



Expanding Educational Horizons

Ministry of Education and Youth

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Public Awareness/Communications Activities/Events **Expanding Educational Horizons (EEH) 2008**

The Public Awareness component of the Expanding Educational Horizons (EEH) Project for 2008 focused mainly on various success stories at the 71 primary schools and 12 non-governmental organizations (NGOs) under the project.

There were several major activities which highlighted the excellence and developmental impact of the Project in the target schools.

MAJOR PUBLIC AWARENESS ACTIVITIES

A. EEH Newspaper Supplement

A comprehensive 16-page newspaper supplement on the Expanding Educational Horizons (EEH) Project was published in the Sunday Gleaner on May 18, 2008. The publication was strategically published during May which is Child's Month. The focus included the following:

Supplement Overview:

- Message from USAID Mission Director
- Message from Governor General of Jamaica
- Message from Minister of Education
- Message from Opposition spokesman on Education
- Message from Nick Juarez
- Interview with Project Director/COP Jean Beaumont
- Overview of the EEH
- Success stories of the EEH
- EEH Going forward

- Testimonials
- Graduation 2007
- PSOJ Reading Programme
- EEH Component Reports – Educational Technology, Numeracy, Literacy, Gender Studies, JSAS, Stakeholder Support.

B. READING DAY AT DENHAM TOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL

There was extensive local media coverage of Reading Day activities at the Denham Town Primary School in April 2008. The EEH Project School welcomed Prime Minister Bruce Golding, Mayor of Kingston Desmond McKenzie and USAID Mission Director in Jamaica, Dr. Karen Hilliard to read and share stories during the day. The day was held on partnership with Western Union.

Several senior executives of leading private sector company GraceKennedy participate in the Reading Week Activities.

C. National Radio Series – JIS Radio

As part of the emerging Public Awareness Campaign for the EEH, a special weekly radio programme was developed by the Project, and produced by the Jamaica Information Service, the national information organization in Jamaica.

The JIS radio feature has been aired since May 2008 to present, on the following radio stations:

- RJR 94 FM
- Power 106 FM
- KLAS FM
- Love FM
- IRIE FM
- Roots FM
- HOT 102 FM
- Newstalk 93 FM

Format:

The EEH Feature on JIS Radio takes the following format:

- Live in-studio interviews with EEH officials and partners
- Interviews with partners
- Features on success stories from the field – schools and NGOs
- Personality features focusing on EEH success stories
- Features on EEH components
- Features on emerging activities like graduations, workshops etc.,

EEH-JIS FATURE: SCHEDULE

<p><u>MAY 2008</u></p> <p>May 12: The EEH – What is it? How does it work? Jean Beaumont</p> <p>May 19: USAID Mission Dir/PS – Ministry of Education</p> <p>May 22: Gender Initiatives/Success stories</p> <p><u>JUNE 2008</u></p> <p>June 5: Graduation – June 2008 Jean Beaumont/School Principals</p> <p>June 12: Numeracy Initiatives/success stories</p> <p>June 19: Stakeholder/Private sector support success stories</p> <p><u>JULY 2008</u></p> <p>July 3: Summer Workshop 2008</p> <p>July 10: NGO/PACT Initiatives/success stories</p> <p>July 17: Literacy initiatives/success story</p> <p><u>AUGUST 2008</u></p> <p>August 7: Numeracy Initiatives/success stories</p> <p>August 14: JSAS initiatives/success stories</p> <p>August 21: Monitoring & Evaluation</p>	<p><u>SEPTEMBER 2008</u></p> <p>September 4: USAID/MOE Partnership with EEH</p> <p>September 11: NGO Initiatives/Success stories</p> <p>September 18: Ed Tech Initiatives/success stories</p> <p><u>OCTOBER 2008</u></p> <p>October 2: Literacy initiatives/success story</p> <p>October 9: Numeracy Initiatives/success stories</p> <p>October 23: Stakeholder/Private sector support success stories</p> <p><u>NOVEMBER 2008</u></p> <p>November 6: EEH – What is it/Emerging Trends/Project Successes</p> <p>November 13: JSAS initiatives/success stories</p> <p>November 20: Literacy initiatives/success story</p> <p><u>DECEMBER 2008:</u></p> <p>December 4: EEH – What is it/Emerging Trends/Project Successes</p> <p>December 11: Gender Initiatives/Success stories</p> <p>December 18: Ed Tech Initiatives/success stories</p>
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(See Scripts for Radio Series at the end of this report)

D. JIS Roundtable Discussion

The Project Director/Chief of Party was a guest on the JIS Roundtable Discussion which focused on the Project. The interview Was broadcast on radio and television and appeared in the print Media as well.

