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EU upgrades Effortville Primary in Clarendon

The Government of Jamaica through the Jamaica Social Investment Fund (JSIF) and the Poverty Reduction Programme financed by the European Union has invested of J \$27, 859,780 in the expansion of Effortville Basic School in Clarendon. Students and staff now have an additional, four new classrooms, new bathrooms, kitchen and other upgrades.

The school is situated within the urban boundaries of Central Clarendon which is about 2.7 kilometres from the town of May Pen and is home to 137 students and 5 teachers. It and can now accommodate more students in the expanded facilities.

Rhonda Lumsden-Lue, General Manager Human Resources, Administration, MIS, Communications at the JSIF said at the official handing over of the school on Thursday November 29, 2012, “we want to acknowledge the Effortville Basic School Board and Parent Teachers Association for requesting assistance to complete the construction, thereby enhancing the learning environment for the students.

“It must be noted that the administrators tried before to gain assistance through another source to renovate and expand but it was not forthcoming. This interest and passion will no doubt be transferred to the upkeep of these facilities which stand to benefit future generations.”

The project covered demolition and alteration works, construction of four new classrooms and a Covered walkway, new bathroom facilities for teachers and students, a new kitchen with adequate storage area. Construction and new installations also included and administrative area, sick bay, drinking fountain, play area, water storage tanks.

Equipping of classrooms and kitchen included the provision of 40 student tables, - 40 student metal chairs, 6 teachers table, 6 teachers upholstered chair , metal cabinets, as well as a refrigerator, deep freeze and 30" gas stove.

Mrs. Lumsden-Lue noted, “The JSIF wants to further acknowledge the community’s contribution of \$9,935,000. We view this aspect of the project as the most important because it shows that you are really committed to making a difference in your community.”

She said that the upgraded school could a catalyst for change in Central Clarendon. “The value of education can empower children to make a difference in their community.”

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