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Minister of State in the Ministry of National Security, the Hon. Juliet Cuthbert-Flynn (left) joins Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of National Security, Ambassador Alison Stone Roofe (2<sup>nd</sup> left) in celebrating the signing of an Memorandum of Understanding to establish a framework to provide training and assessment services to inmates, wards and correctional officers in the Department of Correctional Services. Managing Director for the HEART/NSTA Trust, Dr. Taneisha Ingleton and Commissioner of Corrections, Brigadier (Ret'd) Radgh Mason also added their signatures to the document during a ceremony on Friday (June 27).

**Ministry of National Security strengthens rehabilitation efforts through strategic MOU  
with HEART/NSTA Trust**

Minister of State in the Ministry of National Security, the Hon. Juliet Cuthbert-Flynn says the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Ministry of National Security, the Department of Correctional Services and the HEART/NSTA Trust, is a pivotal milestone in ongoing efforts to empower and rehabilitate inmates.

The MOU that was signed earlier today (June 27) establishes a collaborative framework for providing training and assessment services to inmates and correctional officers.

**“This signing ceremony represents a crucial step forward in our strategic approach to rehabilitation and reintegration,”** remarked Minister of State in the Ministry of National Security, the Hon. Juliet Cuthbert-Flynn.



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Minister Cuthbert-Flynn described the MOU as critical and said that **“the partnership represents a strategic and united approach to rehabilitation and reintegration”**. She reasoned that the collaboration aims to provide inmates and wards with the necessary technical and vocational skills to secure meaningful employment upon reintegration into society.

She further stated, **“This partnership leverages the strengths of each organisation to provide real opportunities for change”**.

Minister Cuthbert-Flynn emphasized that rehabilitation is not a one-man mission but that it takes collective efforts and reinforcements.

The State Minister used the occasion to acknowledge the vital role of the HEART/NSTA, thanking its leadership for their continued support in the rehabilitation process of inmates.

**“You have not only delivered skills training but have truly understood and supported the mission of the DCS to secure, supervise, rehabilitate and reintegrate offenders as productive, law-abiding citizens,”** Minister Cuthbert-Flynn said.

Special commendations were extended to DCS Commissioner, Brigadier (Ret’d) Radgh Mason and his team for their dedication.

**“We have already seen positive results from the inmates’ progress and I am sure the best is yet to come,”** the Minister of State said.

Dr. Taneisha Ingleton HEART/NSTA Trust Managing Director noted that the signing of the MOU was more than exchanging signatures but the forging of a national commitment to dignity, transformation and opportunity.

The government of Jamaica has recognized the need to reduce the rate of recidivism and as such, MNS/DCS has engaged the HEART/NSTA Trust to support this objective and proposed the provision of training and development of their clients and staff.

This proposal aligns with HEART/NSTA Trust’s Tripartite Responsibilities where the three main responsibilities are to provide developmental services, skills training and adult education, with a mandate to support the rehabilitation of at-risk youth in Jamaica.