

Third Party Evaluator's Opinion on Montego Bay Water Supply (Great River) Project

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Criteria 1 – Relevance

Given the fact that one of the chief driving factors of the Jamaican economy is tourism; and given the fact that the Montego Bay area is the main hub of the tourist industry in Jamaica, the residents in the environs see this development as contributing to making living standards for the people greatly improved and helping to magnetize more tourists to the Western portion of Jamaica. Further, politicians are of the view that savings from this project has helped to enable work to be done to complete the Askenish water supply project. Hence savings from this project will also benefit several other interior communities with an up to date water supply system. Further, the Great River/Lucea link serves to integrate the Logwood supply of the Eastern side going back to Negril, further serving to integrate physically, socially and culturally, Western Jamaica.

Criteria 2- Effectiveness

This project is highly effective because it forms a hub uniting communities referred to above in ways that many people never thought it was possible in the present time. As a consequence the water supply system in the area experiences greater system stability given the fact that more water can be stored as well as distributed. Greater volumes of water (from ten to fifteen million gallons per day) can now be treated. The Jamaican public has therefore been given the best, the most efficient and dependable water supply system in Jamaica. The project further demonstrates that projects in Jamaica can be completed within the constraints of budgeted amounts and the tax payers therefore can be relieved of the ignominies of over runs. It is therefore very apparent that those who manage the project managed it effectively.