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

**Community Development Measures)**

**The Greenwich 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 October 6, 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 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), 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 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 citizen that their government is the legitimate provider of support services.

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.

The Community of Greenwich Town was declared a Zone of Special Operations and Community Development measures by the Prime Minister on July 1, 2020. The 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 SDC profile of 2009, over 50 per cent of the household 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 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 with the introduction of the ZOSO in the community.

In keeping with the ZOSO act, the Social Intervention Committee has concluded two meetings to date including an inception meeting with the Prime Minister. Following the meetings to date the committee has moved to establish the committees that are tasked with working with the community to develop a comprehensive development roadmap for Greenwich Town.

The Zone will adopt the same development pillars as the other ZOSOs in Denham Town and Mount Salem. While now officially a ZOSO, it should be noted that the community was part of a major urban renewal project by the Government of Jamaica that has been making significant investment in its physical infrastructure and social development. The ZOSO will see a further scale 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 Metre completed
4. Livelihood interventions including summer programmes and skills training benefitting over 80 youth from the community
5. Rehabilitation of the St Andrew Primary school which support the community.
6. Entrepreneurial support from business in the community
7. Provision of civil documentation to over 300 residents

The declaration of the zone has required the need to further scale up existing activities and reengage the community to develop additional priorities for its development. The SIC committee has completed the latter and among the first group of priorities that the community has indicated are:

#### Community Priority Activities

Community Priorities	Status of interventions developed to respond to community needs
Additional Roadways	Committee to identify Agency and resources
Additional Zinc fence	Programmed for implementation by JSIF
Civil Documentation	Programmed for implementation by JSIF
Job Opportunities	Committee to identify Agency and resources
Capacity Building of CDC	Committee to identify Agency and resources
Community Safety Programmes	Committee to identify Agency and resources

**Status of Social Interventions in Greenwich Town Since Declaration of ZOSO**

<b>INTERVENTION</b>	<b>ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>TARGET</b>	<b>BENEFICIARIES</b>	<b>STATUS</b>
<b>Physical Transformation</b>	Additional Zinc Fence Substitution works	Support the removal and substitution of approximately 300 meters of zinc fence with concrete fencing.	A further seventy households are expected to directly benefit from this intervention	Works to commence and conclude by December 2020.
	Installation of Additional sidewalks	1.8 km of sidewalks to be installed throughout the community.	Will benefit the over 4000 residents of Greenwich Town	Works to commence and conclude by December 2020
	Greenwich Town Primary	Rehabilitation of the school and construct additional administrative space	Directly benefit the over 500 students plus the wider community	Works commenced prior to declaration of the ZOSO but has been completed during the review period.
<b>Social Development</b>	Summer Camp	Support 40 students from the community with remedial and literacy	Over 45 students from the community of Greenwich Town	Completed
	Enterprise Development Support	Support at least 20 micro and small enterprises that need equipment support	20 micro and small enterprises	Applications received from over 50 applicants as on September 30, 2020, which are being evaluated for approval by December 2020.

  
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