



### **Jamalco Installs Community WIFI Access Points in its Operating Areas**

Jamalco has partnered with local community-based organizations to establish WIFI access points at several areas in its operating areas in Clarendon and Manchester. Amidst the COVID-19 pandemic and reports of connectivity issues or lack of internet access by students who are engaged in online learning, Jamalco undertook this initiative to improve the students' internet connectivity while enabling community members and parents to stay connected and support the students in online learning and research.

The communities which benefited include Top and Middle St. Toolis in the Harmons Valley mining area, Railroad, Mocho, Mitchell Town, Hayes, Ellen Street (South Manchester).

The project will be managed by the community-based organizations (CBO) and in most cases up to 100 individuals will be able to access the Wi-Fi services simultaneously.

Top St. Toolis CBO member, Robert Hamilton has lauded Jamalco for partnering with the communities to help to improve the lives of citizens that are impacted by its operations. "I think the company must be commended for this initiative as it would take many years for the established companies to provide internet connectivity services for rural area like St. Toolis. I am grateful that Jamalco has not only paid to erect the WIFI access point but has also paid for six months service."

It is expected that the CBOs will put a programme in place to collect a small fee from the beneficiaries so that after six months they will be able to assume the responsibility of paying for the monthly internet service.

#### **Captions**

**Photo 1** – The WiFi Access Point in Top St. Toolis which was installed for the use of students by Jamalco

#### **Photo 2**

Students in online class at The Litchfield Primary School in Manchester because of the recently installed WIFI Access point by Jamalco.

