



Southern Regional
Health Authority

A Photo Story
Southern Regional Health Authority
Achievements
2017 to January 2023



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Mission Statement

“To enable the health and well-being of the residents in Clarendon, Manchester and St. Elizabeth by providing access to quality healthcare through a sustainable and responsive healthcare delivery system that is family-centered, customer-focused and stakeholder-driven”.

Vision Statement

“Healthy people in healthy families,
in a clean and safe environment”.

Core Values

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| C | Compassion |
| A | Accountability |
| R | Respect |
| E | Efficiency |

Messages



As a board, charged to manage the business of the Southern Regional Health Authority (SRHA), we are cognizant of the strategic value of health to the transformation of the Jamaican society and in restructuring the social landscape of the country. The board also recognizes the critical role the authority has to play in this transformational process. With this in mind, we have taken a hands-on and innovative approach to managing the business of the SRHA.

Though the SRHA has experienced challenging times, close collaboration between the authority and the board of directors, resulted in the SRHA being able to manage the challenges, while making significant advances.

Several initiatives by the SRHA to improve the quality of healthcare within the region and the operations of the public health facilities must be lauded and acknowledged. The gains made, are a result of the hard work, dedication and innovativeness of past and present employees who continue to give their best, despite the challenges of the health sector. As an authority, keen on improving the delivery of healthcare in the southern region, the SRHA has been providing the platforms to support a well-trained and dedicated cadre of healthcare professionals.

The board recognizes and supports the efforts of the authority and the dedicated staff members, as we strive to provide a closer linkage between the effective delivery and management of healthcare to the people of Manchester, Clarendon and St. Elizabeth.

I am pleased that I have been able to witness first-hand a team of healthcare workers who dug into a reservoir of will, innovation, insight and experience, in order to rise above the challenges. The SRHA has done well over the years and the board of directors commends the solid performance.

Mr. Wayne Chen, JP

Chairman

Southern Regional Health Authority

Messages



The Southern Regional Health Authority (SRHA), which is mandated by the Ministry of Health & Wellness (MOHW) to “enable the health and well-being of residents in Clarendon, Manchester and St. Elizabeth”, has been providing access to quality healthcare through a sustainable and responsive health care delivery system that is family centered, customer-focused and stakeholder-driven.

Without a doubt, there have been several challenges; however, the authority, through its creative and diligent employees, have been able to manage the challenges and provide care to our valued patients and customers. It is encouraging to see the SRHA making improvements in several areas, despite the dynamic health environment and the challenging fiscal space, in which we have to operate.

The authority continues to recognize that effective and quality healthcare is not only the onus of the MOHW, the SRHA or its staff members, but that of all Jamaicans, which makes partnership critical to our functions and successes.

The SRHA is grateful for the local and overseas partnerships and associations that have been forged and nurtured over the years. We have benefitted tremendously, whether it is through gifts, monies, resources or health missions. These measures of support have helped to champion our causes in the interest of the health and wellness of our population.

I therefore wish to express sincere gratitude to our board of directors, management team and staff, partners and the MOHW, whose combined efforts allow us to meet the needs of the customers we serve.

Mr. Michael Bent

Regional Director

Southern Regional Health Authority

The Southern Regional Health Authority Story

The Southern Regional Health Authority (SRHA) is a statutory body of the Ministry of Health & Wellness, which delivers healthcare to more than 600,000 residents in the parishes of Manchester, Clarendon and St. Elizabeth. It is the second largest of the four Regional Health Authorities in Jamaica.

The Regional Health Authorities were formed in 1997 under the National Health Services Act, which was aimed at improving the management of healthcare facilities and bringing accountability to the local level. The Regional Health Authority is managed by a Board of Management, along with the Regional Director, who is responsible for the daily management of the region.

The SRHA has a staff complement of more than 3000 employees and administers 74 health centres, five hospitals and one community hospital. The hospitals include the Mandeville Regional Hospital- Type B, the Percy Junor Hospital-Type C, the May Pen Hospital-Type B, the Lionel Town Hospital-Type C, the Black River Hospital-Type C and the Chapeltown Community Hospital.





Development Through

Innovation & Creativity



Conversion of Buses into Ambulances Results in Millions in Savings

The Southern Regional Health Authority (SRHA) has been lauded for its innovative initiative of converting and customizing new mini-buses into ambulances, resulting in millions in savings.

SRHA Fleet Coordinator, Robert Robinson conceptualized the initiative in 2016 and explained that a new ambulance would cost \$14 million with a delivery time of six months; however, the retrofitted ambulances have a shortened delivery time of eight weeks.

Each retrofitted ambulance is equipped with: a heart monitor, a dash cam, stainless hand wash sink with soap dispenser, suction machines, ECG machine, stainless steel dustbin, fog lamps, emergency lights, double nurses seats, fire extinguisher, oxygen, bench, stretcher, storage area, non-stick flooring, inverter; in addition to storage cupboards. The specifications were added following consultation with the primary users of the ambulances and are expected to give at least 10 years of good service.

Since 2016, nine ambulances have been retrofitted, resulting in more than \$25 million in savings. This brings the total amount in the fleet to 17 ambulances.



The converted ambulances which were retrofitted in 2016



The interior of one of the retrofitted ambulances.



Three of the ambulances which were customized in 2022.



SRHA Fleet Coordinator, Mr. Robert Robinson, who conceptualized the customization of the ambulances, is pictured here after explaining the features of the ambulances.

Unique Health Fair for Pregnant Women Making Strides

An antenatal health fair, dubbed Pregnant Mothers Advancing Through Education (PREGMATE), by the Manchester Midwives Association, and the only one of its kind in Jamaica, has been making great strides in empowering pregnant women to take charge of their reproductive health.

The initiative was developed out of the need to educate pregnant women, as there was an increase in areas of concern in pregnancy including anemia, hypertension, dental care and nutrition. The pregnant women are exposed to several topics including: the importance of dental hygiene in pregnancy, postpartum depression, naming and registration of babies, foetal growth and development, pre-eclampsia and eclampsia, complimentary feeding and the importance of exercise in pregnancy.



Some of the members of the Manchester Midwives Association.



Pregnant women enjoy a physical activity session.



Midwife at the Manchester Health Department and Coordinator of PREGMATE, Petal McNally accepts a donation for pregnant mothers from Lasco's Product Detailing Representative, Jodi-Ann Mullings.



Women listen intently to one of the educational sessions at the antenatal health fair.

SRHA Promoting Good Oral Health for More Than 20 Years

For more than 20 years, the Southern Regional Health Authority (SRHA) has been staging an oral health competition, instilling a culture of good oral health practices among students.

Each year, the dental teams in the parishes of Manchester, Clarendon and St Elizabeth work with several schools at the primary and secondary levels to promote good oral health education among students. The students are evaluated through exciting quiz, poster, dub poetry and deejay competitions annually in October. Through these competitions, the SRHA dental teams have seen an increased awareness about oral health among students, which have translated into good practices within their families.



Students participating in the oral health competition.



One of the pieces in the poster competition.



A team of dental nurses from the Manchester Health Department.

St. Elizabeth Fathers Get Platform to Recognize, Mentor and Equip Them With Better Parenting Skills

The St. Elizabeth Health Department (SEHD) has been providing a platform for fathers to equip them with better parenting skills, mentorship opportunities and recognition for playing an invaluable role in the lives of their children.

The initiative is the brainchild of Parish Medical Social Worker from the SEHD, Paul Smith, who explained that the forum has been highlighting the excellent work of fathers and also improving the performance of other fathers who need help. He added that based on the evidences of various studies which have shown the impact of fatherlessness on society, fathers who are playing their roles must be found, acknowledged and empowered. A support group and mentorship programme has been formed to support the fathers who need assistance.



Highlights from the Fathers of Excellence Forum.



233 Units Collected at MRH Blood Drive: 'RideWise' Campaign Launched

Two hundred and thirty three units of blood were collected at the 'One Love, One Blood' donation drive, staged by the Mandeville Regional Hospital (MRH) in Manchester, the largest single day blood donation drive in Jamaica, held on February 7, 2018.

The donation drive was more than an effort to solicit blood and was largely about behaviour change, encouraging consistent voluntary blood donation to improve supplies and reducing the demand for blood caused by preventable motor vehicle accidents and motor cyclists.

It was also used to launch the 'RideWise' Safe Biking campaign for motor cyclists, which encourages safe use of the road and wearing of appropriate protective gear in addition to educating donors and the youth as the next generation needed to bring about a long-term change in their perspective.



Highlights from the 'One Love, One Blood' donation drive.

Patients Welcome Laparoscopic Surgeries

Patients in the southern region have welcomed laparoscopic surgeries which are now being offered by the Southern Regional Health Authority, as part of its strategic plan to continuously improve the delivery of quality and advanced healthcare to patients.

Laparoscopic surgery or minimally invasive surgery is a modern surgical technique in which operations in the abdomen are performed through small incisions, rather than the larger incisions needed in open surgery. With the advances in surgical principles and techniques, laparoscopic surgery is considered the standard of care and is being offered at the Mandeville Regional and Percy Junor hospitals in Manchester, the May Pen Hospital in Clarendon and the Black River Hospital in St. Elizabeth; following the acquisition of four state-of-the-art high definition laparoscopic towers.



Bilateral inguinal hernia surgery being performed at the Mandeville Regional Hospital.



Laparoscopic surgery in progress at the Percy Junor Hospital.



A laparoscopic tower at the Mandeville Regional Hospital.

212 Students, 52 Teachers Trained as Ambassadors for Healthier Lifestyle in Schools

Two hundred and twelve students and 52 teachers from the parishes of Clarendon, St. Elizabeth and Manchester are now trained ambassadors who will strengthen the capacity of their schools to become a healthier setting for working and learning.

One hundred and seventeen students and 25 teachers from 29 high schools were trained, while 95 students and 25 teachers were trained from 14 primary schools in April 2019. The ambassadors were trained as part of the Jamaica Moves in Schools programme, which is a partnership between the Ministries of Health and Education, through the Jamaica Moves initiative. As ambassadors the students and teachers will now strengthen the health capacity of their schools through a programme designed by the Ministries of Health and Education.



Highlights from the Jamaica Moves in Schools Ambassadors Camp.

Stroke Registry & Support Services Now Available for Central Jamaica

The Percy Junor Hospital (PJH) in north east Manchester has launched its revolutionary stroke registry and support services, aimed at capturing vital information to inform policy and treatment decisions and also to provide support for families in caring for relatives diagnosed with stroke.

The stroke registry will be placed in the accident and emergency department and once a patient is assessed and given the tentative diagnosis and if they are experiencing a stroke for the first time, their information will be collated and entered into the registry. This will be an ongoing research and over time, the data will be analyzed to ascertain the types of trends and patterns associated with the condition. Meetings will be held to provide caregivers and family members with counselling and other services in caring for their family members diagnosed with stroke.

It was launched on Friday, June 28, 2019 on the hospital's compound.



Physiotherapist at the PJH, Roosevelt Carty (2nd left) presents the stroke registry to Minister of Health & Wellness, Dr. Christopher Tufton (right). Looking on are: SRHA Vice Chairman, Michael Stern, (left) and board member, Dr. St. Aubyn Bartlett.

The stroke registry and commemorative plaque.



Public Health Inspectors Partner with Chinese Nationals to Enhance Food Safety

The Public Health Inspectors (PHI) in Clarendon have initiated a programme that trains Chinese nationals and their Jamaican workers in food safety, in order to improve the standards in their establishments.

Normally persons who work in food establishments would take a test for the food handler's permit, but for the Chinese nationals, the language barrier has been playing a part in maintaining satisfactory levels of food safety compliance.

