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**The Law Reform (Zones of Special Operations) (Special Security
and**

Community Development Measures)

The Mount Salem Community Zone

Social Intervention (September 1, 2017- June 5, 2019)

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Office of the Prime Minister

The Law Reform (Zones of Special Operations) Special Security and Community Development Measures

Social Intervention Report

(September 1, 2017- June 5, 2019)

This Honourable House is being requested to note that subsequent to the enactment of the Law Reform (Zones of Special Operations) (Special Security and Community Development Measures) Act, the Prime Minister on the advice of the National Security Council, declared Mount Salem as the first Zone of Special Operation (ZOSO) under the legislation, The Law Reform (Zones of Special Operations) (Special Security and Community Development Measures) Act, 2017 on September 1, 2017.

Since the declaration of Mount Salem as a zone, the state through the Social Intervention Committee has coordinated the delivery of social services to the community. The interventions are guided by a Social Intervention development framework approved by Cabinet and which serves as a developmental roadmap comprising seven development areas which focus on: Physical Environment, Land Tenure, Community Safety, Human and Community Development and Employment, Business and Economic Development, Spiritual and Faith Based Intervention and Leadership.

The Social Interventions have intensified since the transition to the Build Phase in February 2018. The Activities are guided by the following theoretical approach:

1. Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED)
2. Crime Prevention through Social Development (CPTSD)

NEW INTERVENTIONS SINCE REPORT ON APRIL 2019 IN MOUNT SALEM

During the review period April to June 2019, the social transformation initiatives being implemented in the Mount Salem ZOSO continued in earnest. To date the community has seen interventions valued in excess of J\$150M successfully executed in the space. Currently the focus is on the following developments:

1. The Mount Salem Primary and Infant School - Design works and pre-tender stage to be funded by the JSIF.
2. Mount Salem Police Station and Health Centre – JSIF doing appraisal, towards developing a potential project to rehabilitate both facilities. Further update and decisions to be finalized during the next quarter June to August 2019.

3. Sustaining efforts at preserving the peace and safety, with the Community CDC actively working with the police. Of note are efforts to rehabilitate and forge an alternative pathway among a group of youth that were suspected violence producers.

The tables below provide an outline of the progress of the social intervention components in the Zone, as well the various agencies that have marshalled or contributed to the delivery of the components, notably the following:

The Jamaica Cultural Development Commission (JCDC)

The Jamaica Social Investment Fund (JSIF)

National Water Commission (NWC)

National Works Agency (NWA)

The Social Development Commission (SDC)

The Ministry of National Security (MNS)

The HEART Trust/NTA

The Housing Opportunity Production and Employment (HOPE) Programme

The St. James Public Health Department

The Ministry of Economic Growth and Job Creation (MEGJC)

The Mount Salem Seventh Day Adventist Church

The Ministry of Tourism

Jamaica Constabulary Force

Mount Salem Community Development Centre

National Housing Trust

Housing Agency of Jamaica

National Land Agency

National Parent Support Commission

INTERVENTIONS SUCCESSFULLY IMPLEMENTED IN THE MOUNT SALEM ZOSO SINCE SEPTEMBER 1, 2017

DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY	INTERVENTIONS	AGENCIES	OUTPUT
<p>Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Road Improvement Works 	<p>NWA</p>	<p>Scope of Road rehabilitation: A total of Five (5) roads are being upgraded in the community:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Piggot Street – 300 metres Crawford Street- 550 metres Pedlars Lane – 400 metres Mt Salem Main Road -1630 meters Barnet View Main Road – 700 metres
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Water Regularization Drain Cleaning & Removal of solid waste 	<p>NWC NWA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Over 115 households have had accounts regularized Three drains cleaned and the removal of 24 truckloads of bulky waste from the community. Main drain through community rehabilitated, with the community providing all the labour for the works. 79 community members received short term employment

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rodent Control Zinc Fence Substitution 	<p>St. James Public Health</p> <p>JSIF & Ministry of Economic Growth and Job Creation</p>	<p>Community wide programme that significantly reduce the rat and rodent population.</p> <p>1300m of zinc fence to be removed and replaced with block and steel wall along the following streets:</p> <p>Pedlars lane 108.5 Metres Corners lane 65 Metres Crawford Street 241 Metres Crawford to Piggot street 40 Metres Richardson crescent 123 Metres Coconut palm 81 Metres Coffee lane 95 Metres Campbell lane 215 Metres Katon lane 111 Metres Clarke street 70 Metres</p> <p>Over 100 community members directly benefitted from employment on the project.</p> <p>Directly impacted over 82 homes in the community.</p>
<p>Crime Prevention Through Social Development</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training of Community Based Committee (CDC) Back to school support (September 2017) 	<p>MNS & JSIF</p> <p>JSIF & Other SIC Agencies</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 25 community leaders trained in governance and help draft the development plans for the community. 97 students received supplies for back to school, inclusive of uniforms and books.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Faith Based Organization Community Out each Skills Training Civil Registration Community Services Fair Unity Concert Sports/Recreation (Domino Tournament) Parenting Support 	<p>Mount Salem SDA Church</p> <p>HOPE, HEART Trust NTA</p> <p>JSIF</p> <p>JSIF/ Members SIC</p> <p>Ministry of Tourism/ JCDC & SIC partners</p> <p>SDC</p> <p>National Parent Support Commission</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Over 100 residents received support through the church at a community fair hosted by the church. 15 residents completed training and graduated with level I in Construction management Over 230 birth certificates were provided since ZOSO was declared. Over 2000 services delivered through two fairs. Including medical, dental and civil documentations. Cultural showcase in the community, including talent show and games Over 80 community members directly participated, however over 200 residents indirectly benefited 20 Parent mentors trained on proper parenting and soft skills; Establishment of a physical parent Place in the ZONE with support from USAID.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Summer Camp 2018 	<p>JSIF</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Over 150 students were engaged in a six-week summer Camp during June-July 2018. Children were exposed to digital animation, and other areas to include personal development.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Safety interventions (Training of Community monitors) 	JCF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 24 Community Members trained in Community Safety, and deployed within the community as curfew Monitors, members of the Neighbourhood watch and consultative committees.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health and wellness 	St. James Public Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Over 800 residents from the Zone has accessed healthcare services, including home visits. The range of services access included: Antenatal Care (20 persons) Dressings: over 120 persons Child Health: Over 64 Curative: Over 264 persons
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Linkup 	Mount Salem CDC & Joint Forces	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Mount Salem CDC and the Joint Forces had a joint initiative in November 30, 2018, where they interacted with the community, had cookout, and played sports. It formed part of building positive network and partnership with the community. The event was also symbolic as it came during Police week 2018.

INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS IN ACTIVE IMPLEMENTATION IN THE MOUNT SALEM ZOSO

(Crime Prevention through Environmental Design)

INTERVENTION	ACTIVITIES	OUTPUT	BENEFICIARIES	STATUS
Upgrade to the Physical Environment	Rehabilitation of Mount Salem Primary and Junior High School and Development of a new State of the Art Infant School	<p>Rehabilitation of the Mount Salem Primary and Junior High School:</p> <p>Scope</p> <p>A new State of the Art Infant School to be developed:</p> <p>a. construction of a four-classroom infant school block with bathroom and classrooms</p> <p>b. Construction of the perimeter fencing for the infant school, undertaking of termite treatment for the compound.</p>	1. Over 500 students	Designs completed, and project now awaits tender in the June to August quarter.

		<p>c. The project will also involve the construction of tertiary sewer system.</p> <p>Scope Primary School Section</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. construction of a classroom block and associated link ways, b. rehabilitation of the sanitation block, c. Rehabilitation of School Infrastructure such as the kitchen, existing bathroom blocks, d. Undertaking of termite treatment for the compound. e. The project will also involve the rehabilitation of existing sewer system network. 		
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		<p>f. The project will also consider equipping of school furniture for students and teachers occupying the newly constructed classrooms.</p>		
Upgrade to the Physical Environment	Solid Waste Management	<p>Project will construct six Solid waste skip enclosure at strategic points</p>	<p>The entire community will be benefit</p>	<p>Two of the six allocated skips have been provided to the community.</p>
Upgrade to the Physical Environment	Land Regularization	<p>Through a major partnership among JSIF/ NHT / HAJ and NLA the current spacial layout within the Zone will be formalized. This will include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Subdivision designed, and land holdings being regularized 2. Overlay subdivision to incorporate the improved roadwork 	<p>The entire community will benefit</p>	<p>Works ongoing, however complexity of assignment has slowed pace of execution.</p>

<p>Upgrade to the Physical Environment</p>		<p>and related infrastructure which will form the basis for the splintering of titles</p>	<p>Entire ZONE is slated to benefit from the improved delivery and regularization of electricity</p>	<p>Pilot project between JSIF/JPS and OUR through the OPM pending approval following submission by the technical team.</p>
	<p>Electricity Regularization</p>	<p>National Energy Solution Ltd (formerly REP) have started planting poles in the community</p>	<p>NWC will continue and will targeted the entire zone.</p>	<p>Over 500 households have benefitted to date from improvements in the quality of distribution and bills adjustments.</p>
	<p>Water Regularization</p>	<p>NWC is ongoing with their improvement to 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</p>		

**SOCIAL SERVICES PROJECTS IN ACTIVE IMPLEMENTATION IN THE MOUNT SALEM ZOSO
(Crime Prevention through Social Design)**

INTERVENTION	ACTIVITIES	TARGET	BENEFICIARIES	STATUS
Vocational Skills	Skills Training programs: Welding & general construction)	Skills training for at risk youth within the Zone	A total of 100 students are being target; through JSIF/ HEART and HOPE	Completed.
Sport/ Recreation Development	Community Sports Programme	A comprehensive sports programme which will include the major sports; Objective to use sports to unify community; Participants including unattached youth will also be targeted at the games for skills training and other support.	Estimated to impact the entire community	New date still pending.

<p>Entrepreneurship & Business Development</p>	<p>Entrepreneurship Programme: [Grants, business training and equipping, regularization support (permits and licenses</p> <p>Approximately 10 Enterprises (J\$ 10 million potentially available for business startup)</p>	<p>An unlimited number of applicants were invited to submit proposals for funding of between J\$0.5M and J\$ 1.5 million in business support</p>	<p>Applicants received from 14 enterprises in the zone with 9 submitted strong business proposals that have been shortlisted.</p>	<p>Beneficiaries received training and capacity building. Procurement process for the equipment has ongoing</p>
<p>Community Safety and Security</p>	<p>Neighbourhood Watch: [Capacity building]</p> <p>Youth Clubs: [Capacity building / Grants]</p>	<p>3,500 residents; 20 Residents trained as curfew monitors by the JCF.</p> <p>Grant Support to youth groups in the Zone.</p>	<p>3,500 residents; 20 Residents trained as curfew monitors by the JCF.</p> <p>Four youth groups will be targeted for grant funding to execute programmes and to strengthen their operations</p>	<p>Community Safety Workshops now planned for July 2019.</p> <p>JSIF has since approved grant funding to support youth-based organizations in the community. Project to be implemented over six months period starting April 2019.</p>



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Prime Minister

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