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Grace Kennedy Public-Private Partnership

BACKGROUND

Contractor(s)/Grantee(s): Grace and Staff Community Development Foundation

Duration: 2012 – 2014

Total Projected Investment: \$448,021

Funding Source: CBSI

Objective:

This Public-Private Partnership seeks to reduce violence and crime in at-risk communities by increasing youth leadership through education. This will be done through:

- Improved computer-based learning and training programs for youth and adults;
- Remedial homework support and GSAT/CXC test preparation;
- Skills training and workforce development; and
- Establishment of a Science, Technology, Engineering and Math Center (STEM); and
- Improved coordination of government agencies and other private service providers;



About Grace and Staff Community Development Foundation:

The Grace and Staff Community Development Foundation was established in 1979 in response to the social and economic conditions existing in inner city communities. It is a joint project between management and staff, to facilitate the development of communities that border GraceKennedy's offices.



Project Status:

The project aims to improve equitable access to education, providing safe access to schools for students, and carry out conflict prevention and mitigation through conflict sensitive education and remedial programs and community engagement. The education target is a 20% improvement in academic performance of students in targeted subject areas to assist with accessing available workforce opportunities. Specifically, the program supports four homework centers through the use of technology (including the installation of over 70 computers). Approximately, 400 students (ages 10-25) use the centers on a daily basis. The project also launched a Science, Technology, Engineering and Math Center in one of the at-risk communities in Central Kingston with the aim of creating opportunities not only for learning (especially in the areas of science and technology) but also for creativity and innovation. More than 50 at-risk, unattached youth are also provided with skills training through education and workforce development and are certified at the end of their tenure.