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**UPDATE ON THE SANITATION PROGRAMME**

**INTRODUCTION**

Members are asked to note the update on the Sanitation Programme being undertaken by the Ministry of Education (MoE).

**STATUS**

During the 2014/2015 Financial Year, the Ministry of Education (MoE) identified a remainder of one hundred and thirty (130) schools that utilized pit latrines as their main means of sanitary disposal. In 2013/2014, there were one hundred and fifty eight (158) schools utilizing pit latrines. As such, the Ministry and its partners - Jamaica Social Investment Fund (JSIF), Culture Health, Arts, Science and Education (CHASE) Fund and Food For the Poor (FFP) - through its Sanitation Programme, have been constructing modern flush systems in these schools over the past year.

**2014 / 2015 MoE/FFP SANITATION PROJECT**

Food for the Poor was awarded a contract to complete fifty (50) flush systems to the value of **Ninety Seven Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$97,500,000.00)**. The scope of works is for the construction of a five (5) seater lavatory block; construction of sewage disposal system (i.e. septic tank and tilefield) and installation of a water harvest system.

To date:

- Ten (10) of these facilities are completed
- Work is in progress at the remaining forty (40) schools. Completion and handover is projected for September, 2015.

**JAMAICA NATIONAL/FOOD FOR THE POOR**

Jamaica National donated **Six Million Dollars (\$6,000,000.00)** to construct three (3) sanitary facilities in St. Thomas at the following schools during 2014/2015.

1. Camberwell All Age School – Work in progress – 95% completed
2. Penlyne Castle Primary School – Work in progress; 70% completed
3. Woburn Lawn Primary School – Work in progress; 50%

## 2015/2016 SANITATION PROGRAMME

There are a total of **seventy-six (76)** schools that utilized pit latrine as the only means of faecal disposal. An allocation of **Seventy Million Dollars (\$70,000,000.00)** has been made in the 2015 - 2016 budgets for the Ministry's Sanitation Programme.

Through partnership with Jamaica Social Investment Fund (JSIF), Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO) and Food for the Poor (FFP), the projection for Financial Year 2015/2016 is as follows:

- **JSIF – 26 schools**

Work in progress at the following schools:

- i. Friendship Primary
- ii. Eccleston Primary
- iii. Giddy Hall Primary
- iv. Sunbury Primary
- v. Kew Park Primary

The remaining twenty one (21) projects are at the design and approval stage.

- **NGO – 4 schools**

1. Mount Mariah Primary & Infant – 90% completed
2. Pratville Primary & Infant - 50% completed
3. Ebenezer Primary - 50% completed
4. Old England Primary & Infant – 40% completed

- **MoE/FOOD FOR THE POOR – 36 schools**

It is anticipated that Food for the Poor will construct these thirty six (36) schools through a follow on contract during the current financial year (2015/2016).

- **CHASE FUND – 10 schools**

CHASE Fund has indicated its intention to fund the construction of these facilities.

At this juncture, the MoE estimates that the removal of the pit latrines will cost approximately Two Hundred and Thirty Three Million Dollars (\$233M). This should bring an end to the use of pit latrines in our schools.



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