



GUYANA

PROJECT VISIT – Ruimveldt Life Improvement Centre

The community of East Ruimveldt, in Georgetown Guyana will soon benefit from services offered via the Ruimveldt Life Improvement Initiatives (RLII) Multi-Purpose Business and Recreational Centre.

The programme is funded under the European Union's Non-State Actors and Local Authorities in Development (NSA/LA) thematic budget line which aims at encouraging non-state actors and local authorities, both from the EU and in developing countries, to get more involved in development issues.

Partnering with the Assemblies of God Religious Institution the EU is channeling GYD 41.7 Million (83.16% of total cost of the programme) towards the realisation of this project.

Almost 20 months into the project, construction is moving apace and already residents are eagerly anticipating its completion, which is scheduled for the end of August 2014. The RLIC's construction is part of a vision to empower and equip youth, women, and unemployed residents with the relevant abilities to enhance their entrepreneurial and developmental capabilities and by extension the development of the community.

This will be achieved through training and services in the areas of barbering, beauty care, video-graphics and culinary arts in the multi-purpose building. The four storeyed facility will have a recreational room which will encourage residents of the community to engage in socially acceptable activities under the guidance of the dedicated team from the Assemblies of God Church.

Recruitment for training has commenced and already a sense of hope has begun to fill the community as expectations are high for the potential this project will have in enhancing livelihoods, initiating social behavioural change and equipping the vulnerable and under privileged of the community.



Multi-purpose building under construction



Inside the multi-purpose building



Works under way inside the multi-purpose building



Programme Officer at the EU Delegation with oversight responsibility for the project Mr Brian Sukhai [right] being updated on the status of the project by representatives of the RILC and Pastor Simon Harris, Mrs Denise Harris and Ms Aileen Nestor.