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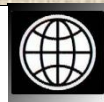
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Captions

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Commissioner Owen Ellington Commissioner of Police sits at a computer in one of the retrofitted Mobile Community Security and Resolution Centre in March Pen Nov 26th 2013 (left) Giorgio Valentini World Bank Representative , Loy Malcolm General Manager Project Management JSIF and Hon. Peter Bunting – Minister of National Security.

Caption 2

Children from the St. Michael's Infant school in Rae Town at the newly built play area which forms part of a \$21 million Sanitation and Rehabilitation Project under the Poverty Reduction Programme implemented by JSIF and funded by the Government of Jamaica and the European Union .

Caption 3

EU Ambassador Piaola Amadei cuts ribbon at the handing over of the St. Micheal's Infant school held December 15th 2013. Left Acting Principal Deverly Wilks – Kennedy, Board Chairman Dr. Anglin-Brown Board chairman and Scarlett Gillings Managing Director Jamaica Social Investment Fund.

Caption 4

JSIF Staff at the ICBSP Community Month in Trench Over 350 children came out for the Celebration of Community Month In Trench Town.

St. Catherine receives four Mobile Community Centers



Hon Peter Bunting Minister of National Security cuts the ribbon at the handing over ceremony.



Fully equipped community and dispute resolution center in March Pen St. Catherine.

The island's security and dispute resolution efforts were bolstered by the provision of Four (4) Mobile Security & Dispute Resolution Centers. They formed part of the World Bank funded Inner City Basic Services Project being implemented by the JSIF. In the immediate future, the Centers will serve 9,702 residents across St. Catherine. These retrofitted 40ft intermodal shipping containers, were undertaken at a cost of JMD 25,858,028.50. The design of the containers incorporates environmentally-friendly and self-sustaining features, including a solar system that would supplement electrical power and a self-contained sewage system. The centers will be used for administrative purposes with a new computer. The centers also have a kitchen area, a bathroom and two sets of bunk beds. The wheels attached to the centers allow for easy movement from place to place. The units also feature solar panels that allow for reduced electricity usage;

and they have a self-contained sewage system, so that no additional sanitation burden is imposed on the spaces in which they are placed. Throughout its seven years on the ground, the JSIF-implemented ICBSP has put forward interventions that contribute to increasing and maintaining community residents' feelings of safety in their own communities. To this end, we have implemented complementary interventions: mediation and conflict resolution programmes that have touched the lives of almost 8,000 beneficiaries last year alone, coupled with programmes that have increased literacy levels and provided skills training and employment for over 10,000 community members.

Inner City Basic Services Project Report Card

In March 2006, the Government of Jamaica signed a loan valued at US \$29.3M with the World Bank for the part-funding of the Inner City Basic Services Project (ICBSP) with JSIF as the implementing Agency. The Government of Jamaica also provided \$3.5M of non-loan funds, for a total project budget of \$32.8M. This project was officially launched in June 2006 and was implemented over seven (7) years, including a two year extension granted in 2011 for the project to end December 2013. The ICBSP was designed to improve access to basic services in targeted poor communities including reliable potable water, sanitation, solid waste management, road infrastructure and related community-based services in target communities. The project aimed to contribute to the reduction in the incidence of crime and violence in the targeted inner city communities and to strengthen community capacity to develop, manage and maintain basic infrastructure.

The ICBSP helped to increase coverage in poor households within the selected communities to water and sanitation facilities, solid waste collection systems, roads, electricity, and drainage and related community infrastructure; and strengthened human and social capital in poor neighborhoods through increasing community participation in the planning, delivery and maintenance of works and services.

The ICBSP has had a direct positive impact on over 62,000 ICBSP community residents, as well as an indirect positive impact on the lives of residents in the surrounding communities, who will also be able to access roads and other basic infrastructure investments. 89% of Citizens' Report Card respondents felt that the best projects were chosen for their communities. 76% believed that the community got value for money. 98% would welcome the JSIF ICBSP implementation team again in their communities.

Goal! Football Competition Unites Inner City Communities

An inter-community football competition hosted by the Inner City Basic Services Project (ICBSP), funded by both the Government of Jamaica and the World Bank and implemented by the Jamaica Social Investment Fund (JSIF), is being lauded for helping to unite residents of 12 inner-city communities.

Ms. Mona Sue-Ho, Social Development Manager of the JSIF said that the 12-month project, based on a platform of mediation and conflict resolution, sought to promote peace and public safety within the communities of Federal Gardens, Jones Town, Craig Town, Passmore Town, Whitfield Town, Shelter Rock, Knollis, Lauriston, Central



Shelter Rock display the winning trophy at the ICBSP Inter-Community Football Competition

She further noted that "football and other sports including basketball, netball and cricket were utilized under the ICBSP to

deliver life skills training which encompassed the development of a range of skills including conflict resolution and anger management, self-discipline, stress management, communication, problem solving and decision-making skills." The football competition complemented

significant contribution of the community which was valued at approximately 15% of total investment. Community's contribution was in the form of services such as community mobilization, publicity, security, clean up and beautification, provision of equipment and gears as well as discounted labour.

"Many of the participants of the ICBSP programme are now well - placed to fill vacancies for football, basketball and netball coaches, referees, field markers across the island or on the international market Ms. Sue-Ho remarked.

The ICBSP has invested in sport as a tool for community mobilization, skills training and entrepreneurship as well as to teach life skills and promote behavior change.

To date, ICBSP has investment approximately \$22 million benefitting over 5,000 direct beneficiaries to develop sport infrastructure as well as implement a range of sport related social services initiatives.



Gerald Murray Staff member of JSIF challenges a community member at the Opening football match for the ICBSP Community Football Competition .

Village, March Pen, Tawes Meadows and Flankers.

"It targeted 487 unattached males aged 13-35 years old from 12 communities many of whom were in existing conflict or tense relationship with each other Ms. Sue-Ho explained.

JSIF's past investment of over \$150 million on infrastructure which included the building and upgrading of football fields and hard courts; training and certification of individuals as referees, field markers, coaches and as well as training in basic first aid. She also applauded the

Upgraded Health Center for Golden Spring in 2014



Dr. Fenton Ferguson ,Minister of Health looks on as Rhonda Lumsden-Lue General Manager at Jamaica Social Investment Fund hands over community agreement between JSIF and the Golden Spring Community Associations for the Upgrading and Reconstruction of the Golden Spring Health Center to community members (3rd left) Derrick Simon and (1st left) Dr. Kerith Golden on December 19, 2013.

The Golden Spring Health Center in St. Andrew is set to be upgraded from a type I to a type II clinic through a Reconstruction and Upgrading project funded by the Caribbean Development Bank's Community Investment Project. (CIP)

The project, implemented by the Jamaica Social Investment Fund (JSIF) will include rehabilitation works for four examination rooms, a dressing Room, a treatment room, a public health nurse office, sterilization room, medical storage room Laundry/Utility/Storage Room, disabled-friendly bathroom, kitchen - staff lounge with kitchenette & bathrooms and 3 Emergency/Fire Exit.

The total Project cost will cost of J\$ 39,740,085.24 with the amount requested from JSIF being J\$ 35,407,003.85. The total community contribution in kind is J \$4,333,081.39.



Construction underway for the Golden Spring Health Center in West Rural St. Andrew .

JSIF Project Report Card

**Total disbursements for sub projects for the period
January – December 2013 were 2,029,699,999.02**



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