

# Springfield Alternative Learning Centre

## Springfield, St. Elizabeth, Jamaica

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Category of Project: Vocational Training  
Location: Springfield, St Elizabeth, Jamaica  
Project Site: Springfield Moravian Church Property  
Duration of Project: 12 months

### Introduction

The present “[construction of an alternate learning centre](#)”, in Springfield, St. Elizabeth, Jamaica (henceforth referred to as “the project”), has been studied by the technical committee of the Factories Corporation of Jamaica as well as Unitas of Jamaica. From the framework below, the Board of Directors of Unitas of Jamaica recommends:

**Total Budget – J\$24,000,000.00**

### Objectives

The objective of the project is to implement a social intervention skills empowerment by constructing a vocational training facility so that 40-60 young adults can receive skills training in a pleasant setting

- To develop and train as many young people in those skills in which they can be gainfully employed in order for them to live honestly and decently and be an asset to the society.
- To coordinate the energy and abilities of the congregation and the community in mobilizing the necessary resources for the benefit of the young in the Community.
- To make the centre more comfortable and convenient in training the young in employable skills, by making the equipment and the environment equal to the working facilities that they will encounter after graduation.
- To renovate and replace the building of the centre as it is not convenient and accommodating as it should be in training students for modern day equipment and facilities.

Location of population receiving the service and importance of the school  
The project is situated in Springfield, St. Elizabeth, Jamaica. The Springfield community is situated in a deep rural village of the Cockpit Country and the Santa Cruz Mountains. It is about 15 miles from Black River, the capital of St. Elizabeth, 30 miles from Santa Cruz another major town in St. Elizabeth and 7 miles from Lewisville, the nearest Secondary School. Springfield is bordered on the east by Kraal, a fast-developing community, to the north by Donegal, to the west by Woodlands and to the south by Pisgah and Claremont.

### Solving the Problem

In solving the problems the following will be implemented:-

- Renovation of existing building concrete frame as shown
- Procure equipment with new and more technological ones to make more space available and for work to be done more speedily.
- Arrange the building to accommodate classes so that adequate spacing will always be there for convenient and smooth interchange of classes.
- Within a new environment the attitude to work and to learning will be positively improved thus raising the standard of the performance of the school.
- Introduce the HEART NSTA TRUST curriculum for local standard certification