E. Graduation Ceremony – June 08

The Graduation ceremony for 22 EEH Project Schools in June 2008 was another media event for the Project. The activity held at the Hilton Kingston Hotel and garnered press coverage, including a comprehensive JIS feature which was aired on all major radio stations.

The Guest Speaker at the function was Education Minister, the Hon. Andrew Holness.

F. Success Story

ONIEL ANKLE – PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR.

The Print and electronic media focused on the achievement of Oniel Ankle of the Green Park Primary and Junior High School in Clarendon who was named the 2007-08 Principal of the Year in Jamaica. Mr. Ankle was selected the top principal in the annual Principal and Teacher of the Year Awards, organized and sponsored by the prominent local private sector company, LASCO.

Green Park Primary is one of the primary schools supported by the USAID-sponsored Expanding Educational Horizons Project (EEH) in Jamaica.

The Awardee noted “The EEH has helped our institution to now boast a better literacy rate when compared to 4 years ago. I can say today that the EEH project has helped us tremendously and now we are even looking to graduate from the project. Our growth in literacy and numeracy and the use of technology to stimulate the mental palate of our students certainly set the foundation for me being selected as LASCO Principal of the year”.

G. Western Union Foundation/USAID Project

Consultations on a comprehensive Project to be administered by the Western Union Foundation in association with the USAID, is well advanced. The discussions were initiated by the Expanding Educational Horizons Project and the implementing Agency for the Project will be PACT, the umbrella NGO group which also manages the EEH's interventions in 12 NGOs. The EEH Public Awareness consultant is working closely with the Ministry of Education, the local Western Union representatives, PACT and USAID in the implementation of the Project in select schools.

H. OUTSIDE BROADCAST FROM EEH SUMMER WORKSHOP

The EEH held its summer workshop in Ocho Rios, St. Ann in July 2008 and during this event, there was a national radio broadcast which highlighted the interventions and successes of the Project in schools and NGOs. The broadcast was done by Radio Jamaica and hosted by senior journalist, Barbara Gloudon.

RJR'S HOTLINE Outside Broadcast from EEH WORKSHOP

Objectives: RJR'S HOTLINE is one of the premier current affairs programme on Jamaican radio hosted by veteran journalist Hon. Barbara Gloudon.

The broadcast had the following objectives:

- Expose EEH, its mission and programmes to the public.
- Focus on the strategic direction of the project in assisting the selected primary schools and NGOs
- Focus on EEH success stories in schools and NGOs
- Focus on the key areas (components) of the project including numeracy, literacy, school management (JSAS), educational technology, gender, private sector partnerships, NGO's.

Programme Running Order

10:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.

Host introductions
EEH - What is it?
Dr. Jean Beaumont
Project Director, EEH

10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

What EEH offers:

Mrs. Claire Spence
CTO, Office of General
Development, USAID

Mr. Jasper Lawrence
CEO, Ministry of Education

10:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

**EEH Making a Difference:
Components:**

Numeracy:

Mr. David Morgan (Specialist)

Literacy:

Dr. Clement Lambert
(Consultant)

Monitoring & Evaluation:

Dr. Doreen Faulkner
(Specialist)

10:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

JSAS:

Mrs. Nika Donaldson
(Specialist)

Ed Tech:

Dr. Melody Williams
(Specialist)

Private Sector Partnerships

Dr. Rebecca Tortello

(Specialist)

11:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

NGOs

Ms. Cecille Bernard
(Director, PACT)

Gender

Professor Barbara Bailey
(Consultant)

Testimonial

Principals/Teachers

12:30 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.

Testimonials

Principals/Teachers

12:45 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Testimonials

Principals/Teachers

The Way Forward

Dr. Jean Beaumont – EEH

Mrs. Claire Spence - USAID

I. GENDER FOCUS – SINGLE SEX CLASSROOM

The national media brought much focus to the issue of gender in the classroom, a key component of the EEH Project. Many references were made to experiments in single-sex classrooms in schools, including EEH School Polly Ground Primary.

J. NATIONAL JUNIOR SCHOOLS CHALLENGE QUIZ

EEH project school Polly Ground Primary, entered the National Primary Schools Quiz Competition for the first time and won their match in September 2008 against Hillel Academy. The quiz focuses on math, language arts, social studies, science, general knowledge and sports.

The Polly Ground team performed with distinction and were great ambassadors on television for the Project.

K. Graduation Ceremony – December 08

The Graduation ceremony for 23 additional EEH Project Schools in December 2008 was another media event for the Project. The activity held at the Hilton Kingston Hotel and garnered press coverage, including a comprehensive JIS feature which was aired on all major radio stations. There was also very impressive newspaper coverage.