With this programme, the Chinese nationals and their Jamaican workers were trained in areas of personal hygiene, food protection, proper hand washing, solid waste management, food storage, pest control, general sanitation, bathroom cleanliness, food handler's dress, workplace ethics, interpersonal relationships and handling language barriers.



Photo highlights from the food safety workshop.

\$8 Million in Restraints for Mentally Challenged Clients

The Southern Regional Health Authority (SRHA) has procured 50 sets of pinel restraints valued at \$8 million, to restrain mentally ill patients in a more compassionate manner for their safety and those around them.

The restraints were acquired and allocated in March 2021 to the SRHA's five major hospitals and major health centres. The crisis response buses in each parish have also been outfitted with restraints. Before the acquisition of the restraints, less ideal methods were used to restrain mentally challenged patients; however, these restraints will provide involuntary confinement and restrict the movement of patients in a more compassionate manner for their safety and those around them for a limited amount of time.



(Left to right) Lionel Town Hospital (LTH) Nurse Ward Manager Donnett Cameron; Then SRHA Acting Regional Mental Health Officer, Karen Elliott; LTH Director of Nursing Services, Nichola Fowler-Higgins and Acting Nurse Manager Ann-Marie Nolan-Robinson are pictured here after the handing over of restraints to the hospital.



Then SRHA Acting Regional Mental Health Officer, Karen Elliott (right) presents the restraints to Director of Nursing Services at the May Pen Hospital, Yvonne Brown Smith.

Then SRHA Acting Regional Mental Health Officer, Karen Elliott (left) presents the restraints to Director of Nursing Services, Maria Stampp for the Black River Hospital (right). Photographed also are (back-left to right)-Psychiatric Nursing Aides- Omar Daley, Denetra Tucker-Steele and Patrick Henry.



MRH Now Certified Baby Friendly Breastfeeding Training Room Opened

Children born or cared for at the Mandeville Regional Hospital in Manchester are in for the best developmental support, with the institution now internationally certified as a Baby Friendly Hospital.

To be baby friendly means giving every baby the best start in life by creating a healthcare environment that supports breastfeeding. This is part of the Government's thrust to provide a framework that enables mothers to acquire the skills they need to breastfeed exclusively for the first six months of their babies' lives. The official ceremony was held on July 29, 2022.

Previously in 2018, the hospital opened a breastfeeding training room to assist all mothers who deliver at the hospital with support and training in the proper breastfeeding techniques. This will be facilitated by staff members who completed hours of training to enhance the support and training to mothers.



Minister of Health and Wellness, Dr. the Hon. Christopher Tufton (third left), along with Minister of State in the Ministry, Hon. Juliet Cuthbert-Flynn (second left), and then Director of the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), Dr. Carissa Etienne (third right), celebrate the accreditation of the Mandeville Regional Hospital as a Baby Friendly Hospital during a ceremony at the institution in Manchester. Others (from left) are United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), Representative in Jamaica, Mariko Kagoshima; Director of Nursing Services at the hospital, Saidie Williams-Allen; and Chief Executive Officer of the hospital, Alwyn Miller.



Consultant in obstetrics and gynaecology at department the Mandeville Regional Hospital (MRH), Dr. Donna-Marie Gray-Henry (right) gives breastfeeding tips to new mother Simone McLeod in the breastfeeding training room.



The breastfeeding training room.

Software Applications Created Internally to Boost Operations

The Information, Communication and Technology (ICT) branch of the Southern Regional Health Authority created several application softwares to manage and assist with the smooth running of the authority's roles and responsibilities.

The applications include: the Fleet Management System, designed to track and monitor all activities relating to each vehicle in the fleet; the Inventory Management System which manages all the inventory sundry items in a facility, so as to manage reporting and ensuring that inventory items are always available. Additionally, the Human Resources Indexing System was developed for the Human Resources (HR) department to manage staff files, allowing the officers to easily file and retrieve a record from the system. Also, the HR Travel Register was designed to assist the accounts, payroll and HR departments in managing all the information relating to the vehicles of travelling officers.

The MISSY system was developed to manage all the activities of the ICT department and includes requisition management, inventory management, ID system management and other features. Also, the Appointment Systems Login System was designed to provide a platform for clinicians, records management staff and patients to interface in making appointments electronically which provides better control of the clinics.



Some of the software applications.



Staff Embrace Healthcare Workers Appreciation Month Celebration

July 2022 was recognised as Healthcare Workers Appreciation Month, under the theme, “Honouring Commitment, Service & Sacrifice”; and healthcare workers across the island were recognised and celebrated during the month. The Southern Regional Health Authority (SRHA) planned several activities of appreciation and celebration for its more than 3000 staff members.

The celebration began with a church service which was also used to recognize the work and memory of seven staff members who died as a result of COVID-19. Their family members and friends were present to receive a plaque of recognition. Wednesday, July 13 was celebrated and recognized as Healthcare Workers Appreciation Day and the SRHA planned activities of appreciation for all its facilities across the three parishes.

Additionally, the SRHA awarded and recognized more than 200 donors who supported the region particularly during the pandemic at an awards ceremony. The activities culminated with a regional sports day and concert with staff members competing in several activities including netball, football, dominoes, cheerleading, track and other events



Photos of some of the Healthcare Workers Appreciation Month activities.



Partnerships



Mandeville Hospital Benefits From Manchester Wellness Foundation

The Mandeville Regional Hospital has been the beneficiary of several pieces of equipment donated by the Manchester Wellness Foundation.

In 2017, the foundation donated equipment valued at \$823,000.00 to the hospital's Ear, Nose and Throat (ENT) department which enables clinicians to remove foreign objects from the oesophagus. In 2019, the group handed over a surgical microscope to the ENT department valued at \$3.1 million which will help to treat the condition, serous otitis media with effusion; which is commonly known as glue ears and affects learning. This impacts a large number of children in the southern region.

Additionally, the foundation donated a resectoscope, used in prostate and bladder surgeries, valued at \$1.1 million in 2022. The equipment and its accessories are used for most of the endoscopic surgeries performed in the urology department and is absent in many hospitals.



Members of the Manchester Wellness Foundation and the MRH pictured here with the surgical microscope.

Consultant at the ENT department of the Mandeville Regional Hospital, Dr. Andrew Manning (left) demonstrates the use of one of the several pieces of equipment while Senior Medical Officer at the MRH, Dr. Everton McIntosh looks on.

Consultant Urologist at the MRH, Dr. K. Sean Jones (2nd right) receives the resectoscope from the Manchester Wellness Foundation which will be used in prostate and bladder surgeries. Participating in the handover also are: CEO for the facility, Mr. Alwyn Miller (right) and directors of the Manchester Wellness Foundation, Roydell Williams (left) and Valrie Tomlinson.



Black River Hospital Foundation Launched Land Donated to Hospital to Boost Development

The Black River Hospital Foundation was officially launched on Thursday, December 7, 2017 to advance and support public healthcare in St. Elizabeth.

During the launch ceremony on the lawns of the hospital, an estimated \$3 million was pledged to construct a private wing at the Type C facility. The private wing was targeted as one of the first tasks of the foundation, which can be used to fill the gaps or offset costs associated with the provision of universal access to healthcare.

Also, in 2017, the hospital received 5.0627 hectares of land valued at \$8.6 million from retired nurse now living overseas, Ms. Tatleen Vassell. The land, which is located in Cheltenham, near New Market in St. Elizabeth, is one of the single largest donations to the hospital and will be factored into the hospital's developmental plan. Ms. Vassell noted that her family also has a long history of contributing to the hospital.



Minister of Health, Dr. Christopher Tufton lauds the members of the Black River Hospital Foundation during the launch ceremony in December 2017.



Ms. Tatleen Vassell (3rd right) receives a plaque of appreciation from the BRH administrators (left to right); then Director of Nursing Services, Ms. Novellette Robinson; CEO, Mrs. Diana Brown-Miller and then acting Senior Medical Officer, Dr. Sheriff Imoru. Photographed also are Ms. Vassell's great grandchildren, John Nuovo (right), Janda Nuvo (2nd right) and granddaughter, April Nuovo (partially hidden-back).

May Pen Hospital to Save Millions Annually From New AC System

The Petroleum Corporation of Jamaica carried out an air-conditioning overhaul at the May Pen Hospital in Clarendon at a cost of approximately \$73.6 million. The project, under the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Programme will reduce the facility's electricity consumption for cooling by 20 per cent, with annual savings of approximately \$5.2 million.

The project was officially handed over on May 9, 2019 and involved the installation of a modern, energy-efficient cooling system at the accident and emergency department, which will ensure that this section of the hospital meets the compliance standards for fresh air. Another cooling system was installed at the offices of the Clarendon Health Department.

The multifaceted intervention will provide greater comfort for patients and staff and compliments the Health & Wellness Ministry's Compassionate Care Programme.



Then Minister of Science, Energy and Technology, Fayval Williams (left) cuts the ribbon to unveil a plaque installed on the administrative building at the May Pen Hospital in Clarendon, to signal the completion of the energy efficient air conditioning system.



Highlights from the handover ceremony.

Ginger Hill Health Centre Adopted

The Ginger Hill Health Centre in St. Elizabeth, which serves some 2000 persons annually, has been adopted by the National Supply Foundation, under the Ministry of Health and Wellness Adopt-A-Clinic programme. A Memorandum of Understanding was signed on Friday, August 14, 2020 by the National Supply Foundation to support the facility to the tune of \$3 million for three years.

The Chen See family, owners of the National Supply Company Limited has connections with the Ginger Hill community as the patriarch of the family had settled and raised his family in the community. The clinic, which was built in 1960 offers several services including: child health, family planning, antenatal, postnatal, nutrition and monitoring support, immunization, mental health, dressing and pap smear.



Minister of Health and Wellness, Dr. Christopher Tufton (right-seated), signs the Memorandum of Understanding to signal the commitment of the National Supply Foundation to adopt the Ginger Hill Health Centre in St. Elizabeth. Benefactor of the foundation, Nigel Chen See (seated-left) signed on behalf of the foundation. Participating in the signing also are: (standing left to right) Regional

Technical Director for the Southern Regional Health Authority (SRHA), Dr. Vitillius Holder, benefactor of the foundation Donovan Chen See, Parish Manager for the St. Elizabeth Health Services, Sean Brissett and Regional Director for the SRHA, Michael Bent.



Highlights from the ceremony.

Custos Shagoury Gives Generously to Clarendon Health Team

The Clarendon Health Services (CHS) in Clarendon has benefitted from more than \$4 million in donation, from Custos Rotulorum of Clarendon, Hon. William 'Billy' Shagoury, to support the fight against the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19).

Previously, the Custos donated to the CHS, the May Pen Hospital and May Pen Health Centre in Clarendon 32,000 surgical and N95 masks, two tables, 16 chairs, two recliners and four thermometers. Custos Shagoury also donated gowns, a microwave and care packages for the mentally ill persons in the parish and food items for staff. Five thousand masks were also shared with the Clarendon police to assist with their fight against the pandemic.

Custos Shagoury, who used his personal funds, explained that he has always recognized the importance of healthcare workers and supporting them with needed resources.



Custos Shagoury (right) receives a plaque of appreciation from Medical Officer at the Clarendon Health Department, Dr. Crystal Maragh at an appreciation ceremony held in his honour in November 2020.

Some of the items that Custos Shagoury donated.



Front-line Healthcare Workers Gifted US\$25,000

Businesswoman and philanthropist Beverly Nichols through her Push-Start Foundation gifted 74 frontline healthcare workers, islandwide, and who were directly involved in the fight against COVID-19, with US\$25,000, for their personal use.

