



## MINISTRY OF HEALTH TO RELOCATE HEALTH SERVICES TO BIGGER FACILITY

**ST. GEORGE'S, GRENADA, Friday, September 20, 2013- GIS:** Almost eight weeks after the Ministry of Health launched its revitalized Primary Health Care program in St. Patrick, health administrators continues to move swiftly to ensure that facilities and the availability of services in Patrick, St. Mark and St. John are up to mark.

However, one of the areas of concern for the Ministry of Health is St. John, which has been without a proper facility for the provision of adequate services for almost four years. On Thursday Director of Primary Health Care (PHC) Dr. Francis Martin told the Government Information Service (GIS) that a new building has been identified in the Town of Gouyave where the (PHC) services will be provided.



*Building that will house the Health Services in Gouyave*

He said, the Ministry felt that it was necessary to find a facility with adequate space to properly and efficiently execute the program. " We felt that in order to offer the extended hours and a comprehensive integrated set of services and the extended hours, we needed a facility where all of that and more can be provided under one roof so that all of our healthcare providers can operate in a very comfortable setting", explained Dr. Martin.

The (PHC) Director said, he expect more people will be able to access the relevant medical services in the coming weeks when the facility is officially commissioned.

"We anticipate that within(a few weeks) more clinics will be offered, people will be able to visit the facility for extended PHC services up to 7:00 p.m and generally more clinics compared to what is being offered presently"he said.

Martin said since the July 24 launch in St. Patrick's there has been a significant increase in the amount of home visits and general care which he credited to the extended hours.

The new facility is located near the Gouyave Police Station and Road Office, situated at Central Depradine Street in the Town of Gouyave.

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