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Seven Schools now Equipped with Adequate Furniture

The European Union's supported Poverty Reduction Programme (PRP) today handed over desks and chairs for teachers and students, office furniture, and kitchen appliances to seven schools in Kingston and St. Andrew.

This initiative is valued at over twenty four (\$24 million) and was implemented by the Jamaica Social Investment Fund. The assistance was extended to include the provision of perimeter fencing to some of the schools, as well as the construction of five (5) play areas complete with the provision of play equipment (swings, jungle gyms, see-saws and slides).

Speaking at the handing over ceremony, Mrs. Scarlett Gillings Managing Director of the JSIF stated that "Over its 17 years of existence, the JSIF through donors such as the European Union has continued to invest in the upgrading, rehabilitation and construction

of early childhood and primary schools. Fully one-third of JSIF's funds are utilized in education."

She commended the active participation of the Parent Teachers Associations, the Boards and all other stakeholders who assisted with repairs over the years and called for their continued support

The seven schools that received equipment from the PRP assistance were Allman Town Primary, Melrose Infant, Primary & Junior High, St. Mary's Early Childhood Development, St. Michael's Primary, Windward Road Primary & Junior High, St. Simon's Basic, and Central Branch All Age. The direct beneficiaries of this project are 4051 students and 256 members of staff.

The PRP is funded jointly by the Government of Jamaica and the European Union.

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