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**The Law Reform (Zones of Special Operations) (Special  
Security and Community Development Measures) (The  
Mount Salem Community  
and Environs in the Parish of Saint James Zone)**

**Social Intervention**

**July 17, 2018**

**Office of the Prime Minister**



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1. This Honourable House is being requested to take note of the following information concerning the Law Reform (Zones of Special Operations) (Special Security and Community Development Measures) Mount Salem Community and Environs in the Parish of St. James Zone.
  
2. Guided by two primary approaches: Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) and Crime Prevention through Social Development (CPTSD); several projects have been undertaken. These include:
  - i) **Road Improvement Works** (Phase 1 and II (b) of road rehabilitation have been completed; Two roadways have been rehabilitated: Mount Salem Main Road and Barnett View).
  - ii) **Water Regularization** (Over 115 households have had accounts regularized).
  - iii) **Drain Cleaning and Removal of solid waste** (This continues to ensure the cleanliness of the environs and has provided employment for 79 community members).
  - iv) **Back to School Support** (97 students received supplies for back to school, inclusive of uniforms and books).
  - v) **Parenting Support** (Through the National Parent Support Commission, parents from the community have enrolled in training on proper parenting and soft skills)
  - vi) **Community Outreach** (Over 100 residents have received skills training through the Housing, Opportunity, Production and Employment (HOPE) Programme. Additionally, through HEART Trust NTA fifteen (15) residents have completed training and graduated with Level I in Construction management)



vii) **Civil Registration and Community Services** (Over 2000 services delivered through two fairs. Including medical, dental and civil documentations).

3. Ongoing and scheduled activities include:

i) **Rehabilitation of Mount Salem Primary and Junior High School and Development of a new State of the Art Infant School** (This will benefit more than 500 students)

ii) **Zinc fence substitution project** (Over 82 households will benefit directly from the project; and approximately 100 persons will benefit from employment on a rotational basis. The Community Based Organization -the Mount Salem Community Development Council - will be implementing the project, which is in keeping with their increased capacity following training as a result of earlier programmes in the Zone).

iii) **Road Rehabilitation** (A total of five (5) roads are being upgraded in the community. Roads targeted account for approximately 90 percent of the roadway in the community. Phase I and II of this three phased projects has been completed; Phase III will commence on completion of the zinc removal project).

iv) **Electricity Regularization** (National Energy Solution Ltd have started planting poles in the community. The entire ZONE is slated to benefit from the improved delivery and regularization of electricity. This project is ongoing and is tied to the zinc fence removal and road improvement project, as the alignment of poles will be done in a synchronized way)

v) **Water Regularization** (The NWC continues their efforts to improve both water distribution and quality of access to the residents. As part of the coordinated approach, laterals are being included to ensure, the roadworks are not disturbed once they have been completed. Just over 360 households have benefitted to date from improvements in the quality of distribution).

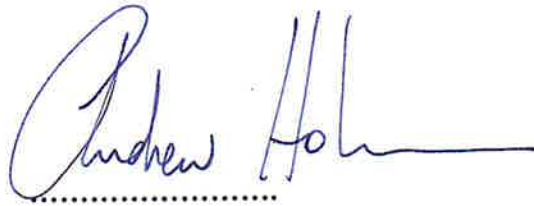


vi) **Vocational Skills Training** (Skills Training programs including welding and general construction have sought to target at risk youths within the Zone. A total of 100 students are set to benefit; through JSIF/ HEART and HOPE. One batch of 15 students graduated with training in construction in February 2018. Additionally, the students which have been enrolled for block making and tiling have been engaged on the Zinc fence substitution project. Additional areas for training include refrigeration and Telemarketing. New cohorts are currently being recruited and should commence training in July-August 2018).

vii) **Entrepreneurship and Business Development** (The Entrepreneurship Programme has featured considerations regarding: grants, business training and equipment and regularization support – to include permits and licenses. Approximately 10 Enterprises and an unlimited number of applicants were invited to submit proposals for funding of between J\$1.5M and J\$ 25 million in business support.

viii) **Educational Development** (Over 200 students between 7 and 16 years will benefit from a summer Camp in July 2018)

4. These efforts are aimed at transforming the lives of the residents of Mount Salem while establishing a platform for improved livelihoods of future generations.

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**Andrew Holness, ON, MP**

**Prime Minister**

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