



**GREETINGS BY**

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**FOR**

**SPONSOR SIGNING CEREMONY OF**

**GREEN BOTTOM ROAD**

**AND**

**BOTTOM COLEYVILLE ROAD REHABILITATION**

**SEPTEMBER 11, 2012**

**IN**

**CHRISTIANA, MANCHESTER**

## Salutations

- Mr. Audley Shaw (Member of Parliament)
- Omar Miller (Councillor for Craighead Division)
- Rev. Dr. Donald Johnson
- Beverly Boothe Social Development Commission (SDC)
- Manchester Parish Council – Superintendent of Road &  
Works
- Community Members from both Communities

Good day to you all.

We bring you special greetings today from the chairman, board and staff of the Jamaica Social Investment Fund - JSIF.

Since our launch in 1996, JSIF has worked to address its primary mandate of providing basic services to the underserved.

In fulfillment of this mandate some 1,083 projects have been completed and over 1.6M persons in targeted communities benefitting at a cost of over \$5.6B.

As an agent of the government of Jamaica, we have completed 139 road rehabilitation projects impacting 223,157 direct users.

Today's sponsor signing represents the beginning of yet another much needed development aimed at improving public safety as well as livelihoods .

The roads in the Bottom Coleyville and Green Bottom communities have been in a deplorable state for many years.

There are sections where the surface is completely eroded rendering the road virtually impassable to vehicular traffic.

Transport for hire has largely withdrawn services from the road, while those who do traverse the road are forced to pay exorbitant fees for passage.

It is noteworthy that the projects first came to JSIF's attention by way of the Manchester Parish Council for which they are on a priority list of roads in the parish to be repaired. JSIF as an implementing agency seeks the opportunity to work with and strengthen our partnerships with not only community based organizations but local government as well.

JSIF through the Community Investment Project (CIP), of which the improvement of basic rural infrastructure is its main objective, will seek to rehabilitate approximately 1.7 km in Green Bottom and 1.6 km in Bottom Coleyville. The rehabilitation of these roads will create better socio-economic

linkages for the residents as well as links between the community and major towns.

The scope of JSIF`s intervention in these communities will include construction of V-Drains, Cross Drains and Surfacing ; in addition to the introduction of Grating Crossings and U-Drain Crossings.

Today`s projects have been made possible through funding from the Community Investment Fund. Green Bottom, at a total cost of J\$12.1 million, where the community contributes J\$1,820,000.00 - which includes administering meetings and providing employment coordination support. The project is expected to last four months.

Bottom Coleyville is being implemented at a cost of J\$17.1M and again includes yet another notable community contribution of \$1.82 million.

In the past, the residents have collaborated in bushing the road on several occasions. This community spirit will make it easier for the project to bring lasting benefits to Green Bottom and Bottom Coleyville.

In addition to the rehabilitation of the road, JSIF will provide Maintenance training that should foster greater collaboration between the community and the Parish Council in road maintenance.

We look forward to working with you.

Thank you.