The Guest Speaker at the function was Deputy Director of the Office of Sustainable Development of the USAID, Sean Osner.

L. LAUNCH OF JSAS 7.0

Education Minister Hon. Andrew Holness on Thursday, November 6, 2008, officially launched the Jamaica School Administrative System (JSAS 7.0) software for use in 71 schools and 6 non-governmental organizations (NGOs) currently on the Expanding Educational Horizons (EEH) project.

The launch ceremony took place at the Drew's Avenue Primary School in St. Andrew. United States Agency for International Development (USAID) Mission Director, Dr. Karen Hilliard also addressed the launch ceremony. This was another media event which was covered by national radio, television and print.

M. EDITING OF SUMMER WORKSHOP TAPES FOR SUSTAINABILITY

There has been extensive review of Summer Workshop tapes for preliminary editing in all components. This is to be an intensive exercise which will be completed in the first quarter of 2009. On completion, consultants and specialists will review and there will be additional/final editing. This is part of the Project's sustainability component.

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SCRIPTS FOR EEH NATIONAL RADIO FEATURES 2008

EXPANDING EDUCATIONAL HORIZONS FEATURE

SHOW 1 – MAY 12, 2008 – RECORDING TIME – 10:30 A.M. – JIS RADIO

ANNCR:

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This is the first in a series of features on the project and joining us is Dr. Jean Beaumont, Chief of Party and Project Director for Expanding Education Horizons.

Welcome. Dr. Beaumont, tell us what this project means for the primary education system as well as out of school youth in Jamaica?

Jean Beaumont to respond here

ANNCR:

What would you describe as the major highlights of expanding educational horizons?

Jean Beaumont to respond here.

ANNCR:

This is definitely a great programme for our children. Dr. Beaumont, why do you think the USAID given its commitment to this type of intervention in Jamaica over such a prolonged period?

Jean Beaumont to respond.

ANNCR:

Thank you. You have been listening to the first in a series of features on the Expanding Educational Horizons (EEH) project and joining us was Dr. Jean Beaumont, Chief of Party and Project Director for Expanding Education Horizons. Join us again next time for more on the EEH.

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EXPANDING EDUCATIONAL HORIZONS FEATURE
SHOW 2 – MAY 19, 2008 – RECORDING TIME – 10:30 A.M. – JIS RADIO

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It is a joint initiative between the Ministry of Education and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID). This project benefits approximately 30,000 students and approximately 3000 out-of-school youths.

Today our guest is Mission Director of USAID in Jamaica, Dr. Karen Hilliard.

Welcome. Dr. Hilliard, how important is a project like the EEH to USAID?

Dr. Hilliard to respond here

ANNCR:

And how does the EEH project fit into the strategic objectives of USAID in Jamaica?

Dr. Hilliard to respond here.

ANNCR:

This is definitely a great project for so many of our primary school children. How does USAID view this partnership with the Ministry of Education?

Dr. Hilliard to respond here

ANNCR:

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SHOW 3 – MAY 26, 2008 – RECORDING TIME – 10:30 A.M. – JIS RADIO

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Today we focus on the area of gender and the role it plays in primary education. Our guests are Grace Christie, EEH Gender Specialist and Beverly Jobson-Grant, Principal of the Polly Ground Primary in St. Catherine, one of the EEH Project schools.

Grace Christie explains the gender component of the EEH Project.

Grace Christie bite here

ANNCR:

Mrs. Christie says the focus is on training the teachers so they can go back to the classrooms and make a difference

Grace Christie bite here.

ANNCR:

The Polly Ground Primary School has experimented with single sex classrooms and it has paid rich dividends with significant improvement in the performance of the boys. Principal Beverly Jobson-Grant explains.

Beverly Jobson-Grant bite here

ANNCR:

And, the EEH Gender Specialist has some tips for teachers on things to look out for when teaching boys.

Grace Christie bite here

Thank you. You have been listening to our weekly feature on the Expanding Educational Horizons (EEH) project and joining us today were EEH Gender Specialist Grace Christie and Principal of the Polly Ground Primary School, Beverly Jobson-Grant. Join us again on Monday June 9 for another feature on the EEH.

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SHOW 4 – SPECIAL FEATURE ON GRADUATION

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SHOW 5 – JUNE 12, 2008 – RECORDING TIME – 10:30 A.M. – JIS RADIO

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Today we focus on the area of numeracy and the role it plays in primary education. Our guests are Derrick Hall and David Morgan, numeracy specialists of the EEH.

Welcome gentlemen. Mr. Hall what impact has the focus on numeracy made in your project schools?

