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and**

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# The Law Reform (Zones of Special Operations) Special Security and Community Development Measures

## Social Intervention Report

(as at February 5, 2021)

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) 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 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. Denham Town has been in the Build 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 in place are:

- Over J\$ 320 million has been 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 directly trained over 250 individuals in the community.
- Ongoing support from the major agencies of Government that has resulted in significant improvements in service delivery for services such as Garbage Collection and the provision of civil documentation.
- Improvement in citizen participation in safety and security initiatives including a curfew monitor programme and capacity building of youth clubs.
- Capacity building of the Community Development Committee (CDC), which has resulted in investments of over J\$ 20 million dollars being directly managed at the community level which creates greater job opportunities for residents, whilst increasing governance and accountability.

The Denham Town ZOSO has been operational for over three years, following its declaration on October 17, 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 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  
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, and the slowdown in activities over the yuletide period, ongoing activities and programmes in the space were negatively impacted. However, we continue to put in the place measures to ensure continued benefit to the persons in the community. 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:

**TABLE 1: INFRASTRUCTURE INTERVENTIONS**

PROJECT	AGENCIES	# OF BENEFICIARIES	SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES	STATUS
Road, water, and Sewage etc.	JSIF/NWA/NWC	Total population of 8,000 residents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 4 km of roadway</li> <li>- 7.5 km of pipeline works</li> <li>- 865 m of sanitary sewage drainage</li> </ul>	<p>Infrastructure works completed and water connections to households are ongoing and should be completed by March 2021. Activities are on track for the completion date.</p> <p>Additional Sanitary Sewer Drainage Rectification and Roadworks (.851km) and access to potable water supply (0.7km) are being conducted in Pink Lane and Chestnut Lane</p>
Zinc Fence Substitution	JSIF/ Denham Town CDC	1,200 residents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 950 metres of zinc fence substituted</li> </ul>	Completed.
Solid Waste Management	NSWMA	Total Population of 8,000 residents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ongoing collection of garbage</li> </ul>	Weekly scheduled collections are taking place.
Community entrance and Beautification	JSIF/Denham Town CDC	Total Population of 8,000 residents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Entrance Signs and greenspaces</li> </ul>	Completed.

**TABLE 2: SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT INTERVENTIONS**

PROJECT	AGENCIES	# OF BENEFICIARIES	SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES	STATUS
Livelihood Programmes	JSIF/ MOE/ HEART NSTA Trust and HOPE	Approx. 3,500 beneficiaries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Academic support</li> <li>- Remedial Programmes</li> </ul>	Completed. Through HEART NSTA/ HOPE further opportunities for skills training being explored.
Parenting Support	National Parenting Support Commission	150 parents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Training and counseling</li> </ul>	Ongoing through remote and house visits. Activities are executed by the National Parenting Support Commission under the aegis of the SIC.
Health/ Wellness and Community Engagement	Joint Force/ MOH/SDC/MNS/ Ministry of Tourism/ JSIF/	Estimated 3000 residents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Fun runs</li> <li>- Medical checks</li> <li>- Unity concert</li> </ul>	Completed.
Civil Registration	RGD/ Tax Admin/ NIS	Estimated 300 residents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Birth Certificates</li> <li>- TRN</li> <li>- Other civil documents</li> </ul>	Completed. Additional request facilitated on a needs basis.
Economic Development Programmes	JSIF	- 19 Entrepreneurs in total supported.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Training</li> <li>- Equipment</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Overt JMD\$ 4M in Equipment support provided to support and enhance these micro entrepreneurs.</li> <li>- The Environmental Warden Project, under the ICDP II Programme,</li> </ul>

		- 33 individuals employed under the Environmental Warden Project		funded by the GOJ, will provide over JMD\$7M in financial support to those employed. All activities under this project are still being implemented.
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"> <li>- Leadership Capacity building of the CDC</li> <li>- Support to the Youth Groups in the Community</li> <li>- Community Safety Initiatives</li> </ul>	Training activities completed and the other initiatives such as the Police Youth Supervised Curfew Monitor Programme and Youth Grants are being implemented.

