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

**The Denham Town Community Zone
Social Intervention**

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Office of the Prime Minister

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Social Intervention Report

(as at April 9, 2020)

This Honourable House is being requested to note that after 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 the Denham Town Community as the second Zone of Special Operations (ZOSO) on October 17, 2017.

The Zones of Special Operations (ZOSO) combine a robust security approach led by the Jamaica Constabulary Force (JCF) and Jamaica Defence Force (JDF), and Social Intervention Component (SIC) that coordinate and implement social development measures by the various agencies, Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) and the private sector.

The Social Intervention Committee (SIC) is guided by the SIC framework comprising of the following development areas:

- Physical Environment;
- Land Tenure, Community Safety;
- Human and Community Development and Employment;
- Business and Economic Development; Spiritual and
- Faith Based Intervention and Leadership.

The Zone has commenced a 'Build Phase' since March 2018. Since the ZOSO was declared in Denham Town, over twenty-two (22) targeted interventions have been completed. These interventions included health services, infrastructure upgrade, education-based interventions, youth development, behaviour modification and entrepreneurship. Over 2,500 residents benefitted directly and over 8,000 residents benefitted indirectly from these interventions.

Significant works to improve the community infrastructure are ongoing with respect to the transformation of the physical environment. This includes expanding the solid waste management programme and improving the water and sewage infrastructure.

Some of the major achievements in Denham Town since the ZOSO include:

- Significant improvement in the physical infrastructure (Roads, Solid Waste Systems and Water);
- Significant investments in livelihood development programmes inclusive of parenting support and skills training in areas such as the Blue Economy and Entrepreneurship; and
- Improvement in citizen participation such as safety and security initiatives including a curfew monitor programme and capacity building of youth clubs.

The cumulative value of the investments to date is in excess of J\$ 300M which have been largely funded through the World Bank Integrated Development Programme.

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

The Jamaica Social Investment Fund (JSIF)
 The Registrar General's Department (RGD)
 The Social Development Commission (SDC)
 The Jamaica Constabulary Force (JCF)
 The Jamaica Defence Force (JDF)
 Denham Town Community Development Centre (CDC)
 The Ministry of Education, Youth and Information (MEYI)
 The Ministry of National Security (MNS)
 The Ministry of Labour and Social Security (MLSS)
 The Ministry of Tourism
 The HEART Trust/NTA
 The Housing Opportunity Production and Employment (HOPE) Programme
 Peace Management Initiative
 Fight for Peace
 Denham Town Community Development Centre (CDC)
 J. Wray & Nephew

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, ongoing activities and programmes in the space have been curtailed in keeping with the recent orders of the Government.

TABLE 1: DENHAM TOWN - NEW ACTIVITIES EXECUTED DURING OCTOBER 11, 2019 – APRIL 9, 2020

<p>Physical Infrastructure Upgrade</p>	<p>Denham Town IIP</p>	<p>JSIF</p>	<p>Works are ongoing in the execution of the Denham Town IIP to date to execute the following scope of activities:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rehabilitation of 3.05 km of roadway 2. Installation of 6.99 km of new water pipelines in the community 3. Upgrade to sewage system 4. Upgrade to drainage system 5. Installation of fire hydrants <p>Update: Works are now approximately 95 per cent completed.</p>
<p>Community Safety</p>	<p>Community Safety Initiatives</p>	<p>JSIF, Joint Force & Denham Town CDC</p>	<p>Since April 2019, the joint Force, JSIF and the CDC has been doing a number of initiatives including doing a base line survey with the youth and others in Denham Town, to determine the issues that impact them most with respect to security. It also includes several information sessions. Following these sessions, the Denham Town Youth Forum was held on June 20, 2019, where the issues and findings have now resulted in the development of plan to introduce five pillars of the JCF community safety plans:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Curfew Programme for youth 2. Mentorship programme 3. Safe Schools programme 4. Youth Clubs 5. Consultative committee <p>A total of 24 volunteers have been trained and are working within the zone to support the Youth curfew</p>

			<p>programme. They have been ensuring the youth are off the street by 8 p.m. each evening within the zone.</p> <p>Update: This initiative remains under active implementation with oversight and operational support from the Kingston Western Police Division.</p>
<p>Human and Community Development & Employment</p>	<p>Parenting Development</p>	<p>National Parenting Support Commission and JSIF</p>	<p>14 parents participated in training in a parenting development series. The programme will target a total of 90 parents from select schools in the Denham Town community receiving parent development training.</p> <p>Update: Activities cancelled due to the COVID 19 restrictions.</p>

