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### **EU funds J\$ 81 million in projects for Tivoli Gardens and Denham Town**

The European Union under its Jamaica Social Investment Fund (JSIF) implemented Poverty Reduction Programme (PRP), on Wednesday December 10 recognized three projects of total value J\$81 million for community development in Tivoli Gardens and Denham Town. Two of these projects were recently completed while the third is about to commence.

The completed projects are the West Kingston Integrated Community Space - Edward Seaga Development Centre; on which J \$30 million was spent to upgrade the facilities, and the Charles Chin Loy Basic School on which J\$19.06 million was spent to rehabilitate and expand and the facilities at the school. Both projects are in Tivoli Gardens and were completed under the Poverty Reduction Programme. Approximately ten thousand residents of Tivoli Gardens will benefit from these refurbished facilities.

Today's event also saw the signing of a contract to upgrade roads in Denham Town. The value of this contract is J\$31.02 million; and rehabilitation and expansion of and the roads to be upgraded are - Last Street, Nuttall Street, Victoria Street & Nelson Streets in Denham Town. The project to rehabilitate critical roadways will include earth works, construction of road base, kerbs and channel, drains and surfacing of roadways with asphaltic concrete. Some 1,850 residents in Denham Town who live along the roadways will benefit directly while other users of these roads will soon be able to enjoy the enhanced facilities.

Mrs. Scarlett Gillings, Managing Director of the JSIF at the handing over and signing ceremony, pointed out that the center now features, new electrical infrastructure, timber partitioning and block walls in the locker rooms, a gymnasium as well as tiled floors in the kitchen area and living quarters. She reminded that the direct beneficiaries are the football teams that use the complex as home base.

All projects involve community contribution ranging from ten to 25 per cent. The EU's PRP of the programme supports the Government of Jamaica's Community Renewal Programme (CRP), by supporting a range of infrastructure and human development projects.

Such projects, Mrs. Gillings noted, are "an important part of the European Commission's assistance to Jamaica. As noted in line with the National Programme signed in November 2008, and with the Vision 2030.

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