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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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Social Intervention Report

(as at December 3, 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 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 (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.

The Zone will adopt the same development pillars as the other ZOSOs in Denham Town and Mount Salem. While 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. Critically, the community has benefited from the following suite of interventions being deployed by the GOJ over between 2015- 2019:

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 benefitting over 80 youths in the community.
5. Rehabilitation of the St Andrew Primary school which support the community.
6. Entrepreneurial support for businesses in the community

7. Provision of civil documentation to over 300 residents.

RESULTS - October 7, 2020 to December 4, 2020

1. **Social Intervention Committee** – to date, 3 meetings of the SIC were convened in 2020 – in July and August and the most recent on December 3, 2020. The meeting was convened by the Co-Chairperson, Mr. Omar Sweeney and attendees included representatives from the Social Development Commission (SDC), HEART Trust/NTA, National Water Commission (NWC) and the National Works Agency (NWA). The Committee 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.
2. **Community Capacity Building** – in collaboration with the Social Development Commission (SDC) and the Department of Cooperatives and Friendly Societies (DCFS), two (2) capacity building workshops were held with the community of Greenwich Town. The most recent workshop was held on August 25-27, 2020 and covered topics including community leadership, proposal writing, financial management and records management.
3. **Enterprise Grant**
A total of 26 persons were interviewed and selected to receive enterprise grants up to \$400,000 in December 2020. Grant awardees include enterprises in sectors including fishing, food and beauty services and the retail trade.
4. **School Rehabilitation** – A stakeholder meeting was held in November 2020 and plans finalized for the creation of a small play area at the Greenwich Town Primary School in January 2021. The cost of the project is approximately \$1.1Million.

5. **Environmental Wardens** – a total of 25 persons were selected, trained and deployed as environmental wardens. These persons will receive short term employment for the period of 1 year.

ACTIVITIES TO COMMENCE IN FINANCIAL YEAR 2021/2022

INTERVENTION	ACTIVITIES	TARGET	BENEFICIARIES	STATUS
Infrastructure Development	Zinc Fence removal and substitution	Support the removal and substitution of approximately 300 meters of zinc fence with concrete fencing	Seventy (70) households are expected to directly benefit from this intervention	Household survey in progress
	Installation of Additional sidewalks	1.8 km of sidewalks to be installed throughout the community.	4,000 residents of Greenwich Town	Procurement of contractor in progress
	Rehabilitation of small parks and green spaces	2 green spaces to be upgraded	4,000 residents	Stakeholder engagement in progress
Social Development	Summer Camp 2021	Provision of recreation and education activities during the summer	100	Design stage
	Operation Certification	Provision of birth certificate and TRNs	300	Agreement signed between JSIF and RGD on November 25, 2020


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December 7, 2020