Ms. Nichols explained that in April 2020 after the effects of the global COVID-19 pandemic started to impact Jamaica, she observed how corporate America was showing their appreciation to frontline workers and decided to do something similar.

Seventy-four health care workers received the US\$25,000 at a virtual handover ceremony on Friday, February 12, 2021. Two doctors, four nurses and 17 support staff from the Southern Regional Health Authority were gifted with the cash donation.

Ms. Nichols also donated US\$1 million in 2018 for major expansion and upgrade of the Chapelton Community Hospital in Clarendon.



SRHA Regional Director, Michael Bent (left) presents the cheque from Ms. Beverly Nichols to SRHA Regional Medical Epidemiologist, Dr. Fatoumata Fadji Sylla- Roberts.



Patient Care Assistant from the Chapelton Community Hospital in Clarendon, Tyniel Sweeney (right) accepts her cheque from SRHA Regional Director, Michael Bent, presented on behalf of donor, Beverly Nichols.



SRHA Regional Director, Michael Bent (left) presents a cheque on behalf of donor, Beverly Nichols to Male Attendant at the St. Elizabeth Health Department, Martin McLeish.



Service Delivery Boosted by

EQUIPMENT & SUPPLIES



Gifts for Mandeville Regional Hospital

The Mandeville Regional Hospital (MRH) in Manchester was the beneficiary of a state-of-the-art anaesthetic machine valued at \$4 million, which was handed over on November 14, 2017. The machine was donated to the MRH by the CHASE Fund and the Rotary Club of Mandeville in association with the Church Teachers' College.

This life-saving machine, which is critical to safe surgical procedures will boost the quality of service to patients and enable the hospital to improve their response to patients.

In 2019, the hospital also received two operating theatre stretchers, one desktop autoclave, six infusion pumps, one cardiac monitor and two vital signs monitors, valued at \$4,052,000 from the Guardian Group Foundation which used proceeds from its "Keep it Alive" 5K Night Runs. The donation was made on January 21, 2019.



Consultant and Head of Department for Anaesthetics at the Mandeville Regional Hospital, Dr. Leighton Wynter (centre) explains the function of the state-of-the-art anaesthetic machine. Photographed also are: CEO of the CHASE Fund, Mr. W. Billy Heaven (left) and District Governor of Rotary International District, Dr. Patrick Adizua.

Acting CEO of the Mandeville Regional Hospital (MRH), Marcia Francis (3rd right), accepts a donation of equipment valued at \$4,052,000 from President of Guardian Life Limited, Eric Hosin (centre). Also in the photo are (left to right) Regional Technical Director for the Southern Regional Health Authority, Dr. Vitillius Holder; Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon at the MRH, Dr. Kevin Jones; Vice President, Individual Life Sales, Guardian Group, Glendon Gordon; Branch Manager of Guardian Life Mandeville, Winsome Singh and Manager of Physiotherapy Services at the MRH, Denzil Williams.



May Pen Hospital Receives Essential Equipment

The May Pen Hospital in Clarendon received medical equipment and supplies from bauxite/alumina company, Jamalco, valued at US\$80,000.00 on May 8, 2018.

The supplies and medical equipment included: emergency patient stretcher trolleys, hand drills, four orthopaedic beds and mattresses, 31 pieces of orthopaedic equipment and accompanying accessories, and two pelvic-reduction clamps.

On September 5, 2019, the hospital also received a digital mobile C-arm machine, valued at J\$10 million, through grant funding from the Japanese government under the Grass-roots Human Security Project.

A C-arm machine is an imaging scanner intensifier which has radiographic capabilities, though it is used primarily for fluoroscopic intraoperative imaging during surgical, orthopaedic and emergency-care procedures. It is an essential part of the contemporary practice of orthopaedic surgery, with its use being standard of care in performing a majority of surgeries.



Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon at the May Pen Hospital (MPH), Dr. Safiya Franklyn (right) explains to Minister of Health & Wellness, Dr. Christopher Tufton (centre) and Member of Parliament for Central Clarendon, Hon. Lester 'Mike' Henry, the functions of the medical equipment and supplies.



Minister of Health and Wellness, Dr. Christopher Tufton (left) Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon at the May Pen Hospital (MPH), Dr. Safiya Franklyn examine the C-arm machine donated by the Japanese Government.

Eight Hospitals Benefit From More Than \$15 Million in Hospital Supplies

Eight hospitals across Jamaica have benefitted from \$15.3 million in hospital supplies from New York based philanthropist Bill Tingling, through his MedGive Corporation.

The hospitals include the Percy Junor and Mandeville Regional hospitals and the Hargreaves Memorial Hospital in Manchester, the Cornwall Regional Hospital in St. James, the Savanna-la-Mar Hospital in Westmoreland, the Noel Holmes Hospital in Hanover and the Kingston Public Hospital and Andrews Memorial Hospital in Kingston.

The supplies, which include: 120 buckets of assorted surgical instruments and 50 boxes of bard foley catheters were officially handed over on Thursday, July 23, 2020.



Mervon Russell (2nd right) representing donor, New York based philanthropist Bill Tingling, through his MedGive Corporation hands over \$15.3 million in hospital supplies to eight hospitals across Jamaica. Regional Director for the Southern Regional Health Authority, Michael Bent (right), Senior Medical Officer, Dr. Everton McIntosh (2nd left) and Director of Nursing Services, Saidie Williams Allen from the Mandeville Regional Hospital, accept the donation.



Some of the donated surgical instruments.

BRH Benefits From Medical Equipment & Cash Donation

The Black River Hospital (BRH) in St. Elizabeth received a donation of medical equipment, valued at \$2.9 million, from the Faculty of Medical Sciences, University of the West Indies, Mona (UWI, Mona), Medical Class of 2019. The donation which includes a defibrillator, two transport stretchers, a plaster saw, a diagnostic set, 3 forceps and a digital paediatric scale, was handed over to the facility on September 26, 2020.

The hospital also received US\$15,000 to construct a well needed porte cochère at the accident and emergency department to aid in the removal of patients from vehicles when it rains. A porte cochère is a roofed structure extending from the entrance of a building over an adjacent driveway and sheltering those getting in or out of vehicles.

The donation was made possible by Dave Johnson, a Jamaican from the Arlington District in St. Elizabeth who resides in the United States of America. The cheque was handed over in May 2021.



Senior Medical Officer at the BRH, Dr. Sheriff Imoru (left) accepts the donation of medical supplies and equipment from benefactors of the 2019 graduating class, Dr. Geneille Williams (centre) and Dr. Romario Whyte.



CEO for the Black River Hospital, Diana Brown-Miller (3rd right) accepts the cheque of US\$15,000 from Peggy Ewen, family friend of donor Dave Johnson (left), while Senior Medical Officer for the hospital, Dr. Sheriff Imoru (2nd right) and Parish Manager for the St. Elizabeth Health Services, Sean Brissett look on.

Gifts for Percy Junor Hospital

The Percy Junor Hospital (PJH) in Manchester was gifted with a new operating theatre bed valued at US\$10,250, which will boost the facility's capacity to perform the 600 operations it does annually.

The bed, which was received in November 2021, was donated by the Rachael Dixon Memorial Fund and has become the hospital's primary and major operating theatre bed which will be used daily for emergency and elective surgeries.

The hospital also received a high-flow nasal cannula machine valued at US\$10,000, to support COVID-19 patients who need oxygen, particularly during a surge in cases. This life-saving machine, which gives patients oxygen under a high flow rate and at a warm temperature, which is easier for the body to absorb, was donated by retired American businesswoman Cynthia Johnston and handed over to the hospital on Tuesday, January 18, 2022.



The new operating theatre bed.



(Left to right): Health Director from the Jamaica Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, Dr. Dudley Hosin; PJH Director of Nursing Services, Jacqueline Pennicook; PJH Senior Medical Officer, Dr. Carlos Wilson and Parish Manager for the Clarendon Health Services, Joseph Grant are pictured here after the handing over of the high-flow nasal cannula machine to support COVID-19 patients who need oxygen.



Retired American businesswoman Cynthia Johnston, who joined the handover virtually.

Digital X-Ray System Boosting Quality & Efficient Diagnostic Services

The Southern Regional Health Authority (SRHA) acquired a digital x-ray system valued at \$65.3 million, with funding support from the CHASE Fund, which will be utilized at the Authority's main hospitals (Black River, Mandeville Regional, Percy Junor, and the May Pen hospitals, in addition to the primary Type 3 health centres.

There are several benefits to be derived including faster image acquisition and better workflow, superior image quality, post processing, patients being exposed to less radiation, better monitoring of patient radiation dose, reduced operation cost, faster image distribution, in addition to not needing a filing room for film storage.

The SRHA is dedicated to providing the highest level of patient care by utilizing advanced diagnostic equipment at its facilities.



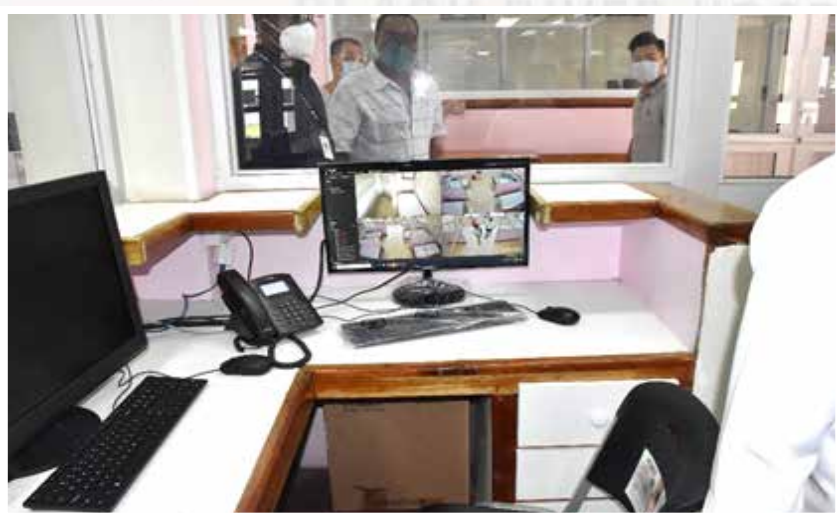
The digital x-ray system.

CCTV Cameras for SRHA Hospitals

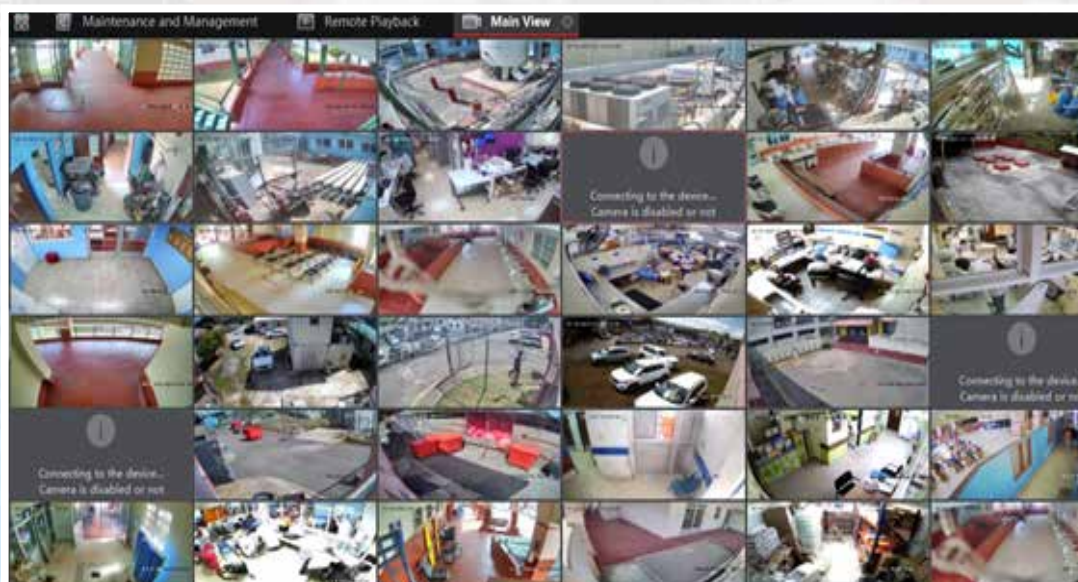
In an effort to boost the security in its hospitals, the Southern Regional Health Authority has begun implementing CCTV systems. The systems have so far been installed at the Mandeville Regional, May Pen, Percy Junor and Black River hospitals. Work is underway to implement the systems at the Lionel Town and Chapelton Community hospitals.

