

ROBERT D. MILLER
MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT'S
2ND ANNUAL CONSTITUENCY REPORT
SOUTH EASTERN ST. CATHERINE.
(APRIL 1 2021 - MARCH 31 2022)



Dear Constituents,

2021 has been a difficult year for all of us, we have been tried, tested and proven but with God all things are possible, and he has guided us this far. I am still humbled by the vote of confidence yet instilled in me by my constituents to lead this great constituency which I have not taken for granted.

I will continue to lobby on their behalf to ensure transparency and accountability in my thrust to be the best Member of Parliament, I continue to crave the support as we work together to ensure that South East St. Catherine continues to build stronger, together.

2021 we did a lot for the constituency in human development, education, employment and overall togetherness. We continue to develop our infrastructure and meet with main stakeholders to ensure that investments and development is enjoyed within our constituency. Youth engagement continues to be a challenge, as most of our unattached youth are not easily engaged this unfortunately continues to be an area of great concern.

As it relates to the issue of sewage, this has been a matter of concern, one that has been affecting the citizens for years, agreeably, this needs to be addressed immediately and the conversations have begun and we hope collectively we can work assiduously to create a healthier environs for our constituents.

In 2022, more emphasis will be placed on youth empowerment, entrepreneurship and sports, training, workshops and the provision of additional grants will be paramount to the overarching success.

Indeed, I am available to every constituent, and always welcome your comments, vision, recommendations and strategic criticism as together we build a stronger, more prosperous St. Catherine South Eastern Constituency.

2022 Annual Reports

As a promise, it is my intention to publish the undertaking of the constituency regarding the Constituency Development Fund (CDF). It is my duty to ensure that each constituent is informed about how the resources are spent.

This report highlights some of our initiatives throughout the calendar year 2021. It does not in any way shape or form capture everything that has been done through the year in question, however, this report will give an idea of the projects that were initiated.

This report will be distributed to all the Citizens Association Presidents for dissemination to the citizens within their individual communities. Also, citizens can request information from the Access to Information Act, and information can be sent to constituents by contacting the office.

I have hosted two Constituency Development Fund consultations: one with just the Presidents of the various registered groups with Social Development Corporation (SDC) and the other March 17, 2021, with Mrs Kedesha Campbell, along with Presidents and leaders of the various groups in the constituency. This meeting was held virtually due to the pandemic which was well attended. At that meeting, information was given as to how the first CDF was spent and together, we made plans as to how the upcoming CDF will be spent in the constituency for 2021-2022, we all concluded as to the way forward.

Presentations were made from CDF personnel, presidents for the various associations present and the Social Development Corporation (SDC).

THE CONSTITUENCY DEVELOPMENT FUND

MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT	PROJECT NAME	PROJECT TYPE	BUDGET	Implementing AGENCY	AMOUNT DISBURST	Date DISBURST
ROBERT MILLER	St. Catherine South Eastern Administrative	Human & Social Development	\$ 1,500,000.00	SDC	\$ 750,000.00	05.05.2021
					\$ 750,000.00	13.12.2021
	St. Catherine South Eastern Education 2021 / 2022	Human & Social Development	\$ 7,000,000.00	SDC	\$ 3,000,000.00	10.05.2021
					\$ 1,000,000.00	13.07.2021
					\$ 3,000,000.00	11.08.2021
	St. Catherine South Eastern Social Housing Additional 2021 / 2022	Human & Social Development	\$ 2,000,000.00	SDC	\$ 1,000,000.00	18.06.2021
					\$ 1,000,000.00	15.09.2021
	St. Catherine South Eastern Economic Economic Enablement	Economic Enablement	\$ 1,500,000.00	SDC	\$ 1,500,000.00	15.09.2021
	St. Catherine South Eastern Sports Development Project 2021/2022	Human & Social Development	\$ 1,500,000.00	SDC	\$ 1,000,000.00	18.06.2021
					\$ 500,000.00	15.09.2021
	St. Catherine South Eastern Welfare & Emergency Additional	Human & Social Development	\$ 2,000,000.00	SDC	\$ 2,000,000.00	13.12.2021
	St. Catherine South Eastern Christmas Work Special Employment Project 2021/2022	Physical Infrastructure	\$ 2,249,751.00	NWA	\$ 2,249,751.00	10.11.2021
	Labour Day/Care Packages	Labour Day/Care Packages	\$ 250,000.00	SDC	\$ 250,000.00	21.05.2021
	Welfare & Emergency	Welfare & Emergency	\$ 1,000,000.00	SDC	\$ 250,000.00	29.04.2021
					\$ 250,000.00	11.08.2021
				\$ 250,000.00	10.11.2021	
	Social Housing	Social Housing	\$ 1,000,000.00	SDC	\$ 250,000.00	29.04.2021
				SDC	\$ 250,000.00	11.08.2021
				SDC	\$ 250,000.00	10.11.2021
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**HUMAN
RESOURCE
DEVELOPMENT**

