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

## **Social Intervention Report**

**(as at June 10, 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 the 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 SIC framework comprising of seven 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 ZOSO is built around the approach of Clear, Hold and Build, which the latter is where long term institutions are developed within the community. Denham Town has been in the Build Phase since March 2018. Since the ZOSO was declared in Denham Town, over Thirty (30) Unique Social interventions initiatives have been completed, benefitting over 2500 residents directly and over 8000 residents indirectly. These include health services, infrastructure upgrade, educational based interventions, youth development, behavior modification and entrepreneurship.

The following includes some major achievements in Denham Town since the ZOSO:

- Ongoing investments with the physical infrastructure (Roads, Solid Waste Systems and Water).
- Significant investments in a suite of livelihood development programmes inclusive of parenting support, skills training in areas such as the Blue Economy, and Entrepreneurship which benefitted over 250 individuals in the community.
- Improvement in citizen participation is 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 is 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 NSTA  
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 – JUNE 10, 2020**

<p><b>Physical Infrastructure Upgrade</b></p>	<p>Denham Town Integrated Infrastructure Project (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"> <li>1. Rehabilitation of 3.05 km of roadway</li> <li>2. Installation of 6.99 km of new water pipelines in the community</li> <li>3. Upgrade to sewage system</li> <li>4. Upgrade to drainage system</li> <li>5. Installation of fire hydrants</li> </ol> <p><b>Update:</b> Works are now completed and the project is in the six months defects liability period.</p>
<p><b>Community Safety</b></p>	<p>Community Safety Initiatives</p>	<p>JSIF, Joint Force &amp; Denham Town CDC</p>	<p>Since April 2019, the joint Force, JSIF and the CDC have been doing a number of initiatives including doing a base line survey with the youth and other stakeholders in Denham Town, to determine the issues that most impact them with respect to security. It also includes a number of 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 a plan to introduce five pillars of the JCF community safety plans:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Curfew Programme for youth</li> <li>2. Mentorship programme</li> <li>3. Safe Schools programme</li> <li>4. Youth Clubs</li> <li>5. Consultative committee</li> </ol>

<p><b>Human and Community Development &amp; Employment</b></p>	<p>Parenting Development</p>	<p>National Parent Support Commission and JSIF</p>	<p>A total of 24 volunteer Curfew monitors were trained and have been working within the zone to support the Youth curfew programme. They have been ensuring the youth are off the street by 8 p.m. each evening within the zone.</p> <p><b>Update:</b> Remains under active implementation with oversight and operational support from the Kingston Western Police Division. JSIF also continues to give support to the programme.</p>
			<p>14 parents participated in training in a parenting development series. Programme will target a total of 90 parents from select schools in the Denham Town community receiving parent development training.</p> <p><b>Update:</b> Activities cancelled due to the COVID-19 restrictions. The National Parent Support Commissions Parenting Hotline supports parents from the community.</p>

**TABLE 2: SOCIAL INTERVENTIONS COMPLETED IN THE ZONE SINCE OCTOBER 2017**

<b>INTERVENTION</b>	<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>AGENCIES</b>	<b>OUTPUT</b>
<b>Academic Development: ( Children &amp; Youth)</b>	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 behavior change and motivational training.
<b>Alternative Livelihood Development</b>	Skills Training and Alternative Livelihood	JSIF	55 Students completed training at four institutions in programmes ranging from Business Processing, Software development and online entrepreneurship.
<b>Academic Development</b>	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. Anne’s
<b>Civil Registration</b>	Civil Documentation	JSIF & RGD	200 Residents issued with new Birth Certificates
<b>Wellness and Community integration</b>	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.

<b>Wellness and Community integration</b>	ZOSO Fun run	Joint Force/ CBOs & JSIF	Over 2500 residents and visitors took part in an exciting run through Denham Town. They also had opportunities to interact with residents and enjoy local cuisine prepared by residents.
<b>Joint Social Welfare Engagement</b>	Under the leadership of the Ministry of Tourism a number of Agencies are being mobilized to provide the following services to the community: - 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. They were live performances from groups in Denham Town and also headline acts from Agent Sasco in the evenings.
<b>Health</b>	Community Health Clinic	150 Residents	Over 300 residents received medical following the intervention of the Kingston Public Health Department. Residents were able to access basic primary medical care, including : • Childcare • Treatment for basic wounds • Curative
<b>Infrastructure Development</b>	Zinc Fence Substitution	JSIF	• 923 meters of zinc fence removed and replaced with concrete fencing • 200 households directly benefitted

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

Intervention	Activity	Number of Beneficiaries	Implementation Timeline
<b>Academic Development</b>	Behavior Modification programme (Ministry of Education) using the School Wide Positive Behavior Intervention Support Framework	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><b>Ongoing</b> - MOE 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. Anne's CAP. Final workshop for the schools was concluded on January 15-17, 2020.</p> <p><b>Update:</b></p> <p>Activities achieved 80 per cent completion prior to cancelled events due to the COVID-19 pandemic.</p>
<b>Parental Support Programme</b>	Parenting training to parents of students attending schools within the zone	Approximately 300 parents to benefit	<p>National Parent Support Commission with funding from JSIF is the Parent Place Capacity Development initiative that included workshops and provision of literature on effective parenting.</p> <p><b>Update:</b></p> <p>Activities cancelled due to the COVID 19.</p>
<b>Academic Support Programme</b>	Providing remote learning to students displaced from school by the COVID-19	Over 15000 students from the Community receive printed material to supplement their online teaching experience through a	<p>Programme is ongoing and is intended to ensure the children remain engaged for the period that traditional schools are out of session.</p>

		<p>programme implemented in partnership with the Jamaica Constabulary Force (JCF), Jamaica Defence Force (JDF), Ministry of Education Youth and Information (MOEYI), Jamaica Alumni Association of High Schools (JAAHS), Jamaica Social Investment Fund (JSIF), Ministry of Health and Wellness (MOHW) and the Denham Town Community Development Committee (DTCDC).</p>	
<p><b>Civil Registration</b></p>	<p>Civil documentation</p>	<p>Provisions are in place to support at least 200 more residents.</p>	<p><b>Ongoing</b> - Residents are able to apply to JSIF to have the birth certificates, however activities are on pause now due to the COVID-19 restrictions.</p>
<p><b>Human and Community Development and Employment</b></p>	<p>Enterprise Development</p>	<p>Twenty Three (23) Entrepreneurs selected and are being trained to become entrepreneurs.</p>	<p><b>Ongoing :</b> Equipment to be delivered following delays brought on by the COVID-19. Anticipate total disbursement by July 30, 2020.</p>



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Prime Minister  
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