

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT UPDATE
(General)
September 2010

1.0 INCOME GENERATION

1.1 NHT & Jamaica Business Development Company Partner to Grow Businesses



Figure 1 JBDC & NHT in St. Thomas

The Social Development Department of the NHT worked with the Jamaica Business Development Centre (JBDC) to give NHT community members the opportunity to have businesses development services provided to;

- start new businesses and
- expand existing businesses

In September 2010, 192 residents in NHT schemes participated in workshops with JBDC . The data from the assessments will form the basis of an MOU between the NHT & JBDC. Please see the results for September 2010 below;

DATE	PARSIH	# OF PARTICIPANST	NO INTERESTED	# OF EXISTING PRODUCTS
03.09.10 11.09.10	St. Thomas	38	22	17
07.09.10	ST. JAMES	15	14	5
22.09.10	KINGSTON			
	DENHAM TOWN	24	20	4
	Other	119		
TOTALS		192	56	26

1.2 Preparation for Employment

Ninety-six (96) referred for employment. Fifty (50) beneficiaries assisted with the preparation of their resumes. Awaiting confirmation on final number actual employed.

2.0

BEHAVIOUR CHANGE ACTIVITIES

2.1

Cultivating A Culture of Environmental Maintenance

Eighteen (18) additional environmental clubs formed with greater than 543 club members. For further details please see below;

Parish	Number of club in Parish	Name of Environment club
Clarendon	4	Longville Park, Bushy Park, Hayes, Mineral Heights,
Manchester	1	Greenvale
Hanover	1	Esher
Portmore	1	Armada Court
Kingston	4	Palm Grove Courts, Block J, Little King Street,
Portland	1	Woodstock
St. Mary	2	Boscobel & Tryall
St. Catherine	6	Unions Estate, Big Lane Youth, Little Lane Youth, Tawes Pen, Knollis Shelter Rock
TOTAL	18	

The NHT assisted JSIF with the formation of five (5) clubs in St. Catherine.

2.2 NHT facilitated Community Environmental Clubs Contributing to National Development

Thirteen (13) environment clubs participated in the International Beach Cleanup Day which was held on September 25, 2010 across the island. The NHT facilitated Community Environmental Clubs are contributing to national development. In July and August 2010 the Social Development Department partnered with the Jamaica Environment Trust (JET), the agency with responsibility for coordinating Jamaica's Coastal cleanup day on September 25 2010. The projects completed were as follows;

1. *Hellshire Beach (Half Moon Bay Beach)* – partnership of clubs from Portmore - Hellshire Joint clubs. RBTT's Corporate Office provided additional equipment, refreshment and personnel for this clean up.
2. *Half Moon Bay Beach, Trelawny* – partnership of clubs from Falmouth Gardens, Duncan's Hill, and Providence Heights. This is part of a 3-phased project aimed at improving the condition of the wetlands in Falmouth.

3. *Salt River Beach, Clarendon* – partnership of clubs from Longville Park, Bushy Park, Hayes Phase 2
4. *Rocky Beach, Macky Beach Cleanup, Kingston* – partnership of clubs from Manley Meadows, Monaltrie and Wicki Wacki.
5. *Hellshire Beach (Half Moon Bay Beach)* – partnership of clubs from Portmore - Hellshire Joint clubs.
6. *Half Moon Bay Beach, Trelawny* – partnership of clubs from Falmouth Gardens, Duncan’s Hill, and Providence Heights.
7. *Salt River Beach, Clarendon* – partnership of clubs from Longville Park, Bushy Park, Hayes Phase 2. Caribbean Broilers also sponsored the Longville Park club with t-shirts and refreshment.
8. *Rocky Beach, Palisadoes* - Caribbean Palms, Cooreville and Delacree Park along with JET .



Figure 2

Members of Falmouth Gardens Environmental Club taking a lunch break during Beach Clean Up

2.3 Making NHT Communities Safer via Partnership with the Jamaica Constabulary Force

70 Community Residents trained across 10 Communities & 2 New Community Safety & Security Groups Formed

Through partnership with the Community Safety Branch of the Jamaica Constabulary Force the NHT has been training community residents to do their own community safety assessments and develop the appropriate community safety and security plans. These plans are implemented by the communities through a community safety and security committee / group. This strategy was employed by the SDD as a means of helping the community residents to reduce the situations which contribute to crime and the fear of crime. In September 2010, the following was achieved;

	Parish	# of Schemes Residents Trained	# of Communities Participated in Training	No of Security Committees Established
1.	St. Elizabeth/ Manchester	15	4	0
2.	Clarendon	20	4	2
3.	St. Thomas	35	6	0
	TOTAL	70	10	2

Social Development Department has been asked by the Deputy Superintendent in Charge of Community Policing to sit on the national coordinating committee of the soon to be launched community volunteer initiative of the Jamaica Constabulary Force.

3.0 Preparation of Beneficiaries for Home Ownership

65 People Participate in Strata / Preoccupancy Training for Unions Estates

Forty-one (41) additional mortgagors and twenty-four (24) members of their households trained on September 25, 2010. The session was completed within two (2) weeks of request. Strata training is the NHT's way of introducing new homeowners to the joys and challenges of living in strata and is a precursor to the NHT's other community development activities.

4.0 PROVISION OF SUPPORT TO THE CUSTOMER RELATIONS MANAGEMENT DIVISION

Arrears & Special Investigations

- **Twenty-five (25) arrears investigation completed** within an average turnaround time of six (6) working days.
- **Sixteen (16) special investigations completed** within an average turn around time of 2 working days. None merited referral or follow-up.

OTHER

ICHP Research

SDD completed research into the social and economic standing of 358 mortgagors in arrears in ICHP.

The captioned does not include regular community engagement such as meetings which inform larger interventions.

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