Education

- Over 87 persons benefited from grants for tertiary education.
- Over 25 students benefited with tuition and exam fees and exam fees for the Caribbean Secondary Education Council (CSEC).
- Over 5 computers were distributed to members in the constituency
- Over 50 iPads were distributed to students of Portsmouth Primary School courtesy of Ministry of Education and Youth, also the Ministry of Transport and Mining courtesy of the Transport Toll Authority **(Not CDF)**
- Over 100 ipads were distributed to citizens in the Constituency courtesy of the Most Hon. Prime Minister's Foundation, positive Foundation. **(Not CDF)**
- 10 iPads were donated to Cumberland High School. **(Not CDF)**
- Learn with Robert Miller was introduced in the constituency virtually in April 2021. This program assisted over 600 students, preparing them for their CSEC classes in seven disciplines: Mathematics, Information Technology, English Language, Human and Social Biology, Principles of Business and Principles of Accounts. Teachers in various disciplines were selected from the constituency. **(Not CDF)**



Social Housing:

Over 120 constituents benefited from the social housing program, which includes building grants, painting and enhancements of one's property.

An additional 1 Million was obtained from the Ministry of Housing to build a house for an elderly couple in the Westchester Area. They were also placed on the government pension program. The house was tiled, painted and fencing erected by Heart TrustNTA.



Welfare & Emergency

129 persons benefited from this programmes' areas of focus which assisted in the following program:

- Prescription
- Medical expenses
- Blood work
- Business Assistance
- Funeral Grants
- X-rays



Health:

Through the efforts of my office, I sought assistance from the Ministry of Health & Wellness in terms of sponsoring medical expenses for constituents. A total of \$3,506,995.95 was obtained from the Ministry with medical expenses for a total of 6 persons. Chronic operations from cancer and mainly diabetes.

(Not CDF)



CHASE:

A total of \$379, 701.50 was obtained from the entity mainly for persons seeking dialysis treatment, one person benefited. **(Not CDF)**



Economic Enablement:

Due to different circumstance, many individuals lost their jobs, and many are faced with the fear of losing their jobs. Families are unable to satisfy their basic needs hence, children have been denied the privilege of attending school because their parents are unable to find lunch money and provide them with the basic resources for school, also the elderly are being denied access to proper health care and mediation.

These individuals are shop owners, cabinet makers, mechanics and other small business owners. Assistance for these micro businesses will be provided in the form of replenishing of stocks for the grocery shop operators, materials for cabinet makers/other skilled workers and support for other viable business ventures.

With this assistance individuals will be able to continue business successfully thus contributing to growth in the constituency and the economy at large.

A total of 56 persons benefited from this program.

Sports

The pandemic caused sporting activities in the constituency to stand still. A total of \$365,910 was spent during the period on various activities listed below:

- Westchester netball team, balls, bibs, gears, coaching outfits
- Table Tennis board for Bridgeport Community Centre
- Registration for the Edgewater Football Team
- Paying for the coaching program of the Edgewater Coach Jamaica Football Federation certification
- Trophies and balls for Cumberland Meadows Sports Day
- Tent for Portmore Missionary School



St. Catherine South Eastern Disaster Mitigation

The constituency has several floods-prone areas. There is also a large network of lateral and cross drains that require cleaning and maintenance to reduce the impact in the event of severe weather.

It is also worthy of mention that blockages of drainage around the public thoroughfare within the constituency has contributed to the deterioration of roadways and in some instances, overgrown vegetation gets in the way of power lines and threatens public safety. This is a key priority for citizens as they foresee the risk to life and property that could be impacted by flooding, or a major earthquake, or the overall negative impact that these unplanned events can have on the lives of persons living in these areas.

