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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

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Social Intervention Report

(as at October 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 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.

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 GOJs 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

RESULTS - July 16, 2021 – October 8, 2021

1. **SIC Committee Meeting** - August 18, 2021. The committee continued the planning for the transition of the zone into the build phase, where further intensified interventions will take place. The committee note the effect of the COVID-19 restrictions on immediate activities in the zone.
2. **Enterprise Development Project** - 66 Applicants have been shortlisted for equipment through the allocation of J\$7.9 million dollars under the GOJ ICDP II project. Entrepreneurs will also receive training.
3. **USAID** - Capacity building project for the CBOs within community which predated the ZOSO has been intensified since.
4. **UNDP** - Grant project to support hydroponic farming to support 11 farmers in the community.

5. **Youth Transition Workshop** - 40 children from the community benefitted from a transitional workshop.

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

NEXT STEPS

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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