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PRESS RELEASE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Significant Boost in Gynaecology Services at Black River Hospital

Gynaecology services over the last four years have been significantly boosted at the Black River Hospital (BRH) in St. Elizabeth, through the support of local Mission, Women's Health Network.

Headed by renowned Obstetrician/Gynaecologist and former Senior Medical Officer of the Victoria Jubilee Hospital, Dr. Rudolph Stevens, Women's Health Network has performed some 143 surgeries since 2013.

The group which consists of gynaecologists, anaesthesiologists, cardiologists, nurses and operating theatre technicians from Jamaica and the Diaspora have assisted patients with severe gynaecological problems who were waiting for long periods to have surgery done, or who were experiencing financial challenges and unable to seek private care.

CEO of the Black River Hospital, Mrs. Diana Brown-Miller said the types of surgeries performed included: total abdominal hysterectomy; vaginal hysterectomy; cone biopsies and lower segment caesarean section.

Mrs. Brown-Miller added that other services offered were: colposcopy and cervical cancer screening; contraceptive services; educational sessions; neonatal resuscitation in addition to the management of maternal emergencies and infectious diseases.

The CEO explained that the women were selected from Holy Spirit Catholic Clinic in Maggotty and the Gynaecology Outpatient Clinic at the BRH. She added that each year the team dedicates an entire week in July to perform surgeries and would return at another time to perform surgeries which were not done during that week.

"We owe a depth of gratitude to Dr. Stevens and his team for their selfless service rendered over the years to women in St. Elizabeth. While we have not calculated the actual dollar value of these surgeries which is no doubt
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in the tens of millions, the true cost is reflected in the expressions of appreciation and gratitude from the beneficiaries of the services offered. Well done Women's Health Network. We salute you as true unsung heroes who have certainly made a difference in every life touched. We look forward in welcoming the team for the fifth year of their Mission" Mrs. Miller said.

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