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Social Intervention**

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**Office of the Prime Minister**

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## Social Intervention Report

(as of June 11, 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 Greenwich Town Community as the third Zone of Special Operations (ZOSO) on July 1, 2020.

The Zones of Special Operations (ZOSO) combines a robust security approach led by the Jamaica Constabulary Force (JCF) and Jamaica Defence Force (JDF), and Social Intervention Component (SIC) that coordinates and implements 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, the latter is which ensures 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.

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 that are deployed and principally funded by the GOJ 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 meters completed.
4. Livelihood interventions including summer programmes and skills training benefitting over 80 youth 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 -- April 8, 2021 - June 11, 2021**

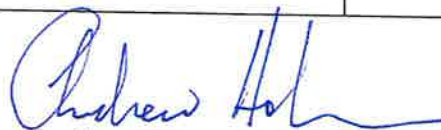
1. **Social Intervention Committee:** A virtual Meeting of the Greenwich Town ZOSO was conducted on May 14, 2021. The meeting saw updates provided by the various agencies and departments on the committee. The SIC also agreed that with the physical transformation activities largely completed, and or in scope, the human development and life skills will form the locus of interventions that will be developed.

The Deputy Prime Minister who attended the meeting, recommended that careful baseline work, be completed to ensure resources are allocated in a manner than ensures the underlying issues such as truancy and low human development from the basic school level and upwards are addressed as part of the long-term crime management strategy.

2. **Enterprise Grant - (Training of entrepreneurs).** In addition to the 25 micro entrepreneurs, who accessed over J\$2M in equipment grants and commenced online training in business development; ten fisherfolk have been shortlisted and will receive equipment valuing approximately 700, 000 each. This is aimed at developing capacity and forms part of the overall sustainability of the intervention.
3. **School Rehabilitation** – The formulation activities for the proposed activity remains at an advanced stage of formulation, however delays associated with the COVID-19 has affected overall completion, but the projections remain for implementation within Q1 of financial year 2021, at a cost of the project of approximately \$1.1Million.
4. **Environmental Wardens** – The twenty (25) wardens remain actively engaged and are supporting the work of the NSWMA within the community. They do both cleanup activities, as well as information dissemination to the community around effective sanitation.
5. **Zinc Fence Substitution** - Works commenced on May 15, 2021 and will see 300 meters of zinc fence removed and replaced with concrete walls. The sidewalk installation component should commence by end of June 2021.

**ACTIVITIES TO COMMENCE IN FINANCIAL YEAR 2021/2022**

INTERVENTION	ACTIVITIES	TARGET	BENEFICIARIES	STATUS
<b>Infrastructure Development</b>	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.	Works commenced May 15, 2021.
	Installation of Additional sidewalks	1.8 km of sidewalks to be installed throughout the community.	4,000 residents of Greenwich Town	
	Rehabilitation of small parks and green spaces	2 green spaces to be upgraded	4,000 residents	Contract signed in the value of J\$3m. Works have not commenced but will during the next 30 days.
<b>Social Development</b>	Summer Camp 2021	Provision of recreation and education activities during the summer	100	Project remains in the design stage.
	Operation Certification	Provision of birth certificate and TRNs	300	Residents can access services free of charge through a GOJ allocation through the ICDP II of J\$2M.—Ongoing.

  
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