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and
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**The Greenwich Town Community Zone
Social Intervention**

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Social Intervention Report

(as at August 9, 2020)

This Honourable House is being requested to note that the Prime Minister on the advice of the National Security Council, declared the Greenwich Town Community as the third Zone of Special Operations (ZOSO) on July 1, 2020.

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

The Social Intervention support, which is coordinated by the gazetted Social Intervention Committee comprises social programmes that focus on two key strategies:

- Crime Prevention Through Social Development (CPTSD)
- Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED)

A key objective of the interventions and programmes is to ensure that the community is reconnected to the key agencies of government that deliver each programme thus engendering sustainability and credibility among the citizens.

The Social Intervention Committee (SIC) is guided by SIC framework comprising of six 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; whereby long-term institutions are developed within the community.

The Greenwich Town Community is in the Constituency of South West St Andrew. The community is considered urban with a population of approximately 4,400 residents and over 1,100 households. According to the Social Development Commission (SDC) profile of 2009, over 50 per cent of the households are female headed.

The community has been identified as one of the most volatile and vulnerable communities in Jamaica on the Planning Institute of Jamaica's (PIOJ) community renewal index. This has seen the community identified as a priority community of the GOJ Integrated Community Development project that targeted 18 high risk communities. This project is currently ongoing and will be further scaled up with the introduction of the ZOSO in the community.

In keeping with the Law Reform (Zones of Special Operations) (Special Security and Community Development Measures) Act, the Social Intervention Committee was gazetted and the first meeting of the committee was concluded on Wednesday July 15, 2020. The Committee will further convene and will be expected to provide the coordination and overall framework for the deployment of the programmes within the zone.

The Zone will adopt the same development pillars as the other ZOSO in Denham Town and Mount Salem. The community has been a part of a major urban renewal project by the Government of Jamaica that has been making significant investment in the physical infrastructure and social development. The ZOSO will therefore see a further scaling up of these activities.

The community has benefited from the following interventions being deployed by the GOJ:

1. Road works with over 7.1km of new asphalted roadway completed in the community
2. Water Improvement with 800 water laterals to allow for household connections
3. Zinc fence substitution with 778 metres completed
4. Livelihood interventions including summer programmes and skills training benefiting over 80 youth from the community
5. Rehabilitation of the St Andrew Primary school which supports the community.
6. Entrepreneurial support from businesses in the community
7. Provision of civil documentation to over 300 residents

The declaration of the zone has required the need for further scaling up of existing activities and re-engagement of the community highlighting additional priorities for development. The SIC committee has completed the latter and the following were identified as among the first areas of priority:

1. Additional roadways for rehabilitation
2. Additional zinc fence substitution
3. Civil documentation including birth certificates, NIS and TRN
4. Skills Training and livelihood development
5. Job opportunities, and/or support to entrepreneurs in the community
6. Capacity building of the Community Based Organization - the Greenwich Town CDC that is currently fragmented
7. Community safety programmes including building critical community pillars including the youth groups and Neighbourhood watch programmes



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