The project is being implemented at a cost of more than \$78 million.

Some of the benefits to be derived from the system include: crime prevention; reduction in security costs; a deterrent to vandalism; provision of camera footage for evidence and management of disputes.



The CCTV system installed at the May Pen Hospital in Clarendon.



A screen grab of the CCTV camera systems.



Boosting Healthcare Through

INFRASTRUCTURAL DEVELOPMENT



St. Elizabeth Health Centres Renovated and Expanded

The Balaclava Health Centre in St. Elizabeth was officially reopened on Thursday, December 7, 2017, with expanded space and amenities to better serve the more than 15,000 persons who reside in the community and outlying districts.

The rehabilitation of the facility was undertaken with a capital injection of \$14 million from the Culture, Health, Arts, Science and Education (CHASE) Fund, and included replacing the timber roof with concrete, reinforcing the foundation to make it structurally sound, the addition of 400 square feet of office space, installation of concrete cupboards, and laying of new tiles, among other things.

Additionally, the Portsea Health Centre in St. Elizabeth was expanded at a cost of \$5 million, funded by the National Health Fund, with support from the community. The expanded health centre was opened on May 3, 2018.

The additional space which was added to the health centre includes a doctor's office, a nurse's office and an area for weighing babies. The health centre, which serves more than 4000 residents provides services including: curative, maternal & child health, environmental health, health promotion, mental health, antenatal, postnatal, child health, immunization, disease control and nutrition.



Minister of Health & Wellness, Dr. Christopher Tufton (2nd right) and Councillor Everton Fisher of the Balaclava Division (3rd left) cut the ribbon to reopen the newly renovated Balaclava Health Centre. CEO of the CHASE Fund, W. Billy Heaven (right), Parish Manager for the St. Elizabeth Health Services, Sean Brissett (left) and Medical Officer of Health for St. Elizabeth, Dr. Tonia Dawkins-Beharie look on.



A section of the renovated health centre.



A section of the expanded Portsea Health Centre in St. Elizabeth.

\$30 Million Renovation at Robin's Hall Health Centre

The newly renovated Robin's Hall Health Centre was officially reopened on Wednesday, December 12, 2018, with improved facilities to serve the thousands of people, who reside in the area and surrounding districts in northern Manchester.

The Culture, Health, Arts, Science, and Education (CHASE) Fund provided \$30 million for the rehabilitation of the clinic, which had been closed for some 30 years. Works undertaken included roof and general repairs, painting, among other things.

The health centre offers antenatal and postnatal services, medical care, family planning, child care, mental health and curative services, food handler's clinic, nutrition counselling, pap smears and a Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI) clinic. The facility is open from Monday to Friday and is staffed by a team of doctors, nurses, public health inspectors and community health aides.



Health & Wellness Minister, Dr. Christopher Tufton (centre) shows Member of Parliament for North East Manchester, Hon. Audley Shaw (right), in whose constituency the Robin's Hall Health Centre is located, a mural in the health centre waiting area which depicts the rights and responsibilities of a patient. CEO of the CHASE Fund, W. Billy Heaven is also photographed.



The entrance to the Robin's Hall Health Centre.

Another section of the waiting area at the Robin's Hall Health Centre, which depicts murals with health messages.



\$40 Million Building Donated to Health Department

Eric and Dr. Hyacinth Hue donated a two-storey building, equipped with medical equipment, electronics and furniture, to be operated as a health centre. The donation is valued at more than \$40 million. The building includes eight rooms and five bathrooms and was handed over on Friday, February 23, 2018. It will serve the community of Tweedside and its surrounding areas in Clarendon and provides easier access for residents who had to travel 13 km or more to access healthcare.

Eric and Dr. Hyacinth Hue who are now serving as missionaries have been giving back to Jamaica for many years. Services including antenatal, dressing, child health, curative (general) and family planning are offered at the health centre.



The two-storey building donated to operate as a health centre.



Minister of Health & Wellness, Dr. Christopher Tufton (2nd right) and donor, Dr. Hyacinth Hue cut the ribbon to open the health centre which was donated by the Hue family. Sharing in the moment are Eric Hue (2nd left); Member of Parliament for North West Clarendon, Richard Azan (right); and SRHA Board Chairman, Wayne Chen (left).



One of the rooms inside the donated health centre.

New Health Centres Opened in Clarendon

A new type one health centre was opened in Moravia, Clarendon, on August 17, 2018, replacing the clinic that operated from the home of a community member.

The centre was constructed by Food For The Poor with funds donated by Chicago resident, Mrs. Denise Di Biase, and on land donated by the Moravian Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands. Assistance also came from Custos of Clarendon, Hon. William Shagoury. The clinic offers services including child health, family planning, antenatal and curative.

Additionally, thousands now have access to expanded health services at the Rock River Health Centre in Clarendon. The facility, which was officially opened on September 18, 2019 was constructed by Food for the Poor (FFP), with funding provided by American philanthropist, Denise Di Biase.

The health centre provided only antenatal, postnatal and geriatric services but now the community will benefit from a host of other services which includes: child health, family planning, home visits, environmental health and curative.



The newly constructed Moravia Health Centre in Clarendon.



Highlights from the Rock River Health Centre opening.

Medical Laboratory Built for More Than \$20 Million

Funded by United States-based Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors (NASTAD), a new medical laboratory was built in Christiana, Manchester, valued at more than \$20 million.

The facility's establishment resulted from a collaboration involving the CDC and NASTAD, which have been supporting HIV treatment services administered at the Mandeville Comprehensive Health Centre since 2017.

The lab was formally opened on Friday, September 20, 2019 and will serve to further strengthen the countries' shared partnership and mutual interest in advancing public healthcare delivery.



Health and Wellness Minister, Dr. Christopher Tufton (centre), and then United States Ambassador to Jamaica, His Excellency Donald Tapia (left), officially open the new medical laboratory. Also participating are former Industry, Commerce, Agriculture and Fisheries Minister and Member of Parliament for North East Manchester where the lab is located, Hon. Audley Shaw (right); and Southern Regional Health Authority Chairman, Wayne Chen (2nd left).



The new medical laboratory.

A delegation tours the new medical laboratory.



SRHA Now Has a \$85 Million Histopathology Lab Lab Outfitted With \$44 Million in Equipment

The Southern Regional Health Authority now has a histopathology lab, which was funded by the Lions Club of Mandeville and the CHASE Fund. The building was completed at a cost of \$83 million, with the CHASE Fund donating \$52.6 million of that amount.

The lab which is located on lands adjoining the Mandeville Regional Hospital was officially handed over on Thursday, December 17, 2020. It houses a storage facility, clinical and processing areas as well as a suite of offices and will eliminate the need to send lab work to the Cornwall Regional Hospital to be done.

The histopathology lab will be equipped with state-of-the-art equipment, to the tune of \$43.7 million, capable of providing critical pathology services while also meeting standards of accreditation and fulfilling the mandate of the Ministry of Health and Wellness to reduce cancer incidence. Some of the equipment which have been procured include: digital radiology retrofit systems, a digital medical x-ray system, grossing station and accessories, cassette printers with autoloader and accessories, tissue processors and accessories, tissue embedders with accessories, automated microtome and accessories, microscope, centrifuge and other equipment.



CEO of the Mandeville Regional Hospital, Alwyn Miller (left), and Lions Club member, Rupert McGhee, unveil the sign for the new histopathology lab. The lab will serve the parishes of Clarendon, Manchester and St. Elizabeth.



Some of the equipment being set up in the lab.

\$38.9 Million Perimeter Fence Project for Lionel Town Hospital

The Lionel Town Hospital, which provides health services to a population of fifty thousand people in southern Clarendon has benefitted from a \$38.9 million perimeter fence project, which will improve the security of the hospital.

The contract, which was signed on Thursday, November 25, 2021 was awarded to Costley's Construction and work began in early December 2021. The scope of work included the construction of a boundary wall around the perimeter of the hospital (sides and rear) and a long wall to the entrance of the hospital, with chain-link fencing. The project, which was funded by the National Health Fund was officially handed over on April 22, 2022.



Minister of Health & Wellness, Dr. Christopher Tufton (left seated) and Managing Director of Costley's Construction, Harrington Costley (right seated), sign the contract to construct a perimeter fence at the Lionel Town Hospital in Clarendon. Observing the signing are: (left to right), Mayor of May Pen, Cllr. Winston Maragh; Member of Parliament for South East Clarendon, Hon. Parnell Charles; Regional Director for the Southern Regional Health Authority (SRHA), Michael Bent; SRHA Senior Projects Manager, Damion Morgan and Parish Manager for the Clarendon Health Services, Joseph Grant.



From left, Vice Chairman of the Southern Regional Health Authority, Michael Stern; Director of Health Promotion, PR & Customer Care, National Health Fund, Shermaine Robotham; Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, Hon. Parnell Charles Jr. and Minister of Health and Wellness, Dr. Christopher Tufton, unveil the sign for the new perimeter wall.

A section of the new perimeter wall.



Mandeville Hospital Roof Repaired to the Tune of \$38 Million

Sections of the roof at the Mandeville Regional Hospital in Manchester has undergone repair works, valued at \$38 million.

The project included removing the defective waterproofing membrane, casting a concrete screed to channel rain water to existing roof drains and installation of new modified waterproofing membrane.

The work was carried out by Costley's Construction and was done within time and budget.



Minister of Health and Wellness, Dr. Christopher Tufton (centre), Southern Regional Health Authority (SRHA) Regional Director, Michael Bent (left) and SRHA Senior Projects Manager Damion Morgan (right), examine the repair works carried out at the Mandeville Regional Hospital (MRH). Photographed also are: MRH Director of Nursing Services, Saidie Williams-Allen and MRH Senior Medical Officer, Dr. Everton McIntosh (partly hidden).



Sections of the roof.

Contracts Signed to Renovate and Expand St. Elizabeth Health Centres

The Malvern and New Market Health Centres in St. Elizabeth will be renovated and expanded at a combined cost of \$37 million. The contracts to begin the works were signed on Thursday, November 3, 2022 with Maxwell Construction Limited for the refurbishing of the New Market facility, at a cost of approximately \$5 million; and Costley's Construction, for the renovation of the Malvern health facility at a cost of \$32 million.

The works to be undertaken at the Malvern Health Centre include: extension to the existing health centre comprising a waiting area, medical records department, two additional offices, entry portico, ramp and steps. There will also be retrofitting and renovation works to the existing building to create a customer service room, weighing room, an additional office and a storage room, in addition to the replacement of heavily termite infested roof with a more sustainable reinforced concrete solution, that offers room for future, upward expansion.

