

2.30 St John's Health Centre

This building suffered substantial damage.

Personnel:

- Acting Superintendent of Public Health Nurses - Ms Ivy-Jean Benjamin
- Nurse - Ms Reynolds
- Nurse - Ms Kelsick
- Stores & Transport Office - Mr Harrigan

Damage:

- Much of the roof sheeting, some of the roof structure and most of the upper-floor ceiling were damaged or destroyed.
- Dental Unit - water through ceiling; some window catches missing
- Lunch Room - water damage
- Typing Room - water through ceiling
- Ivy-Jean Benjamin's Office - a lot of water; ceiling destroyed (termite invested before Luis)
- Pharmacy - water ingress; some drugs lost
- Verandah - roof destroyed
- Office adjacent to verandah - very minor damage
- Store room (paper materials and charts) - water ingress
- Doctor's Office - water through ceiling
- Waiting room - water through ceiling
- Nurse Kelsick's room - water through ceiling and under door (which is now swollen)
- Medical Supplies Store Room - water ingress through the roof (the same roof that continues over the verandah)
- Vaccine Room - water through ceiling (Two deep freezes and a refrigerator that used to be in this room have had to be removed to the Police Headquarters for safety and to access electric power)
- Room for taking blood pressures - water through ceiling (the panel-board ceiling was installed after Hugo)
- Dressing Room - two window panes were broken by Luis (Door needs replacing)
- Stores & Transport Building - no physical damage but water came through the ceiling on the north-west and west sides

- Nurses Stores - water through eaves; loose corrugated galvanised roof sheeting

Utilities:

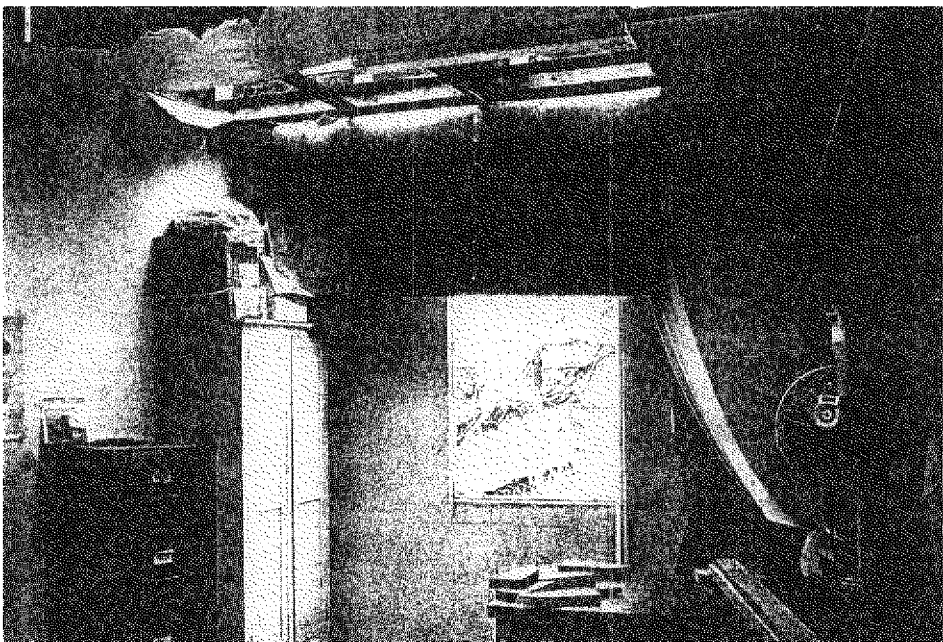
- Electricity - off; stand-by generator not connected and probably too small for the purpose.

Observations:

- Repairs were in progress, being executed by the Jamaica Defence Force, under the supervision of Mr Beazer of the Public Works Department
- This building was badly damaged by Hurricane Hugo 6 years earlier. It was repaired but not obviously strengthened.
- The upper floor was in use although repairs were in progress on the roof. This was clearly dangerous.
- The "Nissan" huts used for storing old items are in a bad state of repair. They pose a danger to other buildings on the compound in that, should they fall apart, their components could damage otherwise intact property.



St John's - destruction of roof.



St John's - consequent destruction of ceilings.