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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 April 8, 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 16, 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 intervention 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) to date, with over a further J\$100 million to be invested in the next 12 months to further improve the physical outlay of the community.
- 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.
- Further infrastructure works to improve water and sewage delivery for Pink and Chestnut Lane out for Tender and should result in a further investment of J\$100 million in the community.
- Over 25 Community Environmental Wardens now engaged and are supporting solid waste management and related mitigations activities in the community over the next 12 months.

The Denham Town ZOSO has been operational for over three years, following its declaration on October 16, 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 slow down in activities over the yuletide period, ongoing activities and programmes in the space continue to be negatively impacted.

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	# BENEFICIARIES	SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES	STATUS
Road, water, and Sewage etc.)	JSIF/NWA/ NWC	Total population of 8,000 residents	- 3 km of roadway - 6.9 km of pipeline works	Infrastructure works completed and water connections to households are ongoing. Leak audits within households, as well as ongoing connections taking place.
Zinc Fence Substitution	JSIF/ Denham Town CDC	1,200 residents	- 950 meters of zinc fence substituted.	Additional works along the Pink and Chestnut lane has been tendered and will result in over J\$100 million in additional pipeline and sewage works to be deployed.
Solid Waste Management	NSWMA	Total Population of 8,000 residents	- Ongoing collection of garbage	Weekly scheduled collections. On track Engagement of twenty-five (25) community Environmental wardens to support solid waste management through the ICDP II project. – Ongoing
Community entrance and Beautification	JSIF/Denham Town CDC	Total Population of 8,000 residents	- Entrance Signs and greenspaces	Completed.

TABLE 2: SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT INTERVENTIONS

PROJECT	AGENCIES	# OF BENEFICIARIES	SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES	STATUS
Livelihood Programmes	JSIF/ HEART/NSTA Trust and HOPE	Approx. 3,500 beneficiaries	- Academic support Remedial Programmes	Completed. Through HEART/NSTA and HOPE further opportunities for skills training are being explored.
Parenting Support	National Parent Support Commission	150 parents	- Training and counseling	Ongoing, Activities are executed by the National Parent Support Commission under the aegis of the SIC. JSIF has provided support including a Zoom platform to further enable remote interventions.
Health/Wellness and Community Engagement	Joint Force/ MOH/SDC/MNS/ Ministry of Tourism/ JSIF/	Estimated 3,000 residents	- Fun runs - Medical checks - Unity concert	Completed.
Civil Registration	RGD/ Tax Admin/ NIS	Estimated 300 residents	- Birth Certificates - TRN - Other civil documents	Completed. Additional requests are facilitated on an ongoing needs basis.
Economic Development Programmes	JSIF	28 Entrepreneurs in total supported.	- Training Equipment	Over J\$ 4M in equipment support provided to support and enhance these micro entrepreneurs. Online Virtual training in Business Development commenced in March 2021.

<p>Governance, Youth Engagement and Community Safety</p>	<p>JSIF/ MNS/ Joint Force and the Denham Town CDC</p>	<p>Total Population of 8,000 residents</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Leadership Capacity building of the CDC - Support to the Youth Groups in the Community - Community Safety Initiatives 	<p>Training activities completed and the other initiatives such as the curfew programme and youth grants implemented.</p>
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TABLE 3: EXPANDED NARRATIVE AROUND PROGRAMMES IMPLEMENTED IN THE ZONE

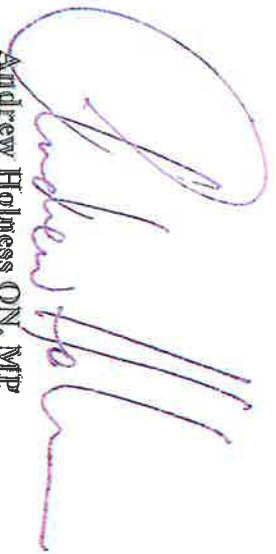
DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY	SPECIFIC PROJECT	LEAD AGENCY	OUTPUT
Physical Upgrade of the Environment	Denham Town Integrated Infrastructure Project (IIP)	JSIF	<p>Denham Town IIP saw the completion of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rehabilitation of 3.05 km of roadway 2. Installation 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
Community Safety	Community Safety Initiatives	JSIF, Joint Force & Denham Town CDC	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Curfew Programme for youth nightly. 2. Mentorship programme 3. Safe Schools programme at schools in the community 4. Equipment support to the Denham Town Youth Club <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 (or earlier based on COVID-19 measures that are in place) within the Zone.</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 is supporting a total of 150 parents from select schools in the Denham Town community receiving parent development training.</p>
<p>Academic Development: (Children & Youth)</p>	<p>Summer Camps – 2</p>	<p>JSIF /Peace Management Initiative, Fight for Peace, Denham Town Community Development</p>	<p>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 young men from Denham Town, Rema and adjoining communities, were exposed to a one-week residential retreat, and behavior change and motivational training. 235 Students engaged in Life skills Project from the following Schools: Chetolah Park & Mel Nathan, Denham Town Primary and St. Annes</p>
<p>Alternative Livelihood and youth development</p>	<p>Skills Training and Alternative Livelihood</p>	<p>JSIF</p>	<p>55 Students are completing training at four institutions in programmes ranging from Business Processing, Software development and online entrepreneurship.</p>
<p>Human and Community Development and Employment</p>	<p>Enterprise Development</p>	<p>JSIF</p>	<p>A total of Twenty-Eight (28) Micro Enterprises received equipment and training to grow and expand their micro enterprises through the GOJ.</p>

<p>Academic Programmes</p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>Providing remote learning to students displaced from school by the COVID-19 pandemic</p>	<p>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>Over 1,500 students from the Community received printed materials to supplement their online teaching experience through a programme implemented through partnerships</p>
<p>Civil Registration</p>	<p>Civil Documentation</p>	<p>Behavior Modification programme (Ministry of Education) using the School Wide Positive Behavior Intervention Support Framework</p>	<p>Ministry of Education Youth and Information</p>	<p>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 pending concluded February 5, 2021.</p>
			<p>JSIF & RGD</p>	<p>200 residents accessed new and replacement birth certificate at no cost.</p>

<p style="text-align: center;">Wellness and Community Integration</p>	<p>ZOSO Labour Day Project - St Albans Primary</p>	<p>Joint Force/ Denham Town CDC & JSIF</p>	<p>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.</p>
	<p>ZOSO Fun run</p>	<p>Joint Force/ CBOs & JSIF</p>	<p>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.</p>
	<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"> - Health Screenings - Recreation - Career Services - Cultural showcase 	<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 such as Agent Sasco.</p>

Community Health	Community Health Clinic	Kingston Public Health Department	<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"> • Childcare • Treatment for basic wounds • 923 meters of zinc fence removed and replaced with concrete fencing • 200 households directly benefiting.
Infrastructure Development	Zinc Fence Substitution	JSIF	<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
Social Welfare	Community Social Services Fair	JSIF SDC MNS MLSS HEART Trust	



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