Derrick Hall to respond here

ANNCR:

David Morgan, the EEH project team successfully developed the General Achievement in Numeracy (GAIN), a grade four numeracy test last year and it was used for the first time in all primary schools in 2008. Tell us a bit about the background of the development of the GAIN test and where it has reached today.

David Morgan to respond here.

ANNCR:

Mr. Morgan/Mr. Hall, we all know of the problems in math at the primary level and we know how many Jamaica's fear even the thought of mathematics. How can we change all this and how important is numeracy to education and by extension to national development?

Both David and Derrick to respond here.

ANNCR:

And, do you have any tips for primary school teachers of mathematics?

David/or Derrick or to respond here

ANNCR:

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EXPANDING EDUCATIONAL HORIZONS FEATURE
SHOW 6 – JUNE 19, 2008 – RECORDING TIME – 9:30 A.M. – JIS RADIO

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Today we focus on stakeholder support and the partnerships the project has cemented with the private sector. Our guests are Dr. Rebecca Tortello, Stakeholder Support Consultant for the EEH and Andrew Messias, CEO of Island Networks, one of the private sector partners. Welcome.

Dr. Tortello, why is stakeholder support such a key component of the EEH project and what has been the impact so far?

Dr. Tortello to respond here

ANNCR:

One of the many partners working with the EEH to boost numeracy, literacy and technology in the primary schools is Andrew Messias of Island Networks. Mr. Messias, how has this experience been for you and your company.

Mr. Messias to respond here.

ANNCR:

Like all other projects, the EEH will eventually end. Dr. Tortello, what interventions have the project made with school leaders so they can continue to forge effective partnerships with the private sector?

Dr. Tortello to respond here.

ANNCR:

And, Mr. Messias, how important is it for the private sector to continue supporting education?

Mr. Messias to respond here

ANNCR:

Thank you. You have been listening to our weekly feature on the Expanding Educational Horizons (EEH) project and joining us today were Dr. Rebecca Tortello, Stakeholder Support Specialist for the EEH and Mr. Andrew Messias of Island Networks. Join us again on Monday July 7 for another feature on the EEH.

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SHOW 7 – JULY 7, 2008 – RECORDING TIME – 10:30 A.M. – JIS RADIO

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Today we focus on the annual summer workshop for school principals and teachers in the EEH Project Schools. The workshop will be held from Sunday July 20 to Friday July 25 at the Sunset Jamaica Grande Resort in Ocho Rios, St. Ann. Our guests are Dr. Melody Williams, Educational Technology Specialist, Ms. Andrea Rattray, Administrator, and Ms. Oniece Grant, Senior Project Accountant, all from the EEH.

Welcome ladies.

ANNCR:

Dr. Williams, we begin with you. Tell us about the EEH summer workshop, who you are targeting, take us through the major highlights of the six days.

Dr. Williams to respond here

ANNCR:

Ms. Rattray, are there any other strategies that will enhance sustainability of the project interventions?

Andrea Rattray to respond here.

ANNCR:

Ms. Grant: how the plans are going so far?

Oniece Grant to respond here

ANNCR:

Dr. Williams and Mrs. Rattray, with so many schools and NGOs involved, you must have a selection criteria for attendance at the workshop. How is this done and what kind of pre-workshop preparations have to be made?

Dr. Williams and Andrea Rattray to respond here.

ANNCR:

The cost for this major initiative to boost numeracy, literacy and the use of technology in the project primary schools and NGOs must be high. Ms. Grant, how is all this being funded?

ANNCR:

Finally, Dr. Williams: How does a workshop of this magnitude impact literacy and numeracy achievement in the schools?

ANNCR:

Thank you. You have been listening to our weekly feature on the Expanding Educational Horizons (EEH) project and joining us today were Dr. Melody Williams, Educational Technology Specialist, Mrs. Andrea Rattray, Administrator and Ms. Oniece Grant, Senior Project Accountant, all from the EEH. Join us again on Monday July 14 when we will focus on the success of the EEH in several NGOs.

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SHOW 8 – JULY 10, 2008 – RECORDING TIME – 10:30 A.M. – JIS RADIO

ANNCR:

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The NGO component of the EEH project is managed under a four-year grant agreement with PACT, a 26 member NGO/CBO umbrella organization which works primarily in the inner city areas of eastern Jamaica.

Joining us today to talk about this are Cecille Bernard, EEH Project Director at PACT and Worrell Hibbert, Chief Operating Officer of the St. Patrick's Foundation, which benefits under the EEH. Welcome.

ANNCR:

Ms. Bernard, we begin with you. Can you give us a quick overview of PACT and the names of the six NGOs in your grouping which are included in the EEH Project?

