



GREETINGS BY

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AT THE

Handing Over Ceremony

for

Flanker Health Centre

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 01, 2021

Salutations:

- Master of Ceremonies
- Dr. the Hon. Christopher Tufton- Minister of Health
- Cllr. Joshua Cummings, from the Norwood Division,
- Bishop the Hon. Conrad Pitkin - Custos Rotulorum for the Parish of St James,
- Members of my hard-working JSIF team,
- Friends in the media
- Specially Invited Guests,
- and most especially our students who will be entering grade seven this September.

I bring you warm greetings on behalf of the Board, Management and Staff of the Jamaica Social Investment Fund.

I am honoured to be in Flanker today to demonstrate the JSIF's commitment to restore our communities to havens of hope. A year ago, the JSIF announced its intention to spearhead a Health Centre Expansion Programme, in collaboration with the Ministry of Health and Wellness, the European Union, and the residents of St. James, which would result in the rehabilitation of four health centres in this parish.

It is indeed a pleasure to have been called upon to be one of the partners on this mission, as the Government of Jamaica seeks to advance its vision for the island's public health infrastructure.

Today, the community of Flanker boasts new, modern facilities, that will provide improved quality of service and infrastructure that will make both staff and patients incredibly pleased. Through an investment of J\$47,393,120 from the fourth phase of the European Union's Poverty Reduction Programme (PRP-IV), the scope of works undertaken to improve the working and patient care environment here at the Flanker Health Centre included the construction of an office for the Health Inspector; the construction of two Consultation Rooms and two offices to accommodate a Registered Nurse and a Midwife; construction of a Treatment Room, and a Dressing Room; expansion of the Medical Storage Area, and the Waiting Area; demolition and re-construction of the existing roof; construction of a chain linked perimeter fence; construction of a driveway and parking space; construction of a

kitchenette, and the construction of three Restrooms. Maintenance training was also provided to the administrators of the facility.

With the construction of this new, modern health facility, the 14 members of staff will be better able to deliver quality service to the approximately 3000 patients who visit this Health Centre on a monthly basis.

At the JSIF, we look forward to continuing to support improved health service delivery across Jamaica, and to continue the economic and social development efforts that we started in Flanker so many years ago; to build the foundation for an improved quality of life for the residents here.

Let me remind you that this health Centre belongs to the community, so I urge the residents to take care of these facilities, so they will serve you for generations to come.

Thank you for allowing the Jamaica Social Investment Fund to play a role in the positive transformation that you will see in this community. Please stay safe and enjoy the rest of your day.