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## **MORE COMMUNITIES TO BENEFIT FROM IMPROVED NWC WATER SUPPLY**

In its continued effort to increase its coverage especially in rural communities, the National Water Commission recently signed two Contracts with the Rural Water Supply Limited for the Clydesdale to Content Gap Water Supply Project in St. Andrew and the Rose Well Water Supply Project in Clarendon.

Constructed in 1960 and designed to last for 20 years, the Clydesdale Water Supply Scheme is not currently able to adequately serve the growing needs of the population of the communities of Clydesdale, Content Gap and Guava Ridge. Even with the incorporation of two (2) small, previously independent water supply systems - the Progress Water Supply System and the Guava Ridge Water Supply System - the supply to the service areas remain inadequate.

In order to provide some level of service to the almost 5,000 persons, the NWC has been manipulating the system to the greatest extent possible where communities now get water on a regulated basis.

A more comprehensive solution will now be realized when this Contract is implemented. The scope of works under the project will involve the installation of approximately 2.7 kilometers of 150 mm Ductile Iron pipes to replace the existing leaky pipeline.

The other communities to benefit from this water supply improvement are Chestervale, Wolf Square, North and South St. Peters, Mount Lebanon, Mavis Bank, Valda, Green Piece and Quashie Gap, Salt Hill and Guava Ridge.

Meanwhile, the parish of Clarendon will also benefit from improvement in water supply as the utility provides several solutions for Rose Well and adjoining areas. The scope of the works under the Palmetto Pen/Bread Nut Bottom/Rose Well Water Supply Scheme involves the installation of 3.4km of 150, 100 and 50 mm diameter pipelines; installation of service laterals and reinstatement of pipeline trenches.

Already the pipe-laying works as well as flushing and sterilization works have been completed and road reinstatements are now in progress and are expected to be concluded by mid-July.

Once completed, residents in the beneficiary rural communities will begin to experience a significant improvement in their living conditions.

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