



GREETINGS BY

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FOR

ICDP Launch for the Spanish Town Central (Ellerslie Pen) community

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at 2:00 p.m.

Salutations

- **Master of Ceremonies, Ms. Dahlia Harris**
- **Miss Olivia 'Babsy' Grange - Member of Parliament, St. Catherine**
- **His Worship the Mayor Councillor Norman Scott, Mayor of Spanish Town**
- **Reverend the Honourable Jeffery Mckenzie, Custos Rotulorum, Custos of St. Catherine**
- **Councillor Kenisha Allen – Spanish Town Division**
- **Keith Garvey Vice President of Community Renewal & Energy Solutions,**
- **Mr. Gregory Prince, Parish Manager, St. Catherine –**

Social Development Commission (SDC)

- **Mr. Kareeme Morrison, Community Case Management Ministry of Education**
- **Mr. Alexander Reid , Tawes Meadows Benevolent Society**
- **Ladies and Gentlemen**

Good Afternoon.

I bring you greetings on behalf of the Board of Directors, Management and Staff of the Jamaica Social Investment Fund (JSIF).

I am pleased to see familiar faces and so many residents who have turned out to participate in this launch of the Integrated Community Development Programme (ICDP) in Central and Ellersie Pen in Spanish Town.

Our agenda today, however, is the launch of the ICDP programme; this launch represents the final; as after today the ICDO would have been officially launched for all 18 ICDP communities. What this means is that the project is now fully out of the starting blocks.

JSIF , in continuing its work in the island's inner cities launched this programme with funding of US\$42M loan from the World Bank in the first quarter 2014.

The project runs from May 2014 to May 2020. Other communities in which it has been launched are Specific communities for this ICDP intervention are York Town, Treadlight, and Curatoe Hill/Canaan Heights in Clarendon; Hannah Town, Denham Town and Tivoli Gardens in Kingston; Majesty Gardens, Wilton Gardens/Rema, Maxfield Park , Greenwich Town/Newport West and Rose Town in St. Andrew; Steer Town in St. Ann; Retirement, Anchovy, Barrett Town and Granville in St. James; and the community of Russia in Westmoreland.

The ICDP seeks to promote public safety by a dual focus on basic infrastructure and social services.

A major leg will be the improvement in access to basic infrastructure. This includes road rehabilitation; improving storm water drainage; and Installing water supply and sanitation household connections.

Under this component, the ICDP will also target improvement in legal access to the utilities i.e. water and electricity.

A critical element will be the promotion of behaviour change related to water supply, sanitation, electrical connection and solid waste management.

Under public infrastructure improvement, the project will also pursue rehabilitation of education facilities; construction of community integrated spaces and a Solid Waste Management component to clean up and beautify the local environment as well as provide equipment,

infrastructure and training of environmental wardens which will assist in the process.

Under the Public Safety element, the project will see the roll out of Violence Interruption Programmes in communities – including mediation and counselling services and trauma responses.

The third and equally integral component under the ICDP is a Youth Livelihood Projects to include provision of resident youth with the means to learn and sustainably earn.

The holistic programme design is also inclusive of youth engagement in leadership and civic projects; and Youth Recreational programmes such as after-school programmes, sports and summer camps.

Other projects being pursued by JSIF in this area of the country include the Expansion and Rehabilitation Spanish Town Primary School at a cost of \$43.4 million.

The Fund is also planning the rehabilitation of the Tawes Meadows Community Centre and Spanish Town Police Station Rehabilitation and Equipping which is now in the planning stage. Road repairs for Quarry Hill -costed at \$45 million -is also in contracting.

The ICDP, however is intended to add to quality of life changes for all. In six years time, Jamaicans will expect to see 18 communities which are significantly changed because of this initiative.

The JSIF remains guided by the goal of ensuring that those who need help most are assisted.

It is then that members of communities such as this will be able to do their part building a future of hope.

I thank you