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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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Social Intervention Report (as at October 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) combines 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 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 Built Phase since March 2018. Since the ZOSO was declared in Denham Town, over Thirty (30) Unique Social interventions initiatives have been completed, benefitting over 2,500

residents directly and over 8,000 residents indirectly. These include health services, infrastructure upgrade, educational based interventions, youth development, behavior modification and entrepreneurship.

Among the major achievements in Denham Town since the ZOSO has been:

- Over J\$ 300m invested by the GOJ in 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 that have benefitted over 250 individuals in the community.
- Improvement in citizen participation in 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 by the Government of Jamaica and its multilateral partners and is largely funded through the World Bank Integrated Development Programme.

The Denham Town ZOSO has been operational for over three years, following its declaration on October 27, 2017. The Social Intervention support, which was coordinated by the gazetted Social Intervention Committee saw social programmes that focused on two key strategies: Crime Prevention Through Social Development (CPTSD) and Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED). A key objective of the interventions and programmes was to ensure the community was reconnected to the key agencies of government that deliver each programme thus engendering sustainability and credibility among the citizens that their government is the legitimate provider of support services.

The GOJ through the agencies has spent over J\$ 320 million implementing the suite of interventions and providing recurrent services in the community. These are captured in the following summary:

Infrastructure Interventions:

PROJECT	AGENCIES	# OF BENEFICIARIES	SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES	STATUS
Road, water and Sewage etc.)	JSIF/NWA/NWC	Total population of 8,000 residents	- 3 km of roadway	Infrastructure works completed and water

			- 6.9km of pipeline works	connections to household ongoing.
Zinc Fence Substitution	JSIF/ Denham Town CDC	1200 residents	- 950 metres of zinc fence substituted	Completed
Solid Waste Management	NSWMA	Total Population of 8,000 residents	- Ongoing collection of garbage	Ongoing
Community entrance and Beautification	JSIF/Denham Town CDC	Total Population of 8,000 residents	- Entrance Signs and greenspaces	Completed

Social Development Interventions:

PROJECT	AGENCIES	# OF BENEFICIARIES	SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES	STATUS
Livelihood Programmes	JSIF/MOE/ HEART Trust and HOPE	Approx. 3500 beneficiaires	- Academic support - Remedial Programmes	Completed
Parenting Support	National Parent Support Commission	150 parents	- Training and counseling	Indefinite delays due to the COVID-19 effects on physical gathering.
Health/ Wellness and Community Engagement	Joint Force/ MOH/SDC/MNS/ Ministry of Tourism/ JSIF/	Estimated 3000 residents	- Fun runs - Medical checks - Unity concert -	Completed
Civil Registration	RGD/ Tax Admin/ NIS	Estimated 300 residents	- Birth Certificates - TRN - Other civil documents	Completed

Economic Development Programmes	JSIF	23 Entrepreneur received training and scheduled for Equipping support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Training - Equipment 	Training & capacity development completed. Procurement and delivery of equipment support ongoing but have been affected by the COVID-19, and are scheduled for conclusion by end of December 2020
Governance, Youth Engagement and Community Safety	JSIF/ MNS/ Joint Force and the Denham Town CDC	Total Population of 8000 residents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Leadership Capacity building of the CDC - Support to the Youth Groups in the Community - Community Safety Initiatives 	Training activities completed and the other initiatives such as the curfew programme and youth grant implemented.

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
Jamaica Alumni Association of High Schools (JAAHS)
Ministry of Health and Wellness (MOHW)
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 continue to be impacted.

TABLE 1: DENHAM TOWN - NEW ACTIVITIES EXECUTED DURING OCTOBER 11, 2019- JULY 20, 2020

<p>Physical Infrastructure Upgrade</p>	<p>Denham Town IIP</p>	<p>JSIF</p>	<p>Works 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 6.99km 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 completed. NWC is in the process of connecting customers to the new water infrastructure.</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 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 impact them with respect to security. It also included 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

			<p>4. Youth Clubs 5. Consultative committee</p> <p>A total of 24 volunteer curfew monitors 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>Status: Implementation now under the operational oversight of the Kingston Western Police Division. JSIF also continues to give support to the programme as required.</p>
<p>Human and Community Development & Employment</p>	<p>Parenting Development</p>	<p>National Parent Support Commission and JSIF</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>Status: Activities cancelled due to the COVID 19 restrictions on gathering. The National Parent Support Commissions however still providing psychosocial support remotely</p>

TABLE 2: SOCIAL INTERVENTIONS COMPLETED THE ZONE SINCE OCTOBER 2017

THEMATIC AREAS	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 male youth from Denham Town, Rema and adjoining communities, were exposed to a one-week residential retreat, and behavior 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 Outsourcing, 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 Labor Day Project - St Albans Primary	Joint Force/ Denham Town CDC & JSIF	Members of the security forces and the community residents painted five classrooms 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 had 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 Organizations.	Event executed on September 23, 2018 Over 300 plus residents attended and benefit from the services. Evening also include live performances from groups in Denham Town, and headline acts Agent Sasco.

<p>Health</p>	<p>Community Health Clinic</p>	<p>150 Residents</p>	<p>Over 300 residents received medical attention following the intervention of the Kingston Public Health Department. Residents were able to access basic primary medical care, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Childcare • Treatment for basic wounds • Curative
<p>Infrastructure Development</p>	<p>Zinc Fence Substitution</p>	<p>JSIF</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 923 meters 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 HERT 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

TABLE 3: INTERVENTIONS IN ACTIVE IMPLEMENTATION IN DENHAM TOWN ZOSO.

Thematic Areas	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 were among 12 western Kingston 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 - MOE Region 1's team lead initiatives, including conducting Behavior Change workshops using the School Wide Positive Behavior Intervention and Support (SWP BIS) 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>Status: Activities still at 80 per cent completion and are on indefinite hold 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.</p>	<p>National Parent Support Commission with funding from JSIF is executing the Parent Place Capacity Development initiative that included workshops and provision of literature on effective parenting.</p> <p>Status: Activities cancelled due to the COVID 19.</p>

<p>Academic Support Programme</p>	<p>Providing remote learning to students displaced from school by the COVID19</p>	<p>Over 1,500 students from the Community received printed material to supplement their online teaching experience through a 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>Programme is ongoing and is intended to ensure the children remains engaged for the period that traditional school is out of session.</p> <p>Status: Completed</p>
<p>Civil Registration</p>	<p>Civil documentation</p>	<p>Provisions are in place to support at least a further 200 residents.</p>	<p>Status: Active implementation, with over 200 birth certificates distributed.</p>
<p>Human and Community</p>	<p>Enterprise Development I</p>	<p>Twenty-Three (23) Entrepreneurs selected and are being trained to become entrepreneurs.</p>	<p>Status: Equipment to be delivered following delays brought on by the COVID19. Anticipate total disbursement by July 30, 2020.</p>

Development and Employment			COVID 19 related delays with supplying equipment but should conclude in October 2020.
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