

## **Social Development Update-January to March 2012**

The NHT continues to facilitate community development through its Social Development Department (SDD), which has organised a number of activities across the island. For this quarter the SDD continued to do work in the following areas: Arrears Management and Special Investigations; Environment Protection; Parish Schemes Association /Training; Community Safety & Security; Music for Social Transformation and Entrepreneurial Development.

### **Parish Schemes Association Audits & Training**

Audits for training needs were done in five (5) parishes. Based on the audit, a number of training needs have been identified, and as a result, the required training needs are being met. Among the courses being implemented for the quarter is “Participatory Planning”, where community members are developing their fundamental skills in planning and applying strategic planning principles to community planning processes. Another training course involves helping participants to know how to measure change and improvement in their communities through indicators.

“Ground Work” training is yet another course taking place. This will better equip persons to implement projects in a successful way. Persons are also being trained in Communications, as this will help them to communicate support for projects to community members and partners. Additionally, persons are being trained to implement community projects, through the use of project templates.

### **Music for Social Transformation**

Members of the Providence Heights Marching Band participated in an International Music Training workshop on Saturday, January 14 2012. The dance component of the programme commenced in March 2012.