Ms Bernard to respond here.

ANNCR:

What impact has the EEH project been having on the out of school youth in the six selected NGOs?

Ms. Bernard to respond here

And, Mr. Hibbert, you are in charge on a day to day basis at the St. Patrick's Foundation. Share with us what takes place at the Foundation and how the work of the EEH is making a difference?

Mr. Hibbert to respond here.

ANNCR:

And, Mr. Hibbert, we are well aware of the challenges faced by NGOs with funding and resources. How then do you assess the importance of projects like the EEH?

Mr. Hibbert to respond here

ANNCR:

Finally, Cecille Bernard, how does the NGO community plan to maintain the best practices of the EEH intervention even after the project ends?

Ms. Bernard to respond here.

ANNCR:

Thank you. You have been listening to our weekly feature on the Expanding Educational Horizons (EEH) project and joining us today were Cecille Bernard, EEH Project Director PACT and Worrell Hibbert, Chief Operating Officer of the St. Patrick's Foundation. Join us again on Monday July 21 when we will focus on the Literacy component of the EEH.

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SHOW 9 – JULY 17, 2008 – RECORDING TIME – 10:30 A.M. – JIS RADIO

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Today, we will focus on the literacy component of the project.

Joining us today to talk about this are Paulette Roberts and Maureen Byfield, Literacy Specialists with the EEH.

ANNCR:

Maureen, we begin with you. Can you give us a quick overview of the Literacy component of the EEH Project?

Maureen Byfield to respond here.

ANNCR:

And, Paulette, what impact has the Literacy component been having in the project schools? Can you share any success stories?

Paulette Roberts to respond here

We have discovered that many of our children are not reading enough. How is the literacy team at the EHH addressing this issue in the project schools and NGOs? And what role is technology playing in helping students to read?

Both Paulette and Maureen to respond here.

ANNCR:

And ladies, how will the literacy initiatives continue to have an impact in schools, even after the project ends?

Both Paulette and Maureen to respond here

ANNCR:

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Today, we will focus on the numeracy component of the project and the impact it is having in the schools.

Joining us today to talk about this are Tania Marsh-Harris, numeracy specialist with the EEH and Denneisha Clunis, a teacher at the Victoria All Age School, one of the EEH project schools. Welcome ladies.

ANNCR:

Tania, we begin with you. You have been working in the field with the EEH schools in the area of numeracy. Share with us how the EEH interventions are making a difference?

Tania Marsh Harris to respond here.

ANNCR:

And, how have the schools responded to the new techniques and best practices in the teaching of mathematics to primary school children?

Tania Marsh Harris to respond here

Denneisha, you are at Victoria All Age, and a beneficiary of the EEH programme. Share your experiences with us.

Denneisha Clunis to respond here.

ANNCR:

And Denneisha, what kind of impact has the EEH programme had on the children in your school and their attitude towards mathematics?

Denneisha to respond here

ANNCR:

Thank you. You have been listening to our weekly feature on the Expanding Educational Horizons (EEH) project and joining us today were Tania Marsh-Harris, numeracy specialist with the EEH and Denneisha Clunis, a teacher at the Victoria All Age School, one of the EEH project schools.

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Today, we will focus on the Jamaican School Administrative System (JSAS) which is a critical component of the project.

Joining us today are Nika Donaldson, School Management Specialist with the EEH, and Beverley Johnson, Principal of Jericho Primary, one of the EEH Project Schools. Welcome ladies.

ANNCR:

Nika, we begin with you. Share with us what is JSAS?

Nika to respond here.

ANNCR:

And, why is this system so important for the schools and NGOs in this project?

Nika to respond here

Mrs. Johnson you are at the Jericho Primary school, and a beneficiary of the EEH programme. Share with us how JSAS has helped at your school?

Mrs. Johnson to respond here.

ANNCR:

And, how critical is the JSAS intervention in helping you to properly run the school?

Mrs. Johnson to respond here

ANNCR:

Thank you. You have been listening to our weekly feature on the Expanding Educational Horizons (EEH) project and joining us today were Nika Donaldson, School Management Specialist with the EEH, and Beverley Johnson, Principal of Jericho Primary, one of the EEH Project Schools.

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Today, we will focus on the monitoring and evaluation component of the project.

Joining us today to talk about this is Dr. Doreen Faulkner, Measurement and Evaluation Specialist with the EEH. Welcome Dr. Faulkner.

ANNCR:

Can you share with us exactly what is the role of monitoring and evaluation in the EEH project?

Doreen to respond here.

