



**Expanding Educational Horizons**  
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**Press Release**

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**EDUCATION MINISTER LAUDS EEH FOR PROMOTING EXCELLENCE IN LITERACY AND NUMERACY**

Education Minister Andrew Holness has heaped praises on the Expanding Educational Horizons (EEH) Project for its concerted efforts over the past four years to boost numeracy and literacy standards in select primary schools across the country.

Mr. Holness was speaking at the Hilton Kingston Hotel at the recent EEH close of project Symposium and Exhibition. The EEH is a joint initiative between the Jamaica and United States Governments in the key areas of literacy, numeracy and educational technology. It is a four-year project (2005-2009) supported by the Ministry of Education and Youth (MOEY) and USAID and benefitting approximately 30,000 students from 71 primary schools and 2,000 out-of- school youths from six Jamaican NGOs.

The Education Minister highlighted two of the major successes of the project – the development of the Grade Four Numeracy Test, which is now being used islandwide, and the web-based version of the Jamaica School Administrative Software (JSAS), which will allow school administrators access to real time data to drive improvements in performance.

Deputy Director of the Office of Sustainable Development of the USAID, Sean Osner, also addressed the Symposium and he expressed satisfaction with the numerous achievements of the EEH.

Mr. Osner noted that the EEH project was a good platform for greater accountability and performance management in the primary education system. He also had high praise for the unique gender component of the EEH project, because of its special emphasis on techniques to enhance the learning process for boys.

Mr. Osner commended the participating schools, as over 90 percent of them had achieved the required standards of improvement in numeracy and literacy.

Project schools staged a high-quality exposition with displays in all the major components of literacy, numeracy, technology, school management, gender, stakeholder support, gender and non-governmental organizations (NGOs).

Some of the more popular presentations included the use of electronic portfolios to support the continuous assessment of reading fluency; creating a digital story; using interactive websites for literacy and numeracy enhancement; eliminating gender bias; and using AlphaSmart technologies.

These are the schools and NGO's which have benefitted under the EEH Project over the past four years:

**REGION 1**

Aeolus Valley All Age  
Allman Town Primary  
Bull Bay All Age  
Cavaliers All Age  
Chetolah Park Primary  
Denham Town Primary  
Drews Avenue Primary  
Elletson Primary  
Greenwich All Age  
John Mills Primary and Junior High  
King Weston All Age  
Maxfield Park Primary  
Mount James All Age  
Norman Gardens All Age  
Prospect Primary  
St. Anne's Primary  
St. Michael's Primary  
St. Peter Claver Primary

**REGION 2**

Black Hill All Age  
Devon Pen All Age  
Epsom All Age  
Hillside Primary  
Job's Hill All Age  
Long Road All Age  
Manchioneal All Age  
Mt. Pleasant All Age  
Rock River All Age  
St. Margaret's Bay All Age  
Winchester Primary  
Windsor Castle All Age  
Windsor Forrest Primary

**REGION 3**

Brown's Town Primary  
Daniel Town All Age  
Fort George Primary  
Jack's River Primary  
Lowe River Primary  
Lower Buxton All Age  
Rio Bueno All Age  
Spring Gardens Primary  
Trinity Primary

**REGION 4**

Anchovy Primary  
Bickersteth Primary  
Carmel All Age  
Chester Castle All Age  
Cornwall Mountain All Age  
Mt. Airy All Age  
Negril All Age

**REGION 5**

Fergusson All Age  
Fyffes Pen Primary  
Marie Cole Memorial All Age  
Mizpah All Age  
Newton Primary  
Porus Primary  
Ramble All Age  
Schoolfield All Age

**REGION 6**

Crescent Primary  
Green Park Primary and Junior High  
Hazard Primary  
Horizon Park Primary  
Jericho Primary  
Kellits Primary  
Linstead Primary and Junior High  
Mt. Carmel All Age  
Polly Ground Primary  
Redwood All Age  
Spring Gardens All Age  
Springvale Primary  
Toll Gate All Age  
Tulloch Primary  
Victoria All Age  
White Marl Primary and Junior High

**NGOS**

Children First  
Jamaica Red Cross  
St. Patrick's Foundation  
Western Society for the Upliftment of Children  
YWCA  
Kingston Young Men's Christian Association  
(YMCA)

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