A decision has therefore been taken to make this allocation available for the cleaning of critical drains and gullies, removing overgrowth as well as to help return normalcy to the lives of individuals who might be affected should a disaster occur.

The drains that were cleaned are as follows:

- Port Henderson Road
- Drain from Portmore Heart Academy to Big Buy Plaza Portmore Mall



Road Works:

The following roads were done from funding obtained from the National Work Agency. The roads are as follows:

- Waterford Parkway
- Portmore Drive
- George Lee Blvd
- West Trade Way
- East Trade Way
- Cumberland Blvd





Christmas Mitigation Program:

The Most Honourable Prime Minister of Jamaica Andrew Holness, gave all Members of Parliament 16 million JMD during the Christmas Holiday period which the breakdown is as follows:

De-bushing	\$2 million
Removal Bulky Waste	\$3 million
Road Patching	\$9 million
Drain Cleaning/Sanitization	\$2 million

De-bushing

The areas that were approved by the Portmore Municipal Council are as follows:

- Large Area at Cumberland Avenue and Cumberland Drive
- Community Park at Sector F
- Vicinity of Portmore Mall
- Area adjacent to Bay Front Villa
- Port Henderson Road

Painting

All major roads in all divisions. This program was implemented through National Work Agency.

Removal of Bulky Waste

This program was implemented in all Divisions through National Solid Waste and Management Agency.



Road Patching:

I decided that I would not embark on the road patching exercise instead I would use the resources to resurface two blocks in the Garveymeade area. This has not been implemented yet. However, word from the National Work Agency is that a contract was awarded and signed, and work will commence within the next two weeks.



Drain Cleaning/Sanitization:

The following gullies below were cleaned with the resources through the National Works Agency.

- Curtesan Way Gully/Gaza Gully (Caymanas Drive to Adair Drive) Waterford
- Kriterion Gully/Tulloch Gully (Caymanas to Adair Drive) Waterford
- New Forum Fishing Village (Sanitization)



Mitigation Funding:

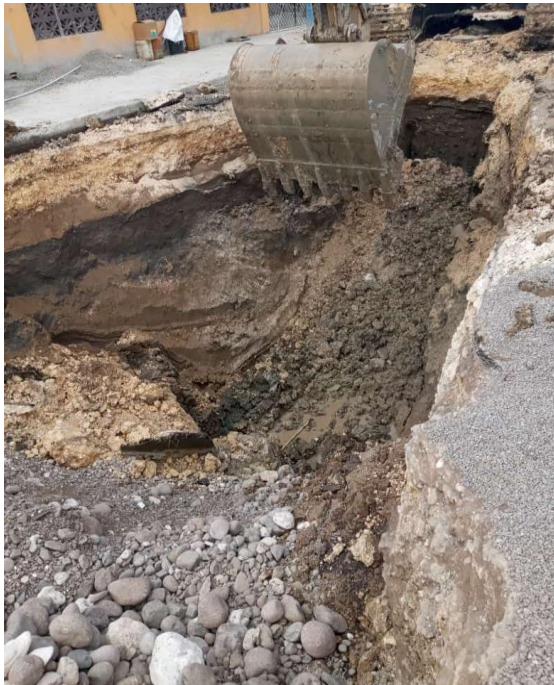
2 million JMD was given for preparation for the hurricane season, the following drains were cleaned:

- Drain by Coral Way to Port Henderson Primary
- A portion of drain by Passage Fort

Sewage Collapse and Repair:

Sewage continues to place a serious issue within the constituency. This matter has been a threat to the constituents in terms of health and standard of living. The following areas had a collapse which was corrected, however some of the areas are yet to be resurfaced.

- Portsmouth
- Coral Way
- Waterford Parkway
- Fray Close
- Yale Way
- Excelsior Avenue





Community Outreach and Interaction:

I continue to have regular interaction with members of the community. This is done by the following:

- Regular Citizens Association Meeting
- Regular visitation for persons in the constituency
- Regular door to door walks in communities
- Being present at various community activities
- Church visitations in the constituency
- Business sector interaction
- Regular meetings with Principals and School Board Chairmen





Building Our Communities



2022

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Councillor Caretaker
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Edgewater Division

“Our vision for south eastern St. Catherine & for Jamaica is for the development of peacefull communities, where all residents have gainfull employment, adequate infrastructure, proper housing and access to high quality education and sporting oppertunities”

Thank You