ANNCR:

What are the specific things you look for in your analysis of the performances in the EEH Project schools and NGOs?

Doreen to respond here

Your component played a critical role in the Grade Four numeracy test, which started in EEH project schools but is now being used nationally. Tell us a bit about that?

Doreen to respond here.

ANNCR:

And finally, is your analysis shared with the project schools and how do they use it to improve?

Doreen to respond here

ANNCR:

Thank you. You have been listening to our weekly feature on the Expanding Educational Horizons (EEH) project and joining us today was Dr. Doreen Faulkner, Measurement and Evaluation Specialist with the EEH.

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EXPANDING EDUCATIONAL HORIZONS FEATURE
SHOW 13 – SEPTEMBER 4, 2008 – RECORDING TIME – 10:30 A.M. – MOE/PS

ANNCR:

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Today we will examine the successes of this joint initiative and the impact it's having on our primary education system. Our guests are Claire Spence, Project Management Specialist at the USAID and Salomie Evering, Deputy Chief Education Officer of the Ministry of Education.

Welcome ladies. Mrs. Spence, why is the USAID so committed to this project?

Claire Spence to respond here

ANNCR:

It's been almost four years since the start of the EEH project and when you factor in the previous New Horizons Project, this has been a meaningful programme. What do you think has been the major successes of the programme?

Claire Spence to respond here.

ANNCR:

Ms. Evering, the partnership with the USAID must make the Ministry of Education very happy. How has this project been from the Ministry's side?

Salomie Evering to respond here

ANNCR:

And, given the Ministry's commitment to the transformation process in the education sector, are there any plans to take the best practices from the EEH to use across the system?

Salomie Evering to respond here

ANNCR:

Finally, Claire Spence, as we all know, these projects must come to an end. Are there any in-built sustainability components so schools can continue to benefit in the years to come?

Claire Spence to respond here

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EXPANDING EDUCATIONAL HORIZONS FEATURE

SHOW 14 – SEPTEMBER 11, 2008 – RECORDING TIME – 10:30 A.M. – JIS RADIO

ANNCR:

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The NGO component of the EEH project is managed under a four-year grant agreement with PACT, a 26 member NGO/CBO umbrella organization which works primarily in the inner city areas of eastern Jamaica.

Joining us today from one of the projects –Children’s First in Spanish Town, is Claudette Pious, Executive Director of Children’s First and two of her trainees Duvar Clarke And Rashina Maye

Welcome.

ANNCR:

Mrs. Pious we begin with you. Can you give us a quick overview of Children’s First?

Claudette Pious to respond here.

ANNCR:

What impact has the EEH project been having on the out of school youth in your NGO?

Claudette Pious to respond here

And Duvar tell us about your experiences at Children’s First and how this has changed your life?

Duvar to respond here.

ANNCR:

And Rashina, how about you, what has Children’s First done for you?

Rashina to respond here

ANNCR:

Finally, Claudette Pious, what's your view of USAID's assistance to the NGOs through the EEH Project?

Claudette Pious to respond here.

ANNCR:

Thank you. You have been listening to our weekly feature on the Expanding Educational Horizons (EEH) project and joining us today were Claudette Pious, Executive Director of Children's First and Duvar Clarke And Rashina Maye, students at Children's First. Children's First is one of the NGO's assisted under the EEH Project.

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EXPANDING EDUCATIONAL HORIZONS FEATURE

SHOW 15 – SEPTEMBER 18, 2008 – RECORDING TIME – 10:30 A.M. – JIS RADIO

ANNCR:

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Today, we will focus on the **educational technology** component of the project. Joining us to talk about this are Andrea Pinnock and Melody Williams, Technology Specialists with the Expanding Educational Horizons and Marcia Thomas, Technology Resource Teacher at St. Anne's Primary School.

ANNCR:

Melody, we begin with you. Can you give us a quick overview of the aims of the Technology component of the EEH Project?

Melody Williams to respond here.

ANNCR:

And, Andrea, what are some of technology tools and strategies that the project has been promoting to support literacy and numeracy activities?

Andrea Pinnock to respond here

ANNCR:

Marcia, share with us the impact that these technology interventions have had on students?

Marcia Thomas to respond here

ANNCR:

And what about the teachers in your school, how have they responded to the integration of technology in their lessons?

Marcia Thomas to respond here

ANNCR:

Teachers might be listening to this programme. What tips can you give them regarding the use of technology, for example, the digital camera, in their lesson?

Both Melody and Andrea to respond here

ANNCR:

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EXPANDING EDUCATIONAL HORIZONS FEATURE

SHOW 15 – OCTOBER 2, 2008 – RECORDING TIME – 10:30 A.M. – JIS RADIO

ANNCR:

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Today, we will focus on the **literacy** component of the project. Joining us to talk about this are Leonie Dennis and Thelma Richardson, Literacy Education Specialists with the Expanding Educational Horizons. Welcome ladies.