The main objective of the New Market Health Centre is to execute well-needed tiling of the facility's floor to greatly minimize the risk of patients and staff slipping, sliding, falling; thus, mitigating against potential liabilities. The proposed works comprise new flooring to include new porcelain floor tiles.



Minister of Health and Wellness, Dr. Christopher Tufton (left), and Managing Director of Costley's Construction, Harrington Costley (right), display the signed contract for the expansion of the Malvern Health Centre, at the contract signing ceremony held at the health facility, in St. Elizabeth.

Minister of Health & Wellness, Dr. Christopher Tufton (seated 2nd right), and other stakeholders at the contract signing ceremony in St Elizabeth.



Chapelton Hospital Reopens After \$309 Million Renovations

Thousands of residents of Chapelton and surrounding areas in Clarendon are benefitting from improved access to health services following the renovation of the Chapelton Community Hospital at a cost of \$309 million.

The project was undertaken through funding by the Culture, Health, Arts, Sports and Education Fund; Jamaican businesswoman/philanthropist, Beverly Nichols through her Push-Start Foundation and the National Health Fund and was officially reopened on December 6, 2022.

It included extensive rehabilitation of the main building with the termite-damaged timber flooring replaced with a sustainable concrete solution, putting in new structural walls and a new roof, construction of an ambulance bay, upgrading of a ramp to allow for stretcher access, restoration of the minor operating theatre, installation of medical gas and a fire detection and alarm system, and electrical works. The facility now boasts a new 20-bed ward (the Beverly Nichols Pavillion), a new pharmacy, laundry department, linen room, and staff lunchroom, expanded food service department, additional parking and driveway, and is equipped with a standby generator system.



Prime Minister, the Most Hon. Andrew Holness (third left) listens as Minister of Health and Wellness, Dr. Christopher Tufton, highlights the new features of the Chapelton Community Hospital in Clarendon while other stakeholders look on.



A front view of the hospital.



The newly constructed Beverly Nichols Pavillion Ward.



An aerial view of the hospital.

Black River Hospital Gets Newly Constructed Entrance Valued at \$18.3 Million

Service delivery at the Black River Hospital in St Elizabeth has been boosted, with the official commissioning of a newly erected entrance and perimeter wall at the health facility on Friday, February 10, 2023. The new entrance was constructed at a cost of \$18.3 million.

The rehabilitation of the hospital's frontage was made possible through the Jamaica Bauxite Institute's, Bauxite Community Development Programme and forms part of the administrators envisioned Black River Hospital development plan. The entrance is now equipped with automatic entry and exit gates, pedestrian gate, proper lighting, and spacious guardhouse for security personnel. The space has been widened to create a more efficient traffic flow in and out of the facility.



The newly erected entrance at the Black River Hospital in St. Elizabeth.

Transport and Mining Minister, Hon. Audley Shaw (centre) cuts the ribbon to officially open the newly erected entrance at the Black River Hospital. He is assisted by Minister of Health and Wellness, Dr. the Hon. Christopher Tufton (third right); and Member of Parliament for Southwest St. Elizabeth and Minister without Portfolio in the Office of the Prime Minister, Hon. Floyd Green (4th right). Also sharing in the moment (from left) are Councillor for the Brompton Division, Whitney Smith-Currie; Director of Bauxite Lands, Jamaica Bauxite Institute (JBI), Kemoy Lindsay; Mayor of Black River, Councillor Derrick Sangster; Acting General Manager at the JBI, Yolanda Drakapoulos; Chief Executive Officer, Black River Hospital, Diana Brown-Miller and Parish Manager, St Elizabeth Health Services, Sean Brissett.





Training & Welfare Initiatives

MOTIVATING STAFF



SRHA Staff in Southern Region to be Trained in Compassionate Care

The Southern Regional Health Authority embarked on the training of all its staff members in compassionate care, in an effort to improve the quality of public healthcare. The training, which began in June 2018, will include all categories of staff and have so far trained more than 2000 employees.

The training is aligned to the Ministry of Health and Wellness' thrust to improve the quality of service and the standard of care in public hospitals and health centres, through its Compassionate Care Programme, which was introduced in 2018. It comprises three components including training of staff and enhancing basic infrastructure including waiting areas to ensure that patients wait in areas of comfort with pictorial messages of advice and encouragement, refurbished bathrooms, installation of air conditioning and the placement of a television set to display health messages. The third component is volunteerism, which seeks to boost partnerships and engage Jamaicans in offering compassionate care.

The programme has so far been implemented at the Black River Hospital and the Black River Health Centre in St. Elizabeth, the Robin's Hall Health Centre in Manchester and the Chapelton Community Hospital in Clarendon.



The renovated waiting area of the Black River Health Centre.



The design representing the CARE philosophy to customers. Pictured at left is the 2018 top Porter for the Mandeville Regional Hospital, Mr. Leroy Bailey, who is also a member of the SRHA CARE Committee.

Staff members at a compassionate care training being conducted by Director of Human Resource Management and Industrial Relations, Mrs. Nicolette Thomas Edwards.

SRHA Recognizes 975 Nurses, Midwives for Exceptional Service and Sacrifice

The Southern Regional Health Authority (SRHA) recognized 975 nurses and midwives for their sterling contribution, service and sacrifice to healthcare, particularly during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The nurses and midwives from the parishes of Clarendon, St. Elizabeth and Manchester were recognized at a virtual ceremony on Tuesday, March 2, 2021 and received tokens of appreciation and special awards.

Previously, the SRHA copped all awards at the Ministry of Health & Wellness' Rheumatic Fever Fifth Annual Review. Manchester received awards for highest educational sessions, highest number of training sessions, Parish Coordinator of the Year and the Early Bird Award, while St. Elizabeth received the award for the highest compliance rate. The SRHA Regional Office copped awards for the highest rheumatic fever coverage, highest number of rheumatic fever audits conducted and Regional Rheumatic Fever Coordinator of the Year.



Highlights from the handover ceremony.

Employee Assistance Programme Revamped to Better Serve Workers

The Southern Regional Health Authority (SRHA) improved its Employee Assistance Programme, which was designed to provide assistance, within a confidential framework to employees who are experiencing personal problems which may be negatively affecting their job performance.

All SRHA employees, regardless of their status, age, job title or responsibilities can access free and confidential counselling services by trained counsellors, selected from within the organization as well as a pool of external resource people. The programme, which has been implemented for a few years now, was boosted to support the social, mental and psychological needs of staff members during the COVID-19 pandemic.



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A section of the Employee Assistance Programme brochure.



Handling The Covid-19 Pandemic

THROUGH INNOVATION AND PARTNERSHIPS



Recruitment/Training of CHAs to Improve Community Level Care & Aid With COVID-19 Response

The Southern Regional Health Authority (SRHA) recruited 174 new Community Health Aides (CHAs) and trained 196 existing ones in COVID-19 protocols, as part of the authority's effort to provide improved care to the community and boost its COVID-19 response.

The new CHAs will support the existing staff in communities of Manchester, Clarendon and St. Elizabeth and will play an integral role in identifying the symptoms of COVID-19 and reporting suspected cases of the virus to the authorised health officials. The CHAs will also assist with the dissemination of basic information on health and wellbeing, the provision of support for maternal child health and family planning programmes, disease surveillance, communicable diseases, immunization, nutrition, first aid, chronic non-communicable diseases, mental health, home visits, environmental health, health education and promotion and follow up of discharges from hospital.

**SRHA
Regional Non-Communicable
Diseases
Coordinator,
Dr. Yasmine
Hanna makes
a presentation
to the CHAs
about COVID-19
procedures and
protocols.**



**Existing CHAs during
a COVID-19
protocol training
session in July 2020.**

SRHA Gets 10 Patient Monitors Valued at \$1.8 Million to Help Fight COVID-19

The Southern Regional Health Authority (SRHA) received 10 mobile vital sign machines, valued at more than \$1.8 million, from BMR Jamaica Wind Limited to support the fight against the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), on April 22, 2020.

The vital sign machines monitor the vital signs of a patient including the blood pressure, pulse and temperature, which allows doctors and nurses to monitor and deliver treatment in a more timely and focused manner. The machines will assist with the continuous monitoring of the vital signs of patients by allowing the health team to acquire critical information without the rigours of manual evaluation.



Regional Director for the SRHA, Michael Bent (right), CEO of the Mandeville Regional Hospital, Alwyn Miller (left) and Director of Public Procurement at the SRHA, Stacey-Ann Edwards are pictured here with the vital sign machines.

The vital sign machines.



COVID-19 Lifeline for Health Sector From Food for the Poor & Jamaican Donors

The Southern Regional Health Authority (SRHA) received a donation of personal protective equipment (PPE) from Food for the Poor, Jamaica, through their local and overseas donors, to assist with the fight against the coronavirus.

The donation includes: 65 hospital mattresses, 50 boxes of ear loop masks, 60 boxes of respirator and surgical masks, 20 boxes of face shields, 20 boxes of infection control kits, 12 boxes of masks with face shields, five boxes of examination gloves, eight boxes of shoe covers, four boxes of protective coverall, three boxes of disposable coverall, two maternity beds with mattresses, one hospital bed with mattress and a box of protective wear with glasses. The donation was handed over on Tuesday, May 26, 2020 and will support primary and secondary healthcare facilities.



Director at Food for the Poor Jamaica, Craig Moss-Solomon (2nd right) is pictured here with staff members from the Southern Regional Health Authority (left to right); Non-Communicable Diseases Coordinator, Kerry-Ann McCreath; Regional Technical Director, Dr. Vitillius Holder; CEO of the

Mandeville Regional Hospital, Alwyn Miller; Regional Director, Michael Bent and Consultant, Dr. Michael Coombs (right).

SRHA Regional Technical Director, Dr. Vitillius Holder (centre) and Director at Food for the Poor Jamaica, Craig Moss-Solomon (right) examine a face shield, while SRHA Regional Director, Michael Bent looks on.



Clarendon Health Department Executes Successful Quarantine Zones in Two Communities

The Clarendon Health Department executed two successful quarantine zones in the communities of Corn Piece and Sandy Bay in Clarendon. The community of Corn Piece was quarantined for 14 days on March 19, following the first confirmed Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) death- a man who is believed to have travelled to Jamaica from New York on March 12 and was extended for a further two weeks on Friday, April 3. Sandy Bay was quarantined for 14 days, from August 6, 2020 to August 20, 2020.

The quarantine was to facilitate investigations that would lead to early detection of symptoms and prevention of transmission of the deadly COVID-19, further testing of members of the community, close monitoring of members of the community for development of symptoms, early containment of newly detected cases, prevention of new exposures and transmission of disease, and education of members of the communities of infection prevention and control measures.

The Southern Regional Health Authority lauds the efforts of the teams, which went above and beyond to contain the spread of the virus in the communities.



Minister of Health and Wellness, Dr. Christopher Tufton and other stakeholders tour the Sandy Bay community in Clarendon.



Dr. the Hon. Christopher Tufton (left) has his temperature checked by Community Health Aide from the Clarendon Health Department, Paulette Dawkins.

SRHA Healthcare Workers Welcome COVID-19 Vaccination; Leading by Example

It was a smooth start to the vaccination process in southern Jamaica as 192 healthcare workers from the parishes of Clarendon, St. Elizabeth and Manchester received the COVID-19 vaccine on the first day, March 10, 2021.

The vaccination process began with registration of persons, checking of their vital signs, administration of the vaccine, counselling and then observation. Fifty thousand doses of the AstraZeneca vaccine from India arrived in Jamaica on Monday, March 8, as the government began the process of vaccinating Jamaicans to combat the COVID-19 pandemic.