TABLE 2: SOCIAL INTERVENTIONS COMPLETED THE ZONE SINCE OCTOBER 2017

INTERVENTION	ACTIVITY	AGENCIES	OUTPUT
Academic Development: (Children & Youth)	Summer Camps – 2	JSIF /Peace Management Initiative, Fight for Peace, Denham Town Community Development	2 summer camps were held between July and August 2018: (a) Camp #1 - 165 children and youth aged 6-16 yrs. old (b) Camp #2 – 43 males youth from Denham Town, Rema and adjoining communities, were exposed to a one-week residential retreat, and behaviour change and motivational training.
Alternative Livelihood Development	Skills Training and Alternative Livelihood	JSIF	55 Students completing training at four institutions in programmes ranging from Business Processing, Software development and online entrepreneurship.
Academic Development	GSAT Classes & Science Quiz	JSIF	235 Students engaged in Life skills Project from the following Schools: Chetolah Park & Mel Nathan, Denham Town Primary and St. Annes
Civil Registration	Civil Documentation	JSIF & RGD	200 Residents issued with new Birth Certificates
Wellness and Community integration	ZOSO Labour Day Project - St Albans Primary	Joint Force/ Denham Town CDC & JSIF	Members of the security forces and the community residents painted five classroom and other external areas of the St Albans Primary school on May 23, 2019. Over 30 gallons of paint and other supplies were provided for the intervention.

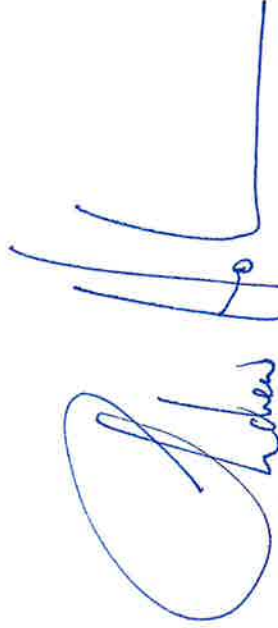
Wellness and Community integration	ZOSO Fun run	Joint Force/ CBOs & JSIF	Over 2,500 residents and visitors took part in an exciting run through Denham Town. They also have opportunities to interact with residents and enjoy local cuisine prepared by residents.
Joint Social Welfare Engagement	Under the leadership of the Ministry of Tourism a number of Agencies are being mobilized to provide the following services to the community: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Health - Screenings - Recreation - Career Services - Cultural showcase 	Ministry of Tourism/ Other SIC Agencies and Community Based Organization.	Event executed on September 23, 2018. Over 300 plus residents attended and benefitted from the services. The evenings also include live performances from groups in Denham Town, and headline acts Agent Sasco.
Health	Community Health Clinic	150 Residents	Over 300 residents receive medicals following the intervention of the Kingston Public Health Department. Residents were able to access basic primary medical care, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Childcare • Treatment for basic wounds • Curative
Infrastructure Development	Zinc Fence Substitution	JSIF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 923 metres of zinc fence removed and replaced with concrete fencing • 200 household directly benefiting

<p>Social Welfare</p>	<p>Community Social Services Fair</p>	<p>SIC Agencies: JSIF SDC MNS MLSS HEART Trust</p>	<p>Over 300 services provided to residents in the community including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Registration for Skills Training ▪ Civil documentation ▪ Dental checks ▪ Medical checks
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TABLE 3: INTERVENTIONS IN ACTIVE IMPLEMENTATION IN DENHAM TOWN ZOSO.

Intervention	Activity	Number of Beneficiaries	Implementation Timeline
<p>Academic Development</p>	<p>Behavior Modification programme (Ministry of Education) using the School Wide Positive Behavior Intervention Support Framework</p>	<p>Over 3000 students from the Denham Town High among 12 western Kingstons based primary and high schools to be supported with a 12 month programme to adopt positive behavior among children in the Zone</p>	<p>Ongoing - MoEYI Regional 1 team leading initiatives, including conducting Behavior Change workshops using the School Wide Behavior Intervention and Supports (SWPBIS) with the schools in the community including Denham Town High, and Denham Town Primary and St. Annes Cap. Final workshop for the schools was concluded on January 15-17, 2020.</p> <p>Update:</p> <p>Activities achieved 80 per cent completion prior to events that were cancelled due to the Covid 19 pandemic.</p>
<p>Parental Support Programme</p>	<p>Parenting training to parents of students attending schools within the zone</p>	<p>Approximately 300 parents to benefit</p>	<p>National Parenting Support Commission with funding from JSIF spearheaded the Parent Place Capacity Development initiative that included workshops and provision of literature on effective parenting.</p> <p>Update:</p> <p>Activities cancelled due to the COVID 19.</p>
<p>Civil Registration</p>	<p>Civil documentation</p>	<p>Provisions are in place to support at least a further 200 residents.</p>	<p>Ongoing - Residents are able to apply to JSIF to obtain birth certificates, however activities have paused now due to the Covid 19 restrictions.</p>

<p>Human and Community Development and Employment</p>	<p>Enterprise Development</p>	<p>Twenty three (23) Entrepreneurs selected and are being trained to become entrepreneurs.</p>	<p>Ongoing: The procurement of equipment to support entrepreneurs are still ongoing with the beneficiaries to receive first set of equipment by end of April 2020.</p>
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