



DR ANGELA BROWN BURKE



SOUTHWEST ST. ANDREW CONSTITUENCY REPORT 2019-2020



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For the 2019/2020 year we continue the focus on the four major priority areas of improving the lives of the resident of South West St. Andrew, Education, Housing, Infrastructure, and Economic Empowerment

• EDUCATION

Academic Assistance

Empowering our citizens through education remains a priority in the constituency. For 2019/2020 we continued our annual back to school program, through the CDF spending five (5) million dollars:

- o Two Million- Book Vouchers
 - o Two Million- Tertiary assistance
 - o One Million- High school tuition and stationery supplies
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- In partnership with Elitte Club we hosted at back-to School fair at Greenwich All Age School.
 - The Member of Parliament also contributed school supplies to several smaller treats across the constituency.
 - Five (5) final year students were also recommended to the Ministry of Labor and Social security for the final Year students grant.

HEART TRAINING PROGRAM

National Unattached Youth Programme (NUYP)



Member of Parliament, Dr. Angela Brown Burke after collaboration with the NUYP/HEART started a skills training program with 200 students between 17-30 years old cohort on June 3, 2019. The skill training opportunities, which are labour market driven, focus on the unattached youths especially with less than two or no CXC/CVQ/City and Guilds and will lead to NCTVET Level 2 certification. Participants received a small stipend for the duration of the training.

Two (2) groups of 30 trainees pursuing Customer Service Engagement were at Caribbean Palms Community Centre, and a group of 25 doing the same at the Greenwich Primary School. At the Haile Selassie High School, 15 trainees have started Welding and another 15 have started Electrical Installation and 20 persons in Webpage Design. The registration and attendance have been negatively affected by violence at the start of the programme.

• HOUSING

- The construction of housing units at White Wing and Majesty Gardens Housing scheme will commence shortly.
- The Ministry of Economic Growth and Job Creation have approved the construction of two (2) houses under the social housing program. The tenement project submitted is still pending approval.
- The M.P continues to assist persons with small repairs through the Annual CDF social housing allocation (\$1,000,000.00). Twenty (20) persons were also assisted through an allocation from the Ministry of Economic Growth and Job Creation (MEGJC).

• INFRASTRUCTURE

Keeping our roads and drains in good conditions is important to the safety of our citizens and maintain the cleanliness of our surroundings.

The roads that were repaired:

1. Oakglades/Brown's Land
2. D'Aguilar Road
3. Seivwright Close
4. Section 33 Waltham
Park Road
5. Hopewell Avenue



6. Payne Avenue
7. L Road between Norman Lane & Harvey Road
8. Burke Road



Drains

Several Drain were cleaned across the constituency including:

1. Brotherton Drain
2. Majesty Gardens
3. Marcus Garvey Drain
4. Broomyard Drain
5. Delacree park Drain
6. Chinese cemetery
7. Browns Land Gully
8. Sections of the Whitfield Drain
9. Bowtie Island
10. Union Gardens to Tinson Penn

De-Bushing & Beautification

The following work were undertaken:

1. Cleaning and clearing of the Tinson Pen Football field
2. Cleaning and clearing of Trainline
3. Cleaning and clearing -North/South Anderson Crescent
4. Open Lot at Bowens Road
5. Clean up along Spanish Town Road (between Waltham Park to Payne Avenue)
6. Clean-up Tavares Gardens

Major Pipe- Laying

The JSIF since May 2019 has undertaken a major infrastructure project for the replacement of water pipe mains from 4 inches to 6 inches and the laterals that carry water to the homes from ½ inch to 1-inch pipes. This project is due for completion in September 2019 and the road infrastructure is included.

Labour Day 2019



Project highlights of Labor Day were:

- 1) Refurbishing of home destroyed in fire because of violence
- 2) Cleaning and clearing open space at York Avenue
- 3) Repairs of home of an elderly indigent by the Payne Land Division
- 4) Replacing drain covers
- 5) Fixing/ painting fence and clean-up at Tavares Gardens Primary School
- 6) Painting Blake's basic School
- 7) Clean-up and paint sidewalk on Brotherton Avenue

The M.P also supported several smaller projects across the constituency.

• SUMMER WORK

- Through the Airports Authority ten (10) students were placed at the Shipping Association of Jamaica and Haile Selassie High School.
- An additional thirty (30) persons were employed through the annual NYS Summer Program.

• ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT

- The MP continues to offer business assistance for individuals to improve their business and livelihood through her office from her CDF allocation.
- Through the Ministry of Labor and Social Security Short Term Poverty Reduction program, approximately 65 persons were given a small grant to assist with their business or compassionate grant.

Overseas Employment Program

Thirty (30) persons were submitted to the Ministry of Labor and Social Security Overseas Employment Programs (farm work program).

RADA

Over 100 Persons received chickens through the Production Incentive Program with chicken and goats during this period. The program is aimed at assisting individuals to improve their economic situation through raising small animals.

• COMMUNITY

- Health fair at Tavares gardens Primary School
- Through partnership with the National Water Commission over 100 water tanks were distributed to several residents of SWSA
- In October we partnered with Elitte Club to distribute care packages to seniors in the Greenwich Town Division.
- In December, over 500 seniors/shut-ins received a care package under our Annual Care package program.
- We also hosted our annual Christmas dinner program in partnership with our Councillors for over 300 seniors across the constituency
- We continue to host our Ice-Cream Sunday's activity for the children across the constituency in areas such as Majesty gardens, Tavares Gardens, Village, Julian Drive, Greenwich farm, Bowtie Island, Caribbean Palms, Whitfield

All Age, Spade Corner, Norman Lane & Bowens Road

- Several communities' meetings were also held some notable ones were in Delacree Lane.



• COVID RESPONSE

In March 2021 the covid pandemic came to our shores in Jamaica and in Southwest St. Andrew several communities had small outbreaks. To respond to the covid pandemic the following activities were done:

- Over 2500 care packages (inclusive food and sanitization items) were distributed through the CDF Allocation to seniors and vulnerable households.
- The PSOJ and Ministry of Labor and Social Security also distribute numerous care packages in targeted communities in the constituency.



- The MP's office and a team that was organized by Dr. Angela Brown Burke assisted numerous persons to apply for the Covid-19 grants.

• CDF ALLOCATION

The breakdown of the 20-million-dollar CDF allocation for the 2019/2020 is as follows:

| SW ST. ANDREW | |
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| CDF ALLOCATION 2019/2020 | |
| Administration | \$1.5 Million |
| Christmas | \$3.5 Million |
| Disaster & Mitigation | \$3 Million |
| Economic Enablement (Business Assistance) | \$1 Million |
| Education | \$5 Million |
| Housing | \$1 Million |
| Labor Day | \$500k |
| Physical Infrastructure (Tavares Gardens homework & Resource Center) | \$2.5 Million |
| Welfare | \$1 Million |
| Additional Welfare | \$1 Million |
| TOTAL | \$20 Million |

• LEADERSHIP

The extended Constituency Committee held a retreat at Hope Gardens on January 11, 2020. The focus was on leadership, team building, unity, enumeration, roles/



responsibilities, election preparation, and party constitution/organization.

Several communities' meetings were held across the constituency to continue the dialogue between citizens and the political representation on issues and initiatives they want addressed by the Member of Parliament.