



WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

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FOR

INTEGRATED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT (ICDP)

MAXFIELD PARK

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3 pm

Salutations

- DR. HONOURABLE PETER PHILLIPS MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT EAST CENTRAL ST ANDREW.
- Dr. Hon. Peter Phillips, Member of Parliament, St. Andrew East Central
- Rev. Dr. Mark Hardy, representing Custos of Rotulorum St. Andrew, Custos Donna Parchment Brown
- Councillor Karl Blake, representing Mayor of Kingston and St. Andrew, Cllr. Angella Brown Burke
- Ms. Beverly Prince – Caretaker for St. Andrew East Central
- Ms. Jennifer Edwards – Executive Director, NSWMA
- Mr. Percival Palmer, Principal/Cordinator, Professional Development Institute, Girls Town
- Mr. Rohan Williams, President Maxfield Park CDC

Good Afternoon,

On behalf of the Jamaica Social Investment Fund, I extend warmest greetings and a heartfelt welcome to everyone to the launch of the Integrated Community Development Project in Maxfield Park.

I offer a special welcome to, Dr. the Honourable Peter Phillips who is here in his capacity as Member of Parliament East Central St Andrew.

This is our sixth community launch of the ICDP and it's important for us to continue to underscore that this project is funded by the World Bank with a US\$42M loan to the Government of Jamaica that is slated to go until May, 2020 and will support projects across eighteen communities.

This project is partner driven and so I want to acknowledge some of our key stakeholders here today. These are the

Ministry of National Security, National Solid Waste Management Agency and the Social Development Commission. We are reminded by the charges within the Millennium Development Goals (MDG) that there is hope for our communities and for a better future for all when we improve capacity at the grassroots.

I also acknowledge our community partners, the Community Based organizations and residents who will benefit from this project; we are counting on your support in order to implement this project successfully. We want to hear from you and so value your input.

This isn't our first time in this community and the JSIF over the years have implemented mostly infrastructure projects such as Melrose Primary and Junior High School Rehabilitation , Maxfield Day Care Centre Construction and

Maxfield Park Health Centre rehabilitation under –Hurricane Dean. ICDP is somewhat different from any other project that we have had in this area as it will offers a full menu of activities including social interventions such as skills training and educational programmes and an environmental component .

We at JSIF are happy to say that the partnership between the agency and these communities has received a major boost through this new World Bank Programme.

Although an overview of the project will be presented later in the programme, I want to say that this project seeks to promote public safety. A major leg will be the improvement in access to basic infrastructure such as roads, storm water drainage; sewage, water supply, household sanitation, utility regularization as well as zinc fence replacement. The project will also provide a range of social

services interventions including after-school educational and recreation projects, minor rehabilitation to school infrastructure, provision of birth certificates, mentorship, employment and skill training opportunities for youth support to vulnerable students and their parents. This will be done through partnerships with numerous entities including HEART/NTA, NSWMA, JPS and other private sector companies.

We will be investing in building the capacity of residents to manage and maintain the infrastructure constructed and rehabilitated by delivering maintenance training programmes to direct beneficiaries.

In conclusion, Ladies and Gentlemen, the Integrated Community Development is reflective of the National Vision 2030 and the Community Renewal Programme which

aims to provide a better place for Jamaicans to live, work and raise families.

The JSIF remains committed to investing in communities where resources are most needed.

As we partner together for development, we are expecting more of the outstanding community involvement that we have seen to date. Let us work together to build a better community and a better future.

I thank you