA 3 ceremony April 20, 2011
- REDI/JBDC Business Plan Training April 26-29, 2011
- Retreat Primary Handing Over April 29, 2011

Next Project Feature!

The Inner City Basic Services Project (ICBSP)



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