

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Building Communities...Building Jamaica HOPE BAY SUMMARY PROFILE



Development Area: Swift River

Constituency : Portland,

Western

Districts (3) : Hope Bay proper,

Hopefield, Content, Caenwood

Community Borders:

North : Caribbean Sea

South : Fruitfulvale

East : St. Margaret's Bay

West : Orange Bay

Community Representation

Community Priority Issues

- 1. High levels of adult unemployment
- 2. Low skill levels
- 3. Poor roads
- 4. Poor representation by elected political leader
- 5. Low water pressure/ no water supply

No. of active CBOs: Four (4)

Demographic Data

- Estimated population size **1942**
- Estimated Number of Households 534
- Average household Size 3.6
- 53.0% of households are headed by males
- An estimated **84.3**% of household heads had no academic qualification
- **46.0**% of household heads are unemployed

AGE AND GENDER DISTRIBUTION			
AGE COHORT	%AGE MALES	%AGE FEMAL	TOTAL
(YRS) 0-14	17.3	ES 24.2	41.5
15-34 35-64	15.0 15.6	14.4 13.3	29.4 28.9
65+	3.2	4.6	7.8
TOTAL	48.2	51.8	100

Social and Physical Amenities

Housing	• 68.3 % of respondents owned the house in which they live while 22.0 % lived in rented house and 2.4 % leased.
Utilities	 50.2% of residents have public water piped into yard, and 24.3% have public water piped into dwelling. 95.2% of residents use electricity for lighting while 4.8% use kerosene.
Communicati on	• 97.6 % of residents have access to telephone services, 90.2 % of households had access to the internet.
Sanitation	 85.2% of residents have their garbage picked up by truck, while 15% burn their garbage. 84.0% had sewer/water closet not linked to a central sewer system; 16.0% of households utilized pit latrines.

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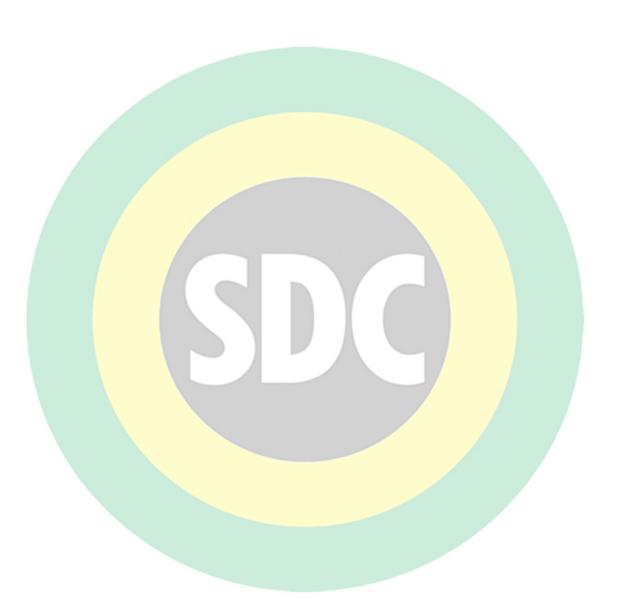
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