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On Monday November 7, the JSIF will be rolling out its SUPER 18 Zik-V intervention under the Integrated Community Development Project, ICDP funded through a \$US 42 million loan by the World Bank to the Jamaican Government.

Approximately 45,434,220 JMD is being provided for the Zik-V programme, which will aid greatly in controlling the spread of the Zika Virus and other vector borne diseases in 30 communities across Jamaica. The parishes of Kingston and St Andrew, St. Catherine, Clarendon, St Ann, St James and Westmoreland will be targeted.

The programme will run from November 7, 2016 to January 20, 2017. Three hundred and sixty five (365) residents have been given training, certification and temporary employment as community Vector Control Aide- Zika Warriors. They will be responsible for clean-up of the communities; identification and destruction of mosquito breeding sites; distribution of mosquito bed nets to pregnant households, water storage drum covers, and Zik-V awareness information; conducting community Zik-V surveys; and organizing white waste clean-up events.

The project will also include the support for a solid waste management and Zik-V awareness programme in 20 primary schools and the provision of tools and equipment for Vector Control Aide to perform clean-up and sensitization activities. Improvement in solid waste management infrastructure will also be targeted in some areas.

The Ministry of Health, National Solid Waste Management Authority, HEART Trust NTA and several community base organization are partnering for the ZIK-V eradication project which is estimated to directly benefit 140, 000 persons and indirectly benefit the entire Jamaica from the potentially positive environmental

impacts of the project including the reduction in disease impact on the health of the population and the associated implications for GDP.

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