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

Community Development Measures)

The August Town Community Zone

Social Intervention

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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

(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 August Town Community as the fourth Zone of Special Operations (ZOSO) on July 8, 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 Committee for August Town has been gazetted and concluded their first meeting on July 15, 2020. The Committee which includes a cross section of stakeholders including both universities will be working with the community and the joint force to further develop the community priorities and synchronize the various mechanisms of the GOJ to create the platform for sustainable development for the community.

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.

August Town is currently one of the communities under the Government of Jamaica's Integrated Community Development II project (ICDP). This will see the community being a part of a three-year project that will support the following:

1. Improvement in road infrastructure
2. Zinc fence substitution
3. Electricity regularization
4. Safe Passages (Special programme to enhance access along major pathways to students and the disabled)
5. Livelihood and Skills Training programmes
6. Economic Development programmes
7. Governance and Capacity building
8. Community safety programmes

In addition to the ICDP that the GOJ will be implementing in the community, through the regular functions of state agencies, NGOs and the private sector, the community will receive a further suite of interventions in keeping with the seven pillar framework approved by Cabinet that is grounded in the theoretical construct of Crime Prevention Through Social Development (**CPTSD**) and Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (**CPTED**).

The development pillars (which guide the framework for the Social Intervention Committee) are:

- Transformation of the Physical Environment,
- Improve Land Tenure,
- Enhance Community Safety,
- Human and Community Development and Employment,
- Business and Economic Development,
- Spiritual and Faith Based Intervention and;

- Leadership.

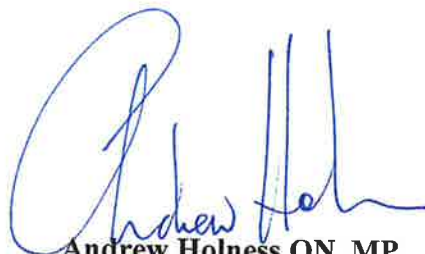
The Community of August Town was declared a Zone of Special Operations and Community Development measures by the Prime Minister on July 8, 2020.

The Community is in the constituency of Eastern St Andrew. The community is considered urban with a population of approximately 10, 000 residents. The community is also among the list of communities identified by the Planning Institute of Jamaica's Community Renewal Project given its high score with relation to its volatility and vulnerability.

NEXT STEPS

The ZOSO is built around the approach of Clear, Hold and Build; whereby long-term institutions are developed within the community for sustainability.

The SIC Committee will further engage the community within the next thirty days and an assessment of the community needs will be developed. Activities under the ICDP II project are also being finalized and will commence once the security forces have completed their initial operations under the Clear Phase.



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Prime Minister

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