Senior Medical Officer at the Mandeville Regional Hospital, Dr. Everton McIntosh (left) is in great spirits after being the first person to receive the COVID-19 vaccine in Manchester. The vaccine was administered by Public Health Nurse at the Manchester Health Department, Maxine Isaacs.



Acting Deputy Director of Nursing Services at the Black River Hospital in St. Elizabeth, Erica Myers (left) receives the first vaccine in the parish from Senior Public Health Nurse at the St. Elizabeth Health Department, Erica Dennis-Smith.



Then CEO of the May Pen Hospital in Clarendon, St. Andrade Sinclair (left), was the first to receive the COVID-19 vaccine in the parish. Administering the vaccine is Public Health Nurse at the Chapelton Community Hospital, Olufunke Adetola.

Vaccination Blitz Exercise Successful in the Southern Region Boosts Vaccine Implementation Programme

The Southern Regional Health Authority's Vaccination Implementation Programme, under the Ministry of Health and Wellness, commenced operation on April 10, 2021 and a Vaccination Operation Centre (VOC) was established to assist and support the execution of the national COVID-19 Vaccination Implementation Programme.

The VOC functioned as a clearing house for information, documentation and other related functions associated with the roll out of the COVID-19 vaccines, while providing much needed assistance in the smooth operations of the weekend vaccination blitz exercises whose responsibilities included, logistics and human resource, among other things.

Up to January 2023, the SRHA administered some 300,000 doses of COVID-19 vaccines, including AstraZeneca, Pfizer, Johnson & Johnson, Sinopharm and Moderna vaccines.



Vaccination blitz sites in Clarendon, St. Elizabeth and Manchester.

May Pen Hospital Gets Field Hospital for COVID-19 Patients

A 40-bed mobile field hospital, donated by the United States (US) Government through the US Embassy in Jamaica, valued at \$132 million was officially opened at the May Pen Hospital in Clarendon.

The hospital was opened on Wednesday, September 15, 2021 and forms part of U.S. Southern Command ongoing assistance to nations in the Caribbean, Central America and South America, and is funded by the Command's Humanitarian Assistance Programme. The field hospital which is the second to be set up in Jamaica is also equipped with a generator.



Minister of Health and Wellness, Dr. Christopher Tufton (2nd right) and the Chargé d'Affaires of the US Embassy, John McIntyre (2nd left) cut the ribbon to officially open the 40-bed field hospital at the May Pen Hospital in Clarendon. Sharing in the moment are: Custos of Clarendon, Hon. William Shagoury (left) and Acting CEO of the May Pen Hospital, Eugena Clarke-James.



Inside the field hospital.

Establishment of COVID-19 Wards in all SRHA Hospitals

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Southern Regional Health Authority (SRHA), through its projects department, converted 125 medical bed spaces to create 90 COVID-19 bed spaces and implemented the following projects:

- Renovation and retrofitting of the Block J medical ward at the Mandeville Regional Hospital in Manchester to create a COVID-19 Regional Isolation Unit. The project included the conversion of a section of the ward to serve as a future High-dependency Unit and was valued at \$21 million.
- The female medical ward at the May Pen Hospital in Clarendon was renovated and retrofitted to create a COVID-19 isolation ward, costing \$43 million.
- An isolation ward for COVID-19 patients was created at the Black River Hospital in St. Elizabeth by renovating the male ward at the hospital. The project was valued at \$17 million.
- The female medical ward at the Percy Junor Hospital in north east Manchester was renovated and retrofitted to create a COVID-19 isolation ward at a cost of \$22 million.
- For the Lionel Town Hospital in Clarendon, the old x-ray and medical lab building was renovated and retrofitted to create a COVID-19 isolation ward valued at \$10 million.
- The Mandeville Regional Hospital is the regional referral centre and was required to make ready accommodations for the treatment and isolation of pregnant women who were COVID-19 patients. Therefore, the obstetrics theatre and recovery room and the neonatal recovery room at the hospital were renovated and retrofitted to treat the women. These works included the restoration and upgrade of the cooling and ventilation systems at the neonatal recovery room and the replacement of the defunct cooling and ventilation systems at the obstetrics theatre and recovery room, valued at \$27 million.
- Additional waiting areas were created in order to facilitate physical distancing requirements as part of the response to the COVID-19 pandemic and to satisfy the protocol whereby patients are screened/triaged before they enter the health facilities. The covered waiting areas were created at various health centres and one hospital, in addition to partitioned workspaces (fixed cubicles) which were installed at the regional office, valued at \$9 million.



A section of the isolation ward at the Mandeville Regional Hospital in Manchester.



Inside the isolation ward at the May Pen Hospital in Clarendon.

Mandeville Hospital Receives \$7 Million in COVID-19 Support

The Mandeville Regional Hospital (MRH) in Manchester received \$7 million worth of COVID-19 related equipment, through a partnership with the Tourism Enhancement Fund (TEF).

The equipment which include: five bacterial/viral filters for ventilators, seven central venous catheters, six patient transport stretchers, 20 oxygen flowmeters, a blood analyzer and cartridge, were handed over on Tuesday, May 10, 2022.



MRH Senior Medical Officer, Dr. Everton McIntosh (left) demonstrates the use of one of the items donated by the TEF to the hospital. Looking on are: CEO for the hospital, Alwyn Miller (2nd left); Chairman of the TEF, Godfrey Dyer (2nd right) and Executive Director of the TEF, Dr. Carey Wallace (partly hidden).

Participating in the handover were (left to right): Jamaican volunteer, Sandra Miller-Hall who advocated for the donation; MRH Senior Medical Officer, Dr. Everton McIntosh; CEO for the MRH, Alwyn Miller; Chairman of the TEF, Godfrey Dyer; TEF Executive Director, Dr. Carey Wallace; SRHA Board Chairman, Wayne Chen and Regional Director for the SRHA, Michael Bent.



Complete Infrastructural Works

The Southern Regional Health Authority has been making considerable improvements to the infrastructure of several health facilities in order to enhance service delivery to the public.

See below a comprehensive list of projects which have been undertaken or are in progress.

(St. Elizabeth)

| Year | Description | Cost | Source of Funding |
|------|---|-----------------|------------------------------|
| 2017 | Electrical repairs to nurses' quarters- flat 1 & 2 at the Black River Hospital. | \$1,921,802.65 | SRHA |
| 2017 | Internal modification and renovations to the accident and emergency department of the Black River Hospital. | \$1,987,006.49 | SRHA |
| 2017 | Renovation at the Balaclava Health Centre. | \$16,075,378.73 | CHASE Fund |
| 2017 | Roof and ceiling replacement at the Fyffes Pen Health Centre. | \$1,984,971.00 | SRHA |
| 2017 | Proposed roof covering and ceiling replacement to the extension ward space of male ward 2 at the Black River Hospital. | \$1,755,085.00 | SRHA |
| 2018 | Expansion to the Black River Health Centre. | \$11,476,712.00 | Tourism |
| 2019 | Sewage upgrade at the Malvern Health Centre. | \$1,983,277.00 | SRHA |
| 2020 | COVID-19 works-isolation ward at the Black River Hospital. | | SRHA |
| 2020 | COVID-19 works-covered waiting area at the Black River Health Centre. | \$885,000.00 | SRHA |
| 2020 | COVID-19 works-covered waiting area at the accident and emergency department and outpatient clinic at the Black River Hospital. | \$1,562,450.00 | SRHA |
| 2021 | COVID-19 surge- additional bed spaces at the Black River Hospital. | \$2,013,667.15 | SRHA |
| 2021 | COVID-19 covered waiting area at the Balaclava Health Centre. | \$1,050,000.00 | J. Wray & Nephew Ltd. / SRHA |

| Year | Description | Cost | Source of Funding |
|---|--|------------------|---------------------------|
| 2021 | COVID-19 works-covered waiting area at the Junction Health Centre. | \$830,000.00 | SRHA |
| 2021 | Repairs to the roof at the dietary department at the Black River Hospital. | \$1,540,500.00 | SRHA |
| 2022 | Painting to elevated water storage tank and support structure at the Black River Hospital. | \$659,250.00 | SRHA |
| 2022 | Replacement of derelict doors to the wards at the Black River Hospital. | \$1,563,000.00 | SRHA |
| 2022 | Phase one of proposed port cochere/ ambulance bay at the Black River Hospital. | \$1,993,188.00 | SRHA |
| 2022 | Proposed renovations to staff quarters flat 2 at the Black River Hospital. | \$7,504,100.00 | SRHA |
| 2022 | Roof repairs to the operating theatre at the Black River Hospital. | \$3,582,500.00 | SRHA |
| 2022 | Construction and expansion to the entrance of the Black River Hospital. | \$18,435,030.00 | Jamaica Bauxite Institute |
| 2022 | Video surveillance works at the Black River Hospital. | \$11,859,694,.06 | SRHA |
| 2022 | Expansion and renovation to the Malvern Health Centre. | \$32,389,285.00 | NHF |
| 2022 | Tiling of floors at the New Market Health Centre. | \$4,228,000.00 | NHF |
| 2022 | Renovations to the Myersville Health Centre. | \$10,421,777.00 | SRHA |
| 2023 | Climate-smart retrofit of the Santa Cruz Health Centre. | \$180,000,000.00 | PAHO |
| Grand Total (St. Elizabeth) \$364,766,249.77 | | | |

Infrastructural Works to Boost Service Delivery

(Clarendon)

| YEAR | DESCRIPTION | AMOUNT | SOURCE OF FUNDING |
|------|---|------------------|-------------------------|
| 2017 | Emergency repairs to operating theatres at the May Pen Hospital. | \$13,766,761.47 | SRHA |
| 2017 | Waiting area expansion for extended opening hours at the May Pen Health Centre. | \$3,014,394.58 | SRHA |
| 2017 | Repairs to suspended roof at the May Pen Health Centre. | \$2,528,593.73 | SRHA |
| 2017 | Waiting area expansion for extended opening hours at the Spalding Health Centre. | \$3,275,920.94 | SRHA |
| 2018 | Container solution for office spaces at the May Pen Health Centre. | \$11,156,562.73 | USAID/SRHA |
| 2018 | Donation of building to serve as Tweedside Health Centre. | \$40,000,000.00 | Eric & Dr. Hyacinth Hue |
| 2019 | Video surveillance work at the May Pen Hospital. | \$18,419,330.08 | SRHA |
| 2019 | Phase one: renovation and upgrading of the Chapelton Community Hospital. | \$121,033,636.25 | Beverly Nichols |
| 2019 | Retrofitting of existing building to create office spaces for the Clarendon Health Department. | \$3,697,140.00 | SRHA |
| 2019 | Construction of the Rock River Health Centre. | \$18,000,000.00 | Food for the Poor |
| 2019 | Construction of the Moravia Health Centre. | \$18,000,001.00 | Food for the Poor |
| 2020 | Electrical upgrade and installation of 115 kva stand-by generator at the Clarendon Health Department. | \$14,488,661.13 | SRHA |

