



Prime Minister, the Most Hon. Portia Simpson Miller handed out the first set of keys and certificates of ownership to beneficiaries of the Longville Park Phase III Housing Scheme in Clarendon on Wednesday, February 20.

Approximately 882 families will benefit from new housing solutions constructed at a cost of \$4.8 billion.

Among the beneficiaries were 168 low income earners, who received subsidised rates for their units from the National Housing Trust (NHT), totalling approximately \$127 million; 20 young professionals, who fall between the ages of 25 and 40; and a person with a disability.

The NHT also approved 165 home grants of \$1.2 million each, to help lower income contributors to purchase solutions. These grants were given to persons earning a maximum of \$10,000 weekly.

The Prime Minister, who has portfolio responsibility for the NHT, outlined that special consideration was given to certain categories of applicants, in particular, the most vulnerable, in an effort to assist them in becoming homeowners.

"The Trust has improved the standards of living for many Jamaican families through this investment. This is what makes me most satisfied," Mrs. Simpson Miller said.

"I share your pride and joy and can imagine the increased sense of security you feel," she said, congratulating the beneficiaries on their new status as landowners and homeowners.

She noted that to date, some \$6.56 billion has been spent on the Longville housing

development.

“This major investment has had a positive economic impact on the surrounding communities. It has provided employment for skilled and casual workers. There is also the positive multiplier effect on businesses, large and small, in Old Harbour and surrounding areas,” Mrs. Simpson Miller said.

Longville Park Phase III has 153 studio units, 176 one bedroom units, 310 two-bedroom units, and 243 serviced lots.