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Banana Sector Retraining Project

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**Training Activities – Pre-Vocational, Vocational Training and ICT Enabled Remedial Programmes**

**NVQ-J~ Ebony Park**

- Crop Production Level I began Monday July 6th with Orientation for 12 beneficiaries.

**NVQ-J~ Other Institutional Based Trainings**

- Two IBT Centres will get specialized training in Housekeeping Level 1. Granville VTC (48 trainees) will operate from Maldon High School in St. James, and Above Rocks VTC (16 trainees), St. Catherine, at Guys Hill High School.

**Pre-Vocational Training – JFLL**

- Sixteen out of the 35 beneficiaries registered for training came to the orientation held at Denbigh Primary School July 21<sup>st</sup>. They were re-tested to assess their level of learning by JFLL standards. Training for these learners is scheduled to start August 4<sup>th</sup> at the Denbigh Primary School.

- JFLL is also conducting training at Maldon High School which now has the most beneficiaries enrolled. Up to 20 beneficiaries show up for classes.

**Stipend for beneficiaries**

- An initial meeting was held with Mr. Amilkar Torres, Group Products Director of Digicel and another held with Edward Gabbidon, VP Sales Director of LIME to explore the possibility of paying stipends to beneficiaries via phone credit.

- Letters of Agreement were discussed and developed by the Project Office pending approval by the Procurement Committee and signing by both Telecommunications providers. The issuing of stipend is scheduled to start the week ending August 7<sup>th</sup>.

**New Project Administrator**

- As of July 2009, Tashna Samuels will be the BSRP Project Administrator until the project ends in December 2009.

**Marketing and PR**

- "Live & Direct" session held Tuesday July 14, 2009, at Hampton Court Community Centre, St. Thomas. It included attendees from the EUBSP Office. Find press release on the session on BSRP's facebook page, see link below.

**BSRP Quick Facts**

Who?	Banana/Plantain farmers, labourers, port workers, immediate family members and members of targeted communities
Where?	Clarendon, Portland, St. Catherine, St. James, St. Mary and St. Thomas
What?	Career counselling workshops, skills and pre-vocational training
When?	October 2008 to December 2009
Why?	Change in preferential treatment from the European Union and anticipated loss of income in the banana/plantain industry

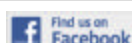
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