ANNCR:

Leonie, share with us what is your role as a literacy education specialist with the EEH project?

Leonie to respond here.

ANNCR:

And, share with us some of the activities which are boosting literacy development in the EEH schools?

Leonie to respond here

ANNCR:

And Thelma, what has been the impact of your work through the project in the schools you work with?

Thelma to respond here

ANNCR:

What has been the major successes of the EEH literacy interventions in selected schools?

Thelma to respond here

ANNCR:

Finally, how can classroom teachers and even parents at home, help their young children to improve their literacy skills?

Both Leonie and Thelma to respond here

ANNCR:

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EXPANDING EDUCATIONAL HORIZONS FEATURE

SHOW 17 – OCTOBER 9, 2008 – RECORDING TIME – 10:30 A.M. – JIS RADIO

ANNCR:

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Today, we will focus on the impact of the **numeracy** component of the project. Joining us to talk about this are Robert Smith, Grade Four teacher and Hakeem Pinnock, Grade 4 student, both of the Allman Town Primary School in Kingston. Allman Town is one of the schools which benefit from the Expanding Educational Horizons Project. Welcome.

ANNCR:

Mr. Smith, first share with us your impressions of the EEH project and how the numeracy component has helped your school?

Mr. Smith to respond here.

ANNCR:

And, how are the students responding to the new strategies you are using to improve numeracy and their love for mathematics?

Mr. Smith to respond here

ANNCR:

We know that the EEH numeracy team has been working hard in all the schools. Tell us, what is it like in an EEH math classroom?

Mr. Smith to respond here

ANNCR:

Now over to you Hakeem, why do you love mathematics?

Hakeem to respond here

ANNCR:

And, how would you describe your math classes at Allman Town Primary especially with the help of the EEH team?

Hakeem to respond here

ANNCR:

Finally, Mr. Smith, what is your wish for the further advancement of numeracy, not just at Allman Town but in all primary schools?

Mr. Smith to respond here

ANNCR:

Thank you. You have been listening to our weekly feature on the Expanding Educational Horizons (EEH) project and joining us today were Robert Smith, Grade Four teacher and Hakeem Pinnock, Grade 4 student, both of the Allman Town Primary School in Kingston. Allman Town is one of the schools which benefit from the Expanding Educational Horizons Project.

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EXPANDING EDUCATIONAL HORIZONS FEATURE
SHOW 18 – OCTOBER 30, 2008 – RECORDING TIME – 10:30 A.M. – JIS RADIO

ANNCR:

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Today we focus on stakeholder support and the partnerships the project has cemented with the private sector. Our guests are Ms. Sheryl Brown, Stakeholder Support Specialist for the EEH and Mr. Lenworth Fulton, Executive Director, Jamaica 4-H Clubs, one of the private sector partners. Welcome.

Ms. Brown, why is stakeholder support such a key component of the EEH project and what has been the impact so far?

Ms. Brown to respond here

ANNCR:

One of the many partners working with the EEH to boost the school garden project in select schools is the Jamaica 4-H Club. Mr. Fulton, tell us about your partnership with the EEH and what it means for the schools?

Mr. Fulton to respond here.

ANNCR:

Like all other projects, the EEH will eventually end. Ms. Brown, what interventions have the project made with school leaders so they can continue to forge effective partnerships with the private sector and keep this school garden project alive?

Ms. Brown to respond here.

ANNCR:

And, Mr. Fulton, how important is it for the 4-H Club to continue supporting agriculture in education?

Mr. Fulton to respond here

ANNCR:

Thank you. You have been listening to our weekly feature on the Expanding Educational Horizons (EEH) project and joining us today were Ms. Sheryl Brown, Stakeholder Support Specialist for the EEH and Mr. Lenworth Fulton, Executive Director, Jamaica 4-H Clubs, one of the private sector partners. Join us again next time for another feature on the EEH.

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EXPANDING EDUCATIONAL HORIZONS FEATURE

SHOW 19 – NOVEMBER 5, 2008 – RECORDING TIME – 10:30 A.M. – JIS RADIO

ANNCR:

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Today, we will focus on the launch of the latest version of the Jamaica School Administrative System (JSAS) software. JSAS 7.0 was developed by the EEH and is a critical component for the success of the project.

Joining us today are Nika Donaldson, School Management Specialist with the EEH, and JSAS consultant Ben Munoz. Welcome.

