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Over 8 Million towards building Child resilience

Jamaica Social Investment Fund and the Japanese Social Development Grant lend support to the Child Resiliency Programme operated by the Hope Wellness Centre.

On Thursday June 21st 30 students aged 8-12 years and their parents from the communities of Kintyre, August Town, Mona Commons, Mud Town, Gordon Town and Tavern completed a one year training.

Loy Malcolm JSIF General Manager for Technical Services in her greetings outlined that the “parents were so critical to the programmes’ success.” Parents were involved in a 12 monthly training that concentrated on coping skills for helping parents deal with their children especially at the adolescent stage.

The children also received a series of life skills training sessions integrated with arts and craft, drumming, dance, karate and sports. They were also given academic support to increase literacy and engaged in 20 group mentoring.

Kim Scott Project Coordinator in her opening remarks stated that the participants get along better with their parents, have better attendance at school, better attitudes at home and school and less conflict and fights. She further stated that 35 students will continue on the programme for another year.

The JSDF grant has allowed the JAVA programme to support other non-government and community based organizations in their efforts to tackle crime and violence in inner cities. The JAVA Fund has allowed the Government of Jamaica through JSIF to impact over 6000 persons between the ages 6 -25 years drawn from over 50 inner city communities along the Kingston to May Pen metropolitan corridor and St. James.

Additional information on the JSIF and its projects can be found on the JSIF's website at www.jsif.org

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