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### **Providing Critical Needs in Jamaican Communities**

The Petro Caribe Sanitation is a multi-district project that involve partners in the form of the funder PetroCaribe Development Fund, the sponsors of the project the Rotary Club of Downtown Kingston and with guidance from the Planning Institute of Jamaica's Community Renewal Programme and the 5 beneficiary communities. Through this project, JSIF is contributing to sustainable urban development which is one of the guiding principles of the Vision 2030. While this project feeds into the broader vision it is also sequential with the redevelopment plan for downtown Kingston as in effect it will improve the physical infrastructure of the implementing communities. The Jamaica Social Investment Fund first sanitation project was in 2009 and impacted over 150 direct community members and 80 indirect through the construction of the 13 units in the Midtown Communities of Kingston. At the end of the this current project, community members will be provided with maintenance and hygiene training that will equip them where necessary, with the skills to care for their new facilities. The second project which falls under the sanitation component provide other sanitation units to the communities of Jones Town and Rose Town. This project is being supervised by the JSIF and constructed by the Food for the Poor.

## **COMMUNITY BASED CONTRACTING A SUCCESS ON THE PETROCARIBE SANITATION PROJECT**



**Groundbreaking ceremony for the PetroCaribe Project with project partners such as the Jamaica Social Investment Fund, Petro Caribe Development Fund, Rotary Club of Downtown Kingston, beneficiaries and Member of Parliament Central Kingston Ronald Thwaites.**

The very first collaboration between the JSIF and the PetroCaribe Development Fund got off the ground last August with the signing of a \$200 million agreement to help fund the implementation of the PIOJ-designed Community Renewal Programme (CRP). The Community Renewal Programme (CRP) is a transformational programme that will engage the residents of the 100 most volatile communities in Jamaica's 5 most crime-affected parishes. JSIF is the implementing agency for a critical component of the CRP – the PetroCaribe Sanitation Project Phase II which is valued at approximately \$110 million. Momentum has picked up on the project and all 100 sanitation units are expected to achieve practical completion by the end of March. The 5

communities that are coming in line for attention are: Central Kingston (Rae Town and Allman Town), Hannah Town, Fletcher's Land, Denham Town and Tivoli Gardens (Mid Town). The project will directly impact 1551 residents.

The scope of works on the 100 units will include the installation of showers, toilets, face basins, laundry basins, installation of electrical fixtures and fittings and the connection of the sanitation units to existing sewer systems.

The project has another important 'first time' feature for 4 of the 5 communities, says JSIF project manager Nakia McMorris. For the first time, the Community Based Contracting (CBC) method will be used by all but 1 of the participating community agencies – the Tivoli Gardens CBC Benevolent Society engages communities to manage the construction process. This means that the community agencies will be responsible for the hiring of labour, purchasing of materials and the execution of all other phases of the project's work. On-the-ground assistance will come from The Rotary Club of Downtown Kingston, a major partner on the project.

Mrs. McMorris admits that the high level of Community Based Contracting has caused "some amount of

anxiety", especially with issues like the hiring of labour. However, great care is being taken to address this during the CBC process.

Her assessment is backed-up by Fletcher's Land Management Benevolent Society chairman Carlton Powell who credits Mrs. McMorris' people skills as the main reason that their community's construction process has been incident-free. "She knows how to explain things that people can understand and the community is unified."

When one considers the high level of responsibility placed on residents to manage the project's execution on their own, it is a small wonder, therefore, that Mrs. McMorris finds a special degree of satisfaction with how things are progressing. Of the new JSIF/Petro Caribe collaboration, Mrs. McMorris has this to say: "It's interesting to note that both Funds share objectives - poverty alleviation and the development of human capital amongst marginalized groups. So one could definitely conclude that it's a win: win relationship for us both."



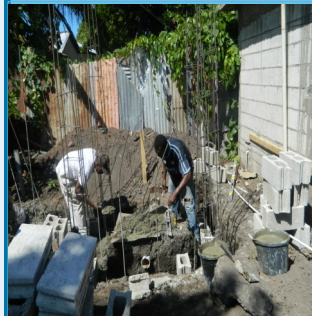
**Project Beneficiaries from Central Kingston with JSIF project team.**