ANNCR:

Nika, we begin with you. Share with us what is JSAS 7.0?

Nika to respond here.

ANNCR:

And, what is it about JSAS 7.0 which makes it so special?

Nika to respond here

Ben Munoz, share with us how this special software was developed and how it will change the way school management is approached?

Ben to respond here.

ANNCR:

And, Ben, give us an idea of how JSAS 7.0 will be rolled out in the project schools and NGOs and the kind of monitoring and evaluation mechanisms that will be in place?

Ben to respond here

ANNCR:

Finally Nika, what are the expectations of the Project about the impact that JSAS 7.0 will have in schools and NGOs?

ANNCR:

Thank you. You have been listening to our weekly feature on the Expanding Educational Horizons (EEH) project and joining us today were Nika Donaldson, School Management Specialist with the EEH, and JSAS consultant Ben Munoz.

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EXPANDING EDUCATIONAL HORIZONS FEATURE

SHOW 20 – NOVEMBER 20, 2008 – RECORDING TIME – 10:30 A.M. – JIS RADIO

ANNCR:

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Today, we will return our focus to the **literacy** component of the project. Joining us to talk about this are Mr Oniel Ankle, Principal of Green Park Primary and Junior High and Mr. Gerald Lawrence, Principal of Anchovy Primary. Both schools are beneficiaries of Expanding Educational Horizons. Welcome gentlemen.

ANNCR:

I am sure both of you have many success stories of the EEH project in your schools, but can you share with our listeners how the interventions to boost literacy have been working?

Both Mr. Ankle & Mr. Lawrence to respond here.

ANNCR:

And, Mr. Ankle, have you been able to measure the impact of the EEH literacy programmes on your teachers and students?

Mr. Ankle to respond here

ANNCR:

Mr. Lawrence, how has Anchovy's literacy programme responded to methods introduced by the EEH and what has been the impact on the students and teachers?

Mr. Lawrence to respond here

ANNCR:

Now both of you are aware that this project will not go on forever. So how do you plan to ensure that the EEH interventions in literacy are sustainable and how will you share the information with neighbouring schools which are not a part of the project.

Both Mr. Ankle and Mr. Lawrence to respond here.

ANNCR:

Finally, how do you think parents at home can help their young children to improve their literacy skills?

Both Principals to respond here.

ANNCR:

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EXPANDING EDUCATIONAL HORIZONS FEATURE
SHOW – DEC 9, 2008 – RECORDING TIME – 10:30 A.M. – JIS RADIO

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Today we focus on the gender component of the Project and joining us is EEH Gender Consultant, Professor Barbara Bailey. Welcome Professor Bailey.

ANNCR:

Professor Bailey, what exactly is the gender component of the EEH Project and why was it so critical to include it in the schools?

Professor Bailey to respond here.

ANNCR:

What method has been used to sensitize principals and teachers in the project schools on this important issue of gender and the role it plays in learning?

Professor Bailey to respond here

ANNCR:

And, how can principals use gender analysis to ensure that school development plans are responsive to the needs of both male and female students, teachers and parents?

Professor Bailey to respond here

ANNCR:

You have held many workshops with principals and teachers in project schools. How has the message on the importance of gender been received and what results have you seen?

Professor Bailey to respond here

ANNCR:

And, finally Professor Bailey, how hopeful are you that when the Project ends, the schools will continue to focus on this important issue and keep it on the front burner?

Professor Bailey to respond here

Thank you. You have been listening to our weekly feature on the Expanding Educational Horizons (EEH) project and joining us today is EEH Gender Consultant, Professor Barbara Bailey.

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EXPANDING EDUCATIONAL HORIZONS FEATURE

SHOW 24– DECEMBER 18, 2008 – RECORDING TIME – 10:30 A.M. – JIS RADIO

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Today, we will focus on the **educational technology** component of the project.

Joining us today to talk about this are Andrea Pinnock and Melody Williams, Technology Specialists with the Expanding Educational Horizons, Technology Resource Teachers: Vanessa Reid from Norman Gardens Primary and Junior High School in Kingston and Richard Derby, from Manchioneal All-Age School in Portland.

ANNCR:

Andrea, we begin with you. Can you tell us the activities that the technology component has been undertaking this term?

Andrea Pinnock to respond here.

ANNCR:

Melody, will you elaborate on the action research project?

Melody Williams to respond here

ANNCR:

We also have Vanessa Reid in studio and Richard Derby on the telephone. How have educational technologies influenced student learning and teachers' practice?

Vanessa Reid to respond here

Richard Derby to respond here

ANNCR:

Melody, what can teachers look forward to in the new year from the technology component?

Melody Williams to respond here

ANNCR:

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