



GREETINGS BY

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TUESDAY, JUNE 19, 2012

AT THE

HANDING OVER OF A GARBAGE COMPACTOR TRUCK TO THE NSWMA

UNDER THE

ICBSP PHASE II - WASTE COLLECTION EQUIPMENT & TRAINING

NSWMA OFFICES, 61 HWT ROAD, KINGSTON 10 @ 1:30pm

Salutations:

- **The Hon. Noel Arscott** - Minister of Local Government and Community
- **Mr. Steve Ashley** – Chairman, National Solid Waste Management Authority (NSWMA)
- **Miss Jennifer Edwards** – Executive Director, National Solid Waste Management Authority (NSWMA)
- **Mr. Giorgio Valentini** - Country Head, World Bank
- **Other Members of the Board and Team of the NSWMA**
- **Members of the Media**
- **Ladies and Gentlemen**

Good Day to you all.

I bring you greetings on behalf of the board, management and staff of the Jamaica Social Investment Fund.

Today, I am very pleased to be handing over this garbage compactor truck to our valued partner, the National Solid Waste Management Authority.

The Waste Collection Equipment and Training project falls under the *Inner City Basic Services Project (ICBSP)* being implemented by the JSIF. The ICBSP is funded by the World Bank to whom we are grateful. Without the Bank's assistance we would definitely not be here today.

This garbage compactor truck is valued at approximately \$13 million, however the Bank is investing a total of \$38,856,197 in:

- 55 waste collection receptacles – which have already been handed over, as well as,

- Concrete enclosures to secure the skips and to improve the aesthetics of the communities

However, this equipment – important as it is - is just a part of the overall sanitation project. The other three components are:

- A training programme to educate residents on proper waste disposal practices
- The training and certification of 56 environmental wardens who will promote the message of environmental awareness within the communities. It should be noted that the environmental wardens will have the power to enforce regulations under the NSWMA Act
- An environmental management project called the COMCLEAN Initiative. This initiative will engage residents in a number of recycling activities such as the composting of biodegradable waste material. It will also

engage them in the planting of 200 fruit and ornamental trees as well as cash crop production on unused lands within the communities.

This sanitation project will go a long way towards improving the social conditions of residents in all 9 ICBSP target communities: **Federal Gardens, Jones Town, Africa/March Pen, Whitfield Town, Passmore Town, Shelter Rock, Central Village, Knollis, Lauriston, Tawes Meadows, Flankers and Bucknor.**

We at JSIF also regard it as an important opportunity to fulfill the mandate given to us by the Government of Jamaica to improve the economic outlook of our poorest citizens as a healthy environment is **fundamental** to development.

In closing, please accept my thanks for your cooperation on this most critical of projects. We look forward to its successful completion.

My very best wishes to you all as, together, we seek to uplift the lives of our nation's most needy.

Thank you.