**TABLE 3: EXPANDED NARRATIVE AROUND PROGRAMMES IMPLEMENTED IN THE ZONE**

DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY	SPECIFIC PROJECT	LEAD AGENCY	OUTPUT
Physical Upgrade of the Environment	Denham Town Integrated Infrastructure Project	JSIF	<p>Denham Town IIP saw the completion of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Rehabilitation of 3.05 km of roadway</li> <li>2. Installation of 6.99 km of new water pipelines in the community</li> <li>3. Upgrade to sewage system</li> <li>4. Upgrade to drainage system</li> <li>5. Installation of fire hydrants</li> </ol>
Community Safety	Community Safety Initiatives	JSIF, Joint Force & Denham Town CDC	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Police Supervised Youth Curfew Monitor Programme for youth nightly.</li> <li>2. Mentorship programme</li> <li>3. Safe Schools programme at schools in the community</li> <li>4. Equipment support to the Denham Town Youth Club</li> </ol> <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</p>



			the youth are off the street by 8 p.m. each evening (or earlier based on COVID-19 measures that are in place) within the zone.
<b>Human and Community Development &amp; Employment</b>	Parenting Development	National Parent Support Commission and JSIF	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.
<b>Academic Development: (Children &amp; Youth)</b>	Summer Camps – 2	JSIF /Peace Management Initiative, Fight for Peace, Denham Town Community Development	<p>2 summer camps were held between July and August 2018:</p> <p>(a) Camp #1 - 165 children and youth aged 6-16 yrs. old</p> <p>(b) Camp #2 – 43 young men from Denham Town, Rema and adjoining communities, were exposed to a one-week residential retreat, and behavior change and motivational training.</p> <p>235 Students engaged in Life skills Project from the following Schools: Chetolah Park &amp; Mel Nathan, Denham Town Primary and St. Annes</p>

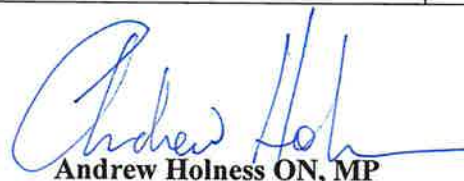
<b>Alternative Livelihood and youth development</b>	Skills Training and Alternative Livelihood	JSIF	55 Students are completing training at four institutions in programmes ranging from Business Processing, Software development and online entrepreneurship.
<b>Civil Registration</b>	Civil Documentation	JSIF & RGD	200 residents access new and replacement birth certificate at no cost.
<b>Wellness and Community Integration</b>	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.
<b>Wellness and Community integration</b>	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.

<b>Joint Social Welfare Engagement</b>	<p>Under the leadership of the Ministry of Tourism several Agencies are being mobilized to provide the following services to the community:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Health Screenings</li> <li>- Recreation</li> <li>- Career Services</li> <li>- Cultural showcase</li> </ul>	<p>Ministry of Tourism/ Other SIC Agencies and Community Based Organization.</p>	<p>Event executed on September 23, 2018</p> <p>Over 300 residents attended and benefitted from the services. Evening also included live performances from groups in Denham Town, and headline acts Agent Sasco.</p>
<b>Health</b>	<p>Community Health Clinic</p>	<p>150 Residents</p>	<p>Over 300 residents received medical services through Kingston Public Health Department. Residents were able to access basic primary medical care, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Childcare</li> <li>• Treatment for basic wounds</li> </ul>

**TABLE 4: INTERVENTIONS IN ACTIVE IMPLEMENTATION IN DENHAM TOWN ZOSO**

<b>Thematic Areas</b>	<b>Specific Activity</b>	<b>Lead Agency</b>	<b>Output</b>
<b>Academic Development</b>	Behavior Modification programme (Ministry of Education) using the School Wide Positive Behavior Intervention Support Framework	Ministry of Education Youth and Information	MOE Regional 1 conducted Behavior Change workshops using the School Wide Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports (SWPBIS) with the schools in the community including Denham Town High, and Denham Town Primary and St. Annes CAP. Final workshop which was pending concluded on February 5, 2021.
<b>Parental Support Programme</b>	Parenting training to parents of students attending schools within the zone	National Parent Support Commission (NPSC)	National Parent Support Commission supported 150 parents within the community including providing mentorship and psychosocial training.

<b>Academic Support Programme</b>	Providing remote learning to students displaced from school by the COVID-19 pandemic	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).	Over 1,500 students from the Community received printed materials to supplement their online teaching experience through a programme implemented in partnership
<b>Human and Community Development and Employment</b>	Enterprise Development	Jamaica Social Investment Fund	A total of Twenty-Eight (19) Micro Enterprises received equipment and training to grow and expand their micro enterprises through the GOJ.



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