



Ministry of Labour and Social Security

Programme of Advancement Through Health and Education



1. Key Responsibilities of the MLSS and MOH Regarding PATH

The Ministry of Labour and Social Security (MLSS) is the implementing agency for the Programme of Advancement Through Health and Education (PATH). The Ministry of Health and Wellness has provided support to PATH in the administration of the compliance conditionalities for children under 71 months as well as pregnant/lactating women. At present the aforementioned beneficiary groups are required to make health clinic visits in order to maintain their PATH benefits. Staff within the clinics conduct the health checks commensurate with the schedules established by the Ministry of Health and Wellness and also complete PATH health compliance listings with data verifying the beneficiary's visit.

2. Data/ statistics on any three secondary schools in St. Catherine on the effects of PATH on attendance for the last ten years.

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The effects of PATH on school attendance were assessed during the Impact Evaluation (2007) conducted by MATHEMATICA Policy Research Inc. in which it was found that PATH had contributed to a 3% increase in school attendance among poor children.

Compliance data for three (3) selected schools in St. Catherine are presented on the overleaf. Notably, school attendance and compliance are related but slightly different concepts. School attendance rates are a computation of the number of days attended as a percentage of the total number of school days. At the same time, compliance represents the share of PATH student beneficiaries who have attained the 85% school attendance benchmark for the periods displayed.

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Compliance Rate 2009-2019 (as at December)

High School	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Average Compliance Rate
Bog Walk High	67.8%	72.3%	74.0%	74.5%	77.6%	93.1%	95.9%	92.9%	99.1%	99.7%	99.6%	86%
Dinthill High	93.6%	82.5%	92.0%	98.9%	99.5%	98.6%	95.6%	97.8%	93.4%	91.9%	91.2%	94%
Inswood High	88.3%	83.3%	93.7%	96.7%	93.3%	99.5%	93.7%	88.2%	99.1%	94.6%	97.2%	93%