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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 October 7, 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 August Town Community as the fourth Zone of Special Operations (ZOSO) on July 8, 2020.

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

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.

August Town is currently one of the communities under the Government of Jamaica Integrated Community Development II project. The community is considered urban with a population of approximately 10, 000 residents and is among the list of communities identified by the PIOJ Community Renewal Project given its high score with relation to its volatility and vulnerability. This ICDP II J\$1.9 Billion project will support the build out of both infrastructure and social development projects in August Town and six other communities for a period of three years. Appraisal and formulation activities are currently being conducted to inform these projects. This will see the community 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 is 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 are:

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

The Social Intervention Committee for August Town has been gazetted and concluded two meetings; including the inception meeting with the Prime Minister, to date. The committee is currently organized into the respective committees who have been tasked to develop interventions based on the community needs. A preliminary priority list of projects identified by the community are currently being implemented or under active implementation.

Community Priorities	Status of Social Interventions developed to respond to community needs
Road Improvement Works	Committee to identify agency and resources. Elements to also be considered through the JSIF implemented GOJ funded ICDP II
August Town Primary School	Committee to identify agency and resources
Zinc Fence removal	Committee to identify agency and resources
Safe Passages	JSIF Implementing project to support the community.
Enterprise Development	JSIF implementing project to support community, with a J\$20 Million project that will support August town and five other communities
Operation Certification (civil documentation)	JSIF to implement project over the next three years under the ICDP II project

NEXT STEPS

The SIC Committee has identified the respective committees that will drive specific elements of the interventions in the community. The GOJ funded ICDP is currently actively formulating projects to support the build out of the infrastructure and social development in the community. These activities will be implemented over a three-year period, in addition to other GOJ funded projects by other government agencies, and the private sector.


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Prime Minister

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