| YEAR | DESCRIPTION | AMOUNT | SOURCE OF FUNDING |
|------|---|------------------|--|
| 2020 | Platform base for medical waste storage container at the May Pen Hospital. | \$4,683,992.80 | SRHA |
| 2020 | COVID-19 emergency works-isolation ward at the May Pen Hospital. | \$43,174,732.18 | SRHA |
| 2020 | COVID-19 emergency works-isolation ward at the Lionel Town Hospital. | \$10,298,070.00 | SRHA |
| 2021 | Grid-tied solar PV systems at the May Pen Hospital. | \$24,000,000.00 | UNDP |
| 2021 | Urgent repairs to the roof of the telecommunication room at the May Pen Hospital. | \$615,190.00 | SRHA |
| 2021 | COVID-19 Field Hospital for the May Pen Hospital. | \$132,000,000.00 | USAID |
| 2021 | COVID-19 emergency works-labour only to construct bathroom block for proposed field hospital at the May Pen Hospital. | \$6,036,830.00 | SRHA |
| 2021 | Repairs to incinerator building at the May Pen Hospital. | \$13,579,050.00 | SRHA |
| 2021 | Construction of new bathroom facilities at the Lionel Town Hospital. | \$10,000,000.00 | Custos Rotulorum of Clarendon, Hon. William Shagoury |
| 2022 | Expansion of the neonatal intensive care unit at the May Pen Hospital. | \$8,943,095.00 | Sagicor Group Jamaica Ltd. / NHF |
| 2022 | COVID-19-Three phase electrical distribution supply to the field hospital at the May Pen Hospital. | \$9,671,025.26 | SRHA |
| 2022 | Emergency works-COVID-19 linkway for the field hospital at the May Pen Hospital. | \$7,095,100.00 | MOHW |

| YEAR | DESCRIPTION | AMOUNT | SOURCE OF FUNDING |
|------|--|------------------|-------------------|
| 2022 | Construct drainage trench adjacent to the male ward at the May Pen Hospital. | \$981,250.00 | SRHA |
| 2022 | Urgent roof repairs to the general operating theatre at the May Pen Hospital. | \$1,989,900.00 | SRHA |
| 2022 | Enclosures for steam generators at the May Pen Hospital. | \$4,063,505.00 | SRHA |
| 2022 | Procurement of medical gas piping for the Lionel Town Hospital. | \$12,440,176.75 | SRHA |
| 2022 | Construction of boundary wall and perimeter fence at the Lionel Town Hospital. | \$38,739,181.40 | NHF |
| 2022 | Fabricate and install reflective signs to the boundary wall at Lionel Town Hospital. | \$530,000.00 | NHF |
| 2022 | Phase two construction of a new ward and renovation and upgrading of the Chapelton Community Hospital. | \$112,497,813.45 | CHASE Fund |
| 2022 | Additional parking and driveway at the Chapelton Community Hospital. | \$29,980,000.00 | NHF |
| 2022 | Expansion of the food service department, creation of the laundry department, linen room and staff lunch room at the Chapelton Community Hospital. | \$25,950,303.00 | NHF |

| YEAR | DESCRIPTION | AMOUNT | SOURCE OF FUNDING |
|---|---|-----------------|-------------------|
| 2022 | Chain-link fencing atop stone retaining wall at the Chapelton Community Hospital. | \$1,538,000.00 | SRHA |
| 2022 | Renovation and upgrading of the waiting area for the outpatient department at the May Pen Hospital. | \$8,575,800.00 | Mr. Sam Wright |
| 2022 | Major repairs to damaged and leaking windows at the Lionel Town Hospital. | \$1,696,750.00 | SRHA |
| 2022 | Renovation of the Frankfield Health Centre. | \$35,256,474.00 | NHF |
| 2022 | Proposed renovation works to the May Pen Health Centre. | \$14,104,948.00 | NHF |
| 2022 | Renovation works and water harvesting solution at the Aenon Town Health Centre. | \$5,034,345.00 | NHF |
| Grand Total (Clarendon) \$862,404,984.41 | | | |

Infrastructural Works to Boost Service Delivery

(Manchester)

| YEAR | DESCRIPTION | AMOUNT | SOURCE OF FUNDING |
|------|---|-----------------|-------------------|
| 2017 | General renovation and repair works at the Mandeville Regional Hospital. | \$9,453,243.66 | SRHA |
| 2017 | Rehabilitation of the wastewater treatment plant at the Mandeville Regional Hospital. | \$6,834,933.84 | SRHA |
| 2017 | Construction of a septic tank at the Mandeville Regional Hospital. | \$12,358,711.13 | SRHA |
| 2017 | Container solution for the A&E department at the Percy Junor Hospital. | \$12,462,521.00 | SRHA |
| 2017 | Percy Junor Hospital haematology lab alteration works. | \$1,709,650.00 | SRHA |
| 2018 | General renovation and repair works at the Mandeville Regional Hospital. | \$9,891,880.00 | SRHA |
| 2018 | Rehabilitation of sewage treatment plant, Mandeville Regional Hospital. | \$12,723,213.00 | SRHA |
| 2018 | Air conditioning & ventilation works to the isolation ward at the Mandeville Regional Hospital. | \$9,180,675.36 | MOHW |
| 2018 | Construction of a new parking lot at the regional office of the Southern Regional Health Authority. | \$4,209,345.00 | SRHA |

| YEAR | DESCRIPTION | AMOUNT | SOURCE OF FUNDING |
|------|---|-----------------|--|
| 2018 | Container type solution for storage at the Southern Regional Health Authority. | \$6,711,675.00 | SRHA |
| 2018 | Phase two of intermediate landscaping works to the proposed Wellness and Therapeutic Park, Brumalia Road, Mandeville, Manchester. | \$1,860,000.00 | SRHA |
| 2019 | Renovation of the Robin's Hall Health Centre. | \$30,913,085.00 | CHASE Fund |
| 2019 | Boundary fencing and retaining wall at the Robin's Hall Health Centre. | \$5,098,040.00 | SRHA |
| 2019 | Container solution for the laboratory at the Christiana Health Centre. | \$19,235,273.00 | SRHA/National Alliance of State & Territorial AIDS Directors |
| 2019 | Pathology laboratory at the Mandeville Regional Hospital- air conditioning and ventilation works, electrical, lighting, fire detection and alarm works and overhead power supply. | \$31,848,980.00 | CHASE Fund |
| 2019 | Building works for completion of the Mandeville Regional Hospital Pathology Laboratory. | \$20,881,406.61 | SRHA |
| 2019 | Video surveillance works at the Mandeville Regional Hospital. | \$19,999,898.56 | SRHA |
| 2019 | Repairs to roof covering on the incinerator building and repairs to stack on incinerator at the Mandeville Regional Hospital. | \$8,979,987.00 | SRHA |

| YEAR | DESCRIPTION | AMOUNT | SOURCE OF FUNDING |
|------|--|-----------------|-------------------|
| 2019 | Installation of standby generator power from Percy Junor to Spalding Health Centre. | \$3,624,661.59 | SRHA |
| 2019 | Construction of the Harry Watch Health Centre. | \$18,000,000.00 | Food for the Poor |
| 2019 | Retaining wall, parking area, gravel paving and walkway at the Harry Watch Health Centre. | \$5,580,843.00 | SRHA |
| 2020 | Pathology laboratory at the Mandeville Regional Hospital-storage solution and external works. | \$20,035,361.00 | CHASE Fund |
| 2020 | Access control system and additional cameras at the Mandeville Regional Hospital Pathology Laboratory. | \$816,070.67 | SRHA |
| 2020 | COVID-19 emergency works-regional isolation unit at Block J, Mandeville Regional Hospital. | \$21,069,630.90 | SRHA |
| 2020 | COVID-19 emergency works-obstetrics theatre and recovery room retrofitting at the Mandeville Regional Hospital-renovation, retrofitting, air conditioning & ventilation, electro-mechanical consultancy services. | \$28,678,350.04 | SRHA |
| 2020 | COVID-19 pre-contract consultancy services - air conditioning & ventilation for conversion of a section of existing COVID-19/regional isolation unit to a High-dependency Unit at Block J, Mandeville Regional Hospital. | \$1,450,000.00 | SRHA |

| YEAR | DESCRIPTION | AMOUNT | SOURCE OF FUNDING |
|------|---|-----------------|-------------------|
| 2020 | COVID-19 emergency works-isolation ward at the Percy Junor Hospital. | \$21,993,965.41 | SRHA |
| 2020 | Repairs to boundary wall at the Southern Regional Health Authority's Regional Office. | \$12,728,110.00 | SRHA |
| 2020 | Construction of scale room and new bathroom at the Percy Junior Hospital. | \$3,063,590.00 | SRHA |
| 2020 | Platform base and access roadway retaining wall for medical waste storage container at the Percy Junor Hospital. | \$7,978,027.00 | SRHA |
| 2021 | Re-align and reinforce existing medical gas supports, including new structural support beams, brackets, and tubing at the Percy Junor Hospital. | \$650,000.00 | SRHA |
| 2021 | Supply and install aluminium wall cupboard at the SRHA Regional Office. | \$103,500.00 | SRHA |
| 2021 | General renovation and repair works at the Mandeville Regional Hospital. | \$3,433,056.64 | SRHA |
| 2021 | Roof repairs to the waiting area at the Mile Gully Health Centre. | \$2,452,248.00 | SRHA |
| 2021 | Roof repair works at the Southern Regional Health Authority's Regional Office. | \$4,940,918.98 | NHF/SRHA |
| 2021 | Additional roof repair works at the Mandeville Regional Hospital. | \$37,813,434.00 | NHF |

| YEAR | DESCRIPTION | AMOUNT | SOURCE OF FUNDING |
|-------------------------------------|--|---|-------------------------|
| 2022 | Retrofitting and refurbishing works to create office spaces in the Management Information Systems store room and the Mandeville Regional Hospital networking room for the SRHA Data Centre site readiness. | \$1,794,649.00 | SRHA |
| 2022 | Alterations to existing server room for the SRHA Data Centre site readiness. | \$976,700.00 | SRHA |
| 2022 | Retrofitting of the Mandeville Health Centre to make it a climate-smart facility. | \$139,000,000.00 | PAHO |
| 2022 | Video surveillance works at the Percy Junor Hospital. | \$10,263,016.94 | SRHA |
| 2022 | Renovation works to the waiting areas at the Mandeville Regional Hospital (enabling compassionate care in local health services). | \$7,992,550.00 | NHF |
| 2022 | Proposed renovation works to the accident and emergency department at the Percy Junor Hospital (enabling compassionate care in local health services). | \$4,570,095.00 | NHF |
| 2022 | Renovation works to the Cross Keys Health Centre. | \$4,950,355.00 | NHF |
| 2022 | Renovation works to the Harmons Health Centre. | \$5,368,983.00 | NHF |
| | | Grand Total (Manchester) | \$639,560,184.53 |
| Total Number of Projects-125 | | Grand Total for all facilities- \$1,866,731,418.71 | |

