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

**The Norwood 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 July 16, 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 Norwood Community as the fifth Zone of Special Operations (ZOSO) on June 20, 2021.

The Zones of Special Operations (ZOSO) combines a robust security approach led by the Jamaica Constabulary Force (JCF) and Jamaica Defense Force (JDF), and Social Intervention Committee (SIC) that coordinates and implements social development measures by the various agencies, Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) and the private sector.

The Social Intervention support will focus 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 will be to ensure the community is 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 Cabinet approved 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.

1. BACKGROUND

The community of Norwood has over 10,700 residents, with over 3,300 households. It is an urban community located within the Montego Bay metropolis. It is among the list of communities identified by the PIOJ as among the 100 communities that are vulnerable and require long term programmes to achieve sustainable development. The GOJ ICDP II, which is a three-year J\$1.9 billion initiative to support seven communities including Norwood, will form the anchor of the GOJ's development of the community under the guidance of the SIC. This project will support community priority activities among 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

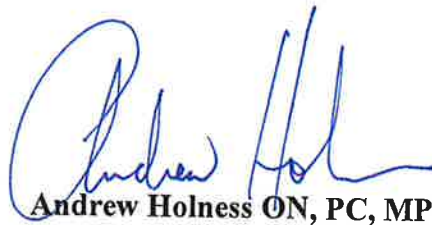
The Social Intervention Committee (SIC) for Norwood concluded their first meeting on July 1, 2021. The Committee is made up of a diverse cross section of stakeholders including persons from the business community, the church and major public sector agencies. The SIC committee has identified a preliminary list of areas that will require interventions:

Status of Community Priority Activities

| Community Priorities | Status of interventions developed to respond to community needs |
|-----------------------------|---|
| Road Infrastructure | SIC Committee to Develop programme with relevant state agencies |
| Skills Training | SIC Committee to Develop programme with relevant state agencies |
| Civil Documentation | SIC Committee to Develop programme with relevant state agencies |
| Job Opportunities | SIC Committee to Develop programme with relevant state agencies |
| Capacity Building of CDC | SIC Committee to Develop programme with relevant state agencies |
| Community Safety Programmes | SIC Committee to Develop programme with relevant state agencies |

2. NEXT STEPS

The SIC Committee will further engage the community and within the next thirty days a further update to the initial community needs assessment will be developed. The ZOSO is currently within the clear stage, and once the Joint Forces complete their initial activities, and the operational stage going into the build Stage, the SIC will have prepared a development workplan, to ensure the needs are addressed in a coordinated, and sustainable manner. Additional meetings, survey, community engagements and capacity building for the CBOs in the community are also planned. These will ensure a robust and inclusive process for the development plan.

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**Andrew Holness ON, PC, MP
Prime Minister**

July 19, 2021