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Water is Life for 1,710 Residents in St. Thomas

Approximately 1,710 residents of Thornton, Sunning Hill, Seaforth, Mt. Pelier and Prospect in St. Thomas are beneficiaries of a water supply, booster station and tank valued at JMD \$34million . This was funded through the Caribbean Development Bank’s Basic Needs Trust Fund which is implemented by JSIF.

Speaking at the handing over ceremony of the Water Supply Project, Scarlett Gillings Managing Director at JSIF said that the project specifically speaks to Outcome 1 of the Vision 2030 about a Healthy and Stable Population. “The project facilitates increased access of residents in rural community to safe potable water which is a direct mitigating strategy against illnesses due to water borne diseases.”

The project involved the installation of a pumping unit and motor control centre and also the laying of approximately 3600m of ductile iron pipeline, with takeoff to individual homes.

Gillings further stated that “the project was a community partnership with residents of Thornton assisting in site clearance before construction, securing and storage of materials and machinery, clean up after construction and provision of

land for the storage tank site while the Parish Council ensured proper supervision of the project.”

The Basic Needs Trust Fund (BNTF) programme represents the flagship poverty reduction of the Caribbean Development. It is a community development programme that supports health, education, water and sanitation, access and economic activities through skills training, organisational development and infrastructure and services

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