Complete Equipment List

| YEAR | DESCRIPTION | LOCATION | SOURCE OF FUNDING | TOTAL (J\$) |
|------|---|---|-------------------|-----------------|
| 2017 | Provision of one ultrasound machine. | May Pen Hospital | SRHA | \$14,485,560.47 |
| | Provision of one laparoscopic tower. | Percy Junor Hospital | SRHA | \$8,864,950.00 |
| | Provision of incubator, resuscitator. | Black River Hospital | SRHA | \$1,447,270.00 |
| | Procurement of utility vehicle. | Black River Hospital | SRHA | \$4,580,352.00 |
| | Provision of one laparoscopic tower. | Mandeville Regional Hospital | SRHA | \$8,864,950.00 |
| | Procurement of utility vehicle. | Mandeville Regional Hospital | SRHA | \$4,530,890.00 |
| | Medical equipment for health facilities (stretchers, beds, et al). | All facilities | SRHA | \$11,681,551.20 |
| 2018 | Provision of medical equipment for health facilities within the Southern Regional Health Authority- anaesthetic machine, surgical tables, defibrillators. | Percy Junor Hospital, Mandeville Regional Hospital, Black River Hospital and May Pen Hospital | CHASE Fund | \$32,000,000.00 |
| | Medical equipment (defibrillators, delivery bed, et al). | Percy Junor Hospital | SRHA | \$8,978,104.00 |
| | Two laparoscopic instruments. | Percy Junor Hospital | SRHA | \$9,828,677.65 |
| | Supply, installation and commissioning of one x-ray machine fully digitized. | May Pen Hospital | CHASE Fund | \$55,000,000.00 |

| YEAR | DESCRIPTION | LOCATION | SOURCE OF FUNDING | TOTAL (J\$) |
|------|---|------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| | Two laparoscopic towers and instruments. | May Pen Hospital | SRHA | \$9,828,677.65 |
| | Procurement of autoclave for the orthopaedic department. | May Pen Hospital | SRHA | \$1,376,156.25 |
| | One laparoscopic tower and instruments. | Mandeville Regional Hospital | SRHA | \$9,828,677.65 |
| | Orthopaedic drills. | Mandeville Regional Hospital | SRHA | \$3,504,609.40 |
| | Cassettes and screens for the radiology department. | Mandeville Regional Hospital | SRHA | \$2,744,594.38 |
| | Microscope. | Mandeville Regional Hospital | SRHA | \$2,997,200.16 |
| | Instruments. | Mandeville Regional Hospital | CHASE Fund | \$1,351,372.04 |
| | Medical equipment for health facilities. | All facilities | SRHA | \$12,716,274.17 |
| | Provision of desktop and laptop computers. | All facilities | SRHA | \$4,774,588.70 |
| 2019 | Provision of information technology equipment, upgrade and retooling. | All facilities | SRHA | \$26,417,526.00 |
| | Vital sign monitors, patient monitors. | All facilities | SRHA | \$11,379,096.75 |
| | Surgical tables & lights. | All facilities | SRHA | \$26,200,261.00 |
| | Microscope for Ear, Nose, Throat department. | All facilities | SRHA | \$3,930,180.00 |
| | Medical equipment. | All facilities | SRHA | \$6,000,000.00 |
| | Provision of one ambulance. | May Pen Hospital | SRHA | \$7,017,284.27 |
| | C-arm machine for orthopaedic department | May Pen Hospital | SRHA | \$13,658,196.70 |

| YEAR | DESCRIPTION | LOCATION | SOURCE OF FUNDING | TOTAL (JS) |
|------|---|--|-------------------|-----------------|
| | Provision of one ambulance. | Black River Hospital | SRHA | \$7,017,284.27 |
| | Provision of two ambulances. | Percy Junor Hospital | SRHA | \$14,263,275.20 |
| | Provision of three buses for mental health services. | St. Elizabeth Health Department, Manchester Health Department, Clarendon Health Department | SRHA/ MOH | \$22,696,676.79 |
| | Provision of one utility vehicle. | Regional Office | SRHA | \$7,511,833.00 |
| 2020 | The procurement of medical supplies for community health aides within the Southern Regional Health Authority. | St. Elizabeth Health Department, Manchester Health Department, Clarendon Health Department | SRHA | \$10,781,250.00 |
| | The procurement of service parts for x-ray processors for the Southern Regional Health Authority. | Mandeville Regional Hospital, Percy Junor Hospital, Black River Hospital, May Pen Hospital | SRHA | \$8,808,700.77 |
| | The procurement of medical equipment for health facilities within the Southern Regional Health Authority. | All facilities | SRHA | \$6,062,750.00 |
| | The procurement of dialysis machines for the Southern Regional Health Authority. | Mandeville Regional Hospital | CHASE Fund | \$23,940,000.00 |
| | | | | |

| YEAR | DESCRIPTION | LOCATION | SOURCE OF FUNDING | TOTAL (J\$) |
|------|--|------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| 2021 | The supply and delivery of one 2021 motorized ambulance. | Mandeville Regional Hospital | Japan Embassy | \$13,044,500.00 |
| | The supply and installation of eight dialysis machines. | Mandeville Regional Hospital | CHASE Fund | \$24,738,000.00 |
| | Procurement of biosafety cabinet | Mandeville Regional Hospital | SRHA | \$1,667,500.00 |
| | Procurement of one c-arm machine. | Mandeville Regional Hospital | CHASE Fund | \$36,576,910.00 |
| | The procurement of one cardiotocography machine. | May Pen Hospital | SRHA | \$943,575.00 |
| | The procurement of two uninterrupted power supplies (UPS) system and rechargeable batteries. | Regional Office | SRHA | \$2,096,646.27 |
| | The supply and delivery of industrial tents for staff and patients within the Southern Regional Health Authority (COVID-19 related). | All facilities | SRHA | \$23,601,311.58 |
| | Provision of desktop and laptop computers for public health workers within the Southern Regional Health Authority | All facilities | SRHA | \$6,565,199.16 |

| YEAR | DESCRIPTION | LOCATION | SOURCE OF FUNDING | TOTAL (JS) |
|------|--|------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| | Provision of laser printers for vaccination sites within the Southern Regional Health Authority. | All facilities | SRHA | \$3,286,476.90 |
| | The procurement of one cardiotocography machine. | Black River Hospital | SRHA | \$943,575.00 |
| | Provision of one humidified nasal high flow cannula machine. | Black River Hospital | SRHA | \$1,263,720.00 |
| 2022 | Provision of one ambulance. | Black River Hospital | SRHA | \$13,947,141.02 |
| | Procurement of one digital radiographic x-ray system. | Black River Hospital | CHASE Fund | \$37,000,000.00 |
| | Provision of medical equipment (hospital beds with mattresses and one autoclave. | Chapelton Community Hospital | SRHA | \$12,049,412.00 |
| | Provision of dietary equipment for the Clarendon Health Department. | Chapelton Community Hospital | SRHA | \$8,504,836.00 |
| | Provision of one ambulance. | Lionel Town Hospital | SRHA | \$13,947,141.02 |
| | The procurement of one UPS system. | May Pen Hospital | SRHA | \$2,186,118.17 |
| | The procurement of uninterrupted power supplies (UPS) system and rechargeable batteries. | May Pen Hospital | SRHA | \$1,136,026.58 |
| | Provision of one water softener system for laundry department. | May Pen Hospital | SRHA | \$2,443,600.00 |
| | Procurement of two steam generators. | May Pen Hospital | SRHA | \$10,705,732.00 |
| | Provision of a delivery bed. | May Pen Hospital | SRHA/ MOH | \$1,900,920.00 |

| YEAR | DESCRIPTION | LOCATION | SOURCE OF FUNDING | TOTAL (J\$) |
|------|--|--|-------------------|-----------------|
| | Provision of one 2022 ambulance. | May Pen Hospital | SRHA/ MOH | \$15,338,210.12 |
| | Provision of one backup/storage device for the MIS department. | Regional Office | SRHA | \$9,781,547.00 |
| | Provision of one backup/storage device. | Regional Office | SRHA | \$9,781,547.55 |
| | | | | |
| | The supply and delivery of one panel van and one mini bus for health facilities. | Regional Office | SRHA/ MOH | \$15,187,432.80 |
| | Provision of uninterruptible power supplies (UPS) for radiology departments within the Southern Regional Health Authority. | All facilities | SRHA | \$642,597.51 |
| | The supply and delivery of industrial tents for staff and patients. | St. Elizabeth Health Department | SRHA | \$1,298,968.82 |
| | Procurement of tools for trade for public health inspectors within Southern Regional Health Authority. | St. Elizabeth Health Department, Manchester Health Department, Clarendon Health Department | SRHA | \$2,450,431.13 |
| | Provision of personal protective gear for Public Health Inspectors/vector staff. | St. Elizabeth Health Department, Manchester Health Department, Clarendon Health Department | SRHA | \$7,228,045.36 |
| | Provision of autoclaves. | Manchester Health Department | SRHA | \$3,444,825.00 |

| YEAR | DESCRIPTION | LOCATION | SOURCE OF FUNDING | TOTAL (J\$) |
|---|---|--|-------------------|------------------|
| | Provision of pathology equipment for pathology lab. | Mandeville Regional Hospital | SRHA/ MOH | \$41,282,124.60 |
| | Provision of one built-in refrigerator walk-in chiller. | Mandeville Regional Hospital | SRHA | \$5,334,797.16 |
| | Provision of mobile ultrasound machine. | Mandeville Regional Hospital | SRHA | \$4,974,153.63 |
| | Procurement of two anaesthetic machines. | Mandeville Regional Hospital, Black River Hospital, Percy Junor Hospital | SRHA | \$22, 130.600.00 |
| | Provision of one industrial dryer. | Percy Junor Hospital | SRHA | \$3,294,750.00 |
| | Provision of one 2022 ambulance | Percy Junor Hospital | SRHA/MOH | \$15,338,210.12 |
| | Provision of plumbing tools for trade for artisans within the SRHA. | All facilities | SRHA/ MOH | \$9,999,767.50 |
| | Procurement of computers, desktop computers, laptops, mini-computers and a kiosk printer. | All facilities | SRHA/ MOH | \$13,000,000.00 |
| | Digital radiology x-ray system, servers for the radiology departments. | Percy Junor Hospital, Mandeville Regional Hospital, Black River Hospital | SRHA | \$26,578,713.75 |
| Equipment Procurement Grand Total \$830,273,300.63 | | | | |

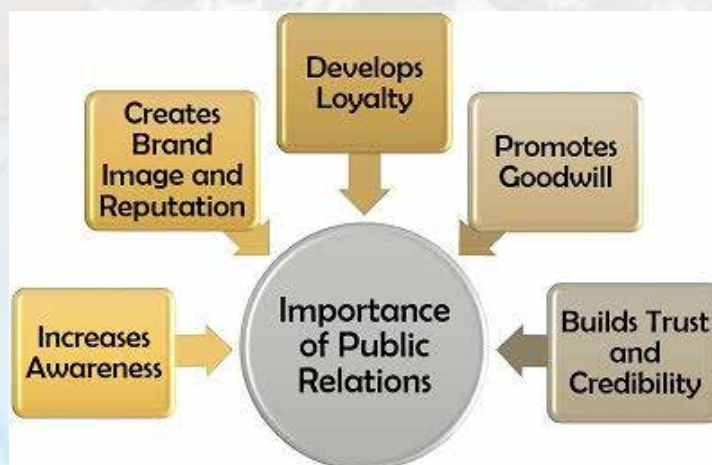
Utilization of Services in the Southern Region

| Services | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 |
|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Admissions to hospital | 32596 | 33675 | 34645 | 29866 | 29809 | 30864 |
| Discharges from hospitals | 32103 | 34193 | 35039 | 30533 | 30015 | 31467 |
| Surgeries performed | 11,498 | 10787 | 12308 | 11597 | 13026 | 15773 |
| Visits to A&E departments | 148,589 | 160,435 | 178178 | 253,682 | 112,814 | 200,892 |
| Outpatient visits | 115,601 | 102,237 | 114,305 | 91,034 | 89,354 | 107,733 |
| Visits to primary health care facilities | 492,038 | 361,594 | 364,749 | 320,036 | 433,045 | 406,780 |
| Pharmacy items prescribed | 1,402,546 | 1,361,842 | 1,352,448 | 903,640 | 1,112,291 | 923,898 |
| Pharmacy items dispensed | 949,321 | 1,135,566 | 1,157,202 | 807,083 | 1023063 | 797,697 |
| Visits to pharmacy | 327,052 | 399,121 | 401,818 | 269,147 | 361,385 | 294,802 |
| Lab tests performed | 1,922,098 | 2,043,558 | 2,590,605 | 1,845,943 | 1,690,477 | 1,401,246 |
| X-ray procedures | 85,172 | 91,935 | 94,926 | 79,263 | 66,531 | 84,759 |
| X-ray patients seen | 61,568 | 61,848 | 64,333 | 51,217 | 49,543 | 52,511 |

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