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### **Cocoa Farmers see better times in Jubilee**

The predominantly farming community of Jubilee Town in which economic prospects have been severely hampered by the poor condition of the roadways, are in for better times with the planned improvement of access roads by the Jamaica Social Investment Fund (JSIF).

JSIF through the Caribbean Development Bank Community Investment Project will be rehabilitating 2km of the China Street to Jubilee Town Road, a thoroughfare in an advanced state of deterioration and which has not seen repairs done in over 40 years.

The road will be rehabilitated at a cost of \$ 27.21 million within a 4-month period. The completed project will see increasing of the collection of Cocoa which is the dominant crop in this community with 32,200 kg produced per annum in the community.

Ryan Bourne Acting General Manager, Procurement, at the JSIF noted at the sponsor signing event on November 28, "this project is critical as Government moves to make the Cocoa industry more profitable. It will also result in expansion in production of crops and livestock as these will be easily transported from farms to markets located in the town centers of Guys Hill and Linstead Town. "

Altogether, over 600 residents will see an improvement in their quality of life after works including resurfacing of the targeted roadway as well as construction of Cross Drains, construction of U-Drains and V-Drains and rubble walls, are completed

It is also expected that residents will experience better access to social services such as school and church in the adjoining district of Jubilee Town and will also be able to commute more easily to jobs outside of the community, Bourne pointed out

" The Jamaica Social Investment Fund is happy to be in Jubilee Town again as we previously joined with the Ministry of Education and Youth (MOE&Y) under the auspices of the Office of National Reconstruction, to effect repairs to the Jubilee Town All Age school, after the passage of Hurricane Ivan in 2004," Mr. Bourne also noted.

The residents of Jubilee are also to benefit from an Agro Business project which aims to improve output and marketing. Project Maintenance training which will be offered to the maintenance committee.

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