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NEWS RELEASE

Scotiabank feeds hundreds and expand Breakfast programme to mark World Food Day

Kingston:/ Scotiabank marked World Food Day with the provision of breakfast for 1,250 students at the Holy Family Infant and Primary School in Kingston and the Sir Clifford Campbell Primary School in Savannah-la-Mar. World Food Day is being celebrated today under the theme – ‘The Right to Food’.

A total of 33 Scotiabank Volunteers prepared and served meals at both schools and were assisted by Nutritionists, Dr. Heather Little-White and Dr. Charmaine Thomas-Chantilo from the Ministry of Health who made presentations on the importance of proper nutrition especially in children.

Additionally, the Scotiabank Jamaica Foundation announced the expansion of its Breakfast Feeding Programme to include four new schools - Bamboo Primary and Junior High in St Ann, Drapers all Age and Norwich Primary Schools in Portland, and Whitfield All Age School in Kingston. This will bring the total number of schools in the programme to five. The Holy Family Infant and Primary School has been on the programme since 2000, where 250 students are fed breakfast each day.

“With the expansion of the programme we will now bring the total number students being fed to 500 and the cost to \$919,000 per annum,” said Joylene Griffiths Irving, Executive Director of the Scotiabank Jamaica Foundation.

“We decided to expand the programme, after observing the positive impact breakfast had on school attendance and academic performance of the students at Holy family Infant and Primary,” she added.