## Photo Gallery Captions

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1. *Dr. Gladstone Hutchinson Director General , Planning Institute of Jamaica and Head of the Jamaica Social Investment Fund Board in an address at the signing ceremony for the Petro Caribe Project August 2011*
2. *Members of the Rotary Club of Downtown Kingston and sponsors of the sanitation project at a community based contract training.*
3. *Seated at the signing ceremony for Petro Caribe Sanitation Project (from left) Wayne Bartley, President of the Tivoli Gardens Benevolent Society, Scarlett Gillings, Managing Director JSIF, Bruce Golding Former Prime Minister, Andrea Sweeney President of Downtown Kingston Rotary Club and Sharon Weber Manager of the Petro Caribe Development Fund .Standing are Ryan Bourne General Manager for Procurement and Dawn Allison Human Resource Officer .*
4. *Honorable Ronald Thwaites Member of Parliament for Central Kingston one of the communities benefiting from the Petro Caribe Sanitation Project engaged in conversation with Omar Sweeney General Manager for Technical Services at JSIF.*
5. *Completed Sanitation Unit in Central Kingston .*

## Views From Within The PetroCaribe Project



**Community Members Constructing one of the sanitation units .**

**Wayne Bartley**  
*The Tivoli Gardens Benevolent Society*

"We want more, we want more. Come make me show you my yard", is what Bartley keeps hearing since construction kicked-off. But the most touching comment has come from a senior who pulled him aside and disclosed how much she appreciates not having to wait until the cover of dark to use the facility. Another highpoint for Bartley has been a young man's offer to 'chip in' and work for free, even though he was n't selected to work on his yard's unit. "It shows the difference the project is making in their lives", he said. "Nothing like when people feel that someone cares about them."

**Michelle Bennett**  
*The Hannah Town Community Development Committee Benevolent Society*

"The project has definitely brought out their resourcefulness", says Bennett about the citizens working with foreman Dwight Nairne, himself a resident. "Cooperation is

at such a high level that when materials went missing, once we raised an alarm they were returned the same evening; no fuss." Bennett cited another example of the community's buy-in to the project: "They were so willing that they worked on weekends, during the election period and over Christmas. They even borrowed material during the holidays, just so the work wouldn't stop".

**Carlton Powell**  
*Fletcher's Land Management Benevolent Society*

Two popular names on the lips of Fletcher's Land residents are "JSIF" and "Petro Caribe", declares Powell. "The residents really appreciate having sanitation units for the first time. One of the children said, 'Sir, we don't have to fling again; we can do things in a principled way.' Another gentleman expressed his appreciation by saying he intends to treat the unit as if it was his own money that built it. "It feels good to know they care about us", he explained.

**Charmaine Daniel**  
*The Greater Kingston Community Project Limited*

"Joy, joy and more joy is what the community feels about having their own facilities", says Daniels whose voice dips as she recalls the living conditions of some beneficiaries. "It almost brought tears to my eyes when I saw what a mother was

going through to care for her disabled child." Daniels swears that communication is the key to the project's success. "Everyone understands the concept – that it's really about creating a healthy lifestyle and giving people a little work - so they're not quick to walk off the job if things are not to their suit." Daniels is confident that the maintenance training sessions will go just as smoothly as "they're ready to take responsibility."

**Janice Collins**  
*The Denham Town Community Benevolent Society*

Community leader Janice Collins says her team will be taking on-board a number of pointers gathered from the construction of the first 2 units. "They pick up on things easy, so we know how we can move faster now; we're good to go", she says, proudly predicting the project's success because of the residents' natural abilities and 'can-do' spirit.



**Community Based Contract training with beneficiaries of 5 project communities.**

## Information

### JSIF encourages community ownership of projects

One way JSIF encourages community ownership of the project is to 'enforce' a requirement for the community to make a contribution to the project in cash or kind. At least 25% of the total contribution must result from **current collective community** action and can be:

1. Voluntary labour on the project, e.g. preparing the site for construction, mix of paid and voluntary work on site, making fittings and fixtures,
2. Volunteer time for the project e.g. attending training, meetings, ceremonies related to the project, mobilization and outreach, managing local labour arrangements,
3. Provision of services for the project e.g. storage for construction materials, clean venue for training and meetings, refreshments and accommodation, transportation,
4. Fund raising,
5. Volunteer effort on other related community development projects implemented at the same time as the JSIF project.

The other 75% can be generated by:

1. Community mobilization of donations from external organizations and individual philanthropy
2. Past construction work completed by the community on the project.

## JSIF Project Report Card

**December 2011**

**Approved 1592**

**Completed 1,052**

**Disbursed J\$11B**

## Upcoming Events for the Month of March

- US Ambassador Pamela Bridgewater to the Flankers Community Center February 29th 2012
- JSDF oversight world bank tour March 1st 2012
- PRPII Handing Over Ceremony in Effort Ville

### Next Project Feature!

### The European Union Poverty Reduction Programme (PRP 2)



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