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## SOUTHWEST ST. ANDREW CONSTITUENCY REPORT

2020-2021



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MP, SOUTH WEST ST. ANDREW

The 2020.2021 political year was a difficult one, we are still going through a once in a lifetime pandemic which has created even more hardships for a constituency that is already plague with high levels of poverty and unemployment.

In the midst of it all we were able to count some achievements including areas of Education, Housing, Infrastructure and Economic Empowerment.

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## EDUCATION

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### **ACADEMIC ASSISTANCE**

For the 2021/2022 school year we continued our annual back to school program one (1) million were spent for book vouchers, 1.2 Million was spent on tertiary education, \$920,000 was spent on School Tuition, \$350,000 was spent on stationary supplies and \$1.3 million was spent on the uniform program. This program provided a uniform to most students who attended the primary schools in St. Andrew Southwest. Beneficiaries were identified by the schools.

### **HEART PROGRAM**

In October 2021 we hosted the second cohort of the National Unattached Youth Program this year the program at Haile Selassie





High school and St. Andrew Technical High School. We want to express our sincere gratitude to both principals and the school administration for hosting and supporting this program. The second cohort has completed the program and is now awaiting their results. A big congratulation to the students who have successfully complete the commercial driving course and who have also secured their driver's license through the program. However, the Government has put a pause on the NUYP program while they review if it is feasible to continue with the program. In the interim HEART has started this new pilot program the HEART EU Job certification program, is a six (6) weeks training program after which the students will be sent out to do a month of work experience. Currently we have students that are being trained in three skill areas: Public room attendant, Guest room attendant and Customer service.

## **TABLETS IN SCHOOL PROGRAMS**

Many of the PATH beneficiaries at the five (5) primary schools in St. Andrew Southwest received a tablet through the E-learning Jamaica program. Some students also benefited



from the own your device program where parents were granted a twenty thousand (\$20,000.00) dollars allocation towards purchasing a device. Another 100 tablets are expected from the SERVE Jamaica tablet program.

## HOUSING

For the period September 2020 to September 2021 period over 150 persons were assisted with Housing grants. In September 2021 construction of the first house under the new social housing program, with completion expected the by November. During the upcoming months we anticipate construction on other houses to start.



# CDF ALLOCATION

The breakdown of the 20-million-dollar CDF allocation for the 2020/2021 is as follows:



# INFRASTRUCTURE

The roads repaired during the 2021-2022 political year were:

- i. Section of Brotherton Avenue
- ii. Intersection of Waltham Park Road & Spanish Town Road
- iii. Section of Waltham Park Road
- iv. Section of Payne Avenue
- v. Section of Julian Drive



## **DRAINS**

Drains cleaned across the constituency includes:

- i. Brotherton Drain
- ii. Majesty Gardens
- iii. Marcus Garvey Drain
- iv. Section of drain on East Avenue
- v. Delacree park Drain Roads



## **CHRISTMAS 2020**

For our annual Christmas program cleanup most communities saw bushing and beautification being done. Some of the major projects that took place are:

- i. Cleaning and clearing of the Tinson Pen Football field
- ii. Cleaning and clearing of Trainline
- iii. Cleaning and clearing of the circle- North/South Anderson Crescent
- iv. Open Lot of Bowens Road
- v. Cleaning & Clearing Marcus Garvey Drain

## **MAJOR DRAINS**

1. Marcus Garvey drain
2. Chinese cemetery
3. Browns Land Gully
4. Majesty Gardens
5. Sections of the Whitfield Drain

## **DC TAVARES MARKET**

In April 2021 we opened and handed over six (6) stalls at the front of the Tavares Markets allowing vendors a safe space to ply their wares. This project was done in partnership with the Tourism Product Development Company and was implemented by the Kingston and St. Andrew Municipal Corporation.



The vendors have promised to actively ensure that the space which is also the entrance of the Majesty Gardens Community will be maintained to ensure that the standard is kept.

## **TAVARES GARDENS HOMEWORK AND RESOURCE CENTER**

Through partnership with the Member of Parliament, TPDCO and KSAC the construction and installation of Southwest St. Andrew first solar powered resource center has been completed. The center will open shortly after the completion of the installation of the Air condition unit and the computers.



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# ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT

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## **ECONOMIC GRANT**

During the 2020/2021 political year over 110 persons were given an economic grant to help with their small business including grocery shops, bars, stalls, etc. Over 120 Persons were given a financial grant through the Short Term Poverty reduction program.

## **EMPLOYMENT GENERATION**

Through partnership with M&M Jamaica Ltd over 45 persons were employed for the pipe laying project on Spanish Town Road.

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# COMMUNITY

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- Four wheelchairs were distributed to seniors across the constituency
- We continue to face challenges with the lack of water supply through our pipelines and also an inadequate supply of potable water have therefore continued our Water Tank Distribution program and since January 2021 we have distributed over 56 water tanks. While this is far less than what is needed, we will continue our efforts to ensure that residents have tanks that will ease the burden of safely storing water.



- We continue to assist persons with funeral and medical grants for the year we assisted over 35 persons with funerals and over 20 persons with medical grants.

## **CARE PACKAGES**

We have continued our package Distribution programs since September 2020 to September 2021 we have distributed over 4000 packages to our seniors, shut-ins and families that are in need. This in an on-going effort.



## **COVID VACCINATIONS**



Like every other community in Jamaica, the communities in Southwest St. Andrew have been adversely impact on employment and poverty. And with vaccinations as one of the major tools

to combat the virus through the efforts of the Member of parliament Offices we have continued efforts to get persons vaccinated. We have transported over a 150 persons to be vaccinated at various centers across Kingston. We have assisted with mobilization for the vaccinations blitz at Haile Selassie High School, On Friday September 17, through partnership with Ministry of Health we hosted our first vaccination blitz we vaccinated a little under 300 persons. We continue to encourage persons to continue to get vaccinated and wear a mask.

### **SUMMER WORK**

Through partnership with SDC 20 young persons were employed for the YSEF summer programs these young persons were placed mainly in some of our Primary Schools, Haile Selassie High School, and the Member of Parliament office to gain meaningful employment.

Fifteen (15) students were also employed through the TEF Summer program.

