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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 a cabinet approved SIC framework with seven development pillars:

- 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 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.

SUMMARY OF MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS IN DENHAM TOWN SINCE THE ZOSO HAS BEEN IN PLACE

1. Over J\$ 320 million has been invested by the GOJ in the physical infrastructure (Roads, Solid Waste Systems and Water) to date, with a further J\$100 million to be invested over the next 12 months to further improve the physical outlay of the community.
2. Liveihood Development Programmes inclusive of Parenting support, Skills training in areas such as the Blue Economy, and Entrepreneurship have through direct training benefitted over 250 individuals in the community.
3. Recurrent service delivery by key agencies including the NSWMA and other Government institutions has resulted in significant improvements in service delivery for services such as Garbage Collection and the provision of civil documentation.
4. Improvement in citizen participation in safety and security initiatives including a curfew monitor programme and capacity building of youth clubs.
5. 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.
6. 25 Community Environmental Wardens received employment and were instrumental in supporting solid waste management and related mitigation activities in the community for the next 12 months.

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 (MOEYI)
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

The COVID-19 pandemic has continued to affect the level of activities and the number of interventions that are implemented in the zone. Works that require limited interaction, which largely support the physical transformation remain the main activities being implemented.

RESULTS - July 16, 2021 - October 8, 2021

1. **Enterprise Development Project Phase II** - 20 microenterprises have been shortlisted for enterprise development support. A total of J\$ 2.9 million has been allocated by the GOJ through the ICDP II project to support the community.
2. **Pink and Chesnutt Lane Sewage and Water** - Project approved at PPC and is awaiting Cabinet approval. Over J\$100 million will be spent to implement this project through funding from the GOJ ICDP II Project.
3. **Civil Registration** - Over 200 residents have applied for new birth certificates under phase II of the GOJ ICDP II project and will be provided with same free of cost.
4. **Parenting Support** - NPSC received approval for a J\$12M project from the JSIF through the GOJ ICDP II Project, which will support positive parenting development within the Denham Town community for a 12-month period.

5. **Environmental Wardens** - 26 community member will be employed for an initial placement period of 12 months to support the NSWMA with solid waste management in the community.

TABLE 1: INFRASTRUCTURE INTERVENTIONS IN THE ZONE

PROJECT	AGENCIES	# BENEFICIARIES	SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES	OUTPUT
Road, water, and Sewage etc.)	JSIF/NWA/ NWC	Total population of 8,000 residents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 3 km of roadway ▪ 6.9 km of pipeline works. 	<p>New infrastructure works completed and water connections to households established by the NWC.</p> <p>NB. Additional works along the Pink and Chestnut Lane have been tendered by the JSIF under the GOJ funded ICDP II Project and will result in over J\$100 million in additional pipeline and sewage works being deployed.</p>
Zinc Fence Substitution	JSIF/ Denham Town CDC	1,200 residents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Substitution of 950 meters of zinc with concrete fencing 	The removal and replacement of 950 meters of zinc fence and substitution with new concrete fencing.
Solid Waste Management	NSWMA	Total Population of 8,000 residents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Collection of solid waste by the NSWMA 	<p>Weekly scheduled collections are now in place.</p> <p>Engagement of twenty-five (29) community Environmental wardens to support solid waste management through the ICDP II project</p>
Community entrance and Beautification	JSIF/Denham Town CDC	Total Population of 8,000 residents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Two entrance Signs and greenspaces 	Construction of entrance signs and dedicated green space in the community.

TABLE 2: SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT INTERVENTIONS

PROJECT	AGENCIES	# BENEFICIARIES	SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES	OUTPUT	
Livelihood Programmes	JSIF/ HEART HOPE	MOE/ Trust and beneficiaries	Approx. 3,500	Academic support Remedial Programmes	Skills training and remedial activities around academic development and behavioural change.
Parenting Support	National Support Commission	Parent Commission	150 parents	Training and counseling	Activities were executed by the National Parent Support Commission under Phase I, with 150 parents targeted for training. Phase 2 targeted at a further 30 households in the Zone being formulated and are scheduled for approval with the JSIF BOD in July 2021.
Health/Wellness and Community Engagement	Joint MOH/SDC/MNS/Ministry of Tourism/JSIF	Force/ residents	3000	Fun runs Medical checks Unity concert	Including concert, a community services fair, where residents accessed various government services.
Civil Registration	RGD/ Tax Admin/ NIS	Admin/ residents	300	Birth Certificates TRN card Other civil documents	Phase I successfully completed through the World Bank funded ICDP. Phase II to be solely funded by the GOJ under the ICDP II to commence in July 2021.

<p>Economic Development Programmes</p>	<p>JSIF</p>	<p>28 Entrepreneurs in total supported.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Training ▪ Equipment 	<p>Under Phase I - Over J\$4M in equipment provided to support and enhance micro entrepreneurs in the zone. Online Virtual training in business development was also provided. Phase II which is slated to support a potential cohort of 30 entrepreneurs is being executed and will commence in July 2021.</p>
<p>Governance, Youth Engagement and Community Safety</p>	<p>JSIF/ MNS/ Joint Forces 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>Programme to train community volunteers to support the security forces as part of a joint up community policing initiative. 25 community volunteers were trained to act as Curfew Monitors under the initiative, where they assist with ensuring children were off the streets by 8pm nightly.</p>

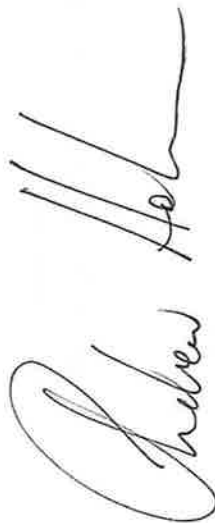
TABLE 3: EXPANDED NARRATIVE AROUND PROGRAMMES IMPLEMENTED IN THE ZONE

DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY	SPECIFIC ACTIVITY	LEAD AGENCY	OUTPUT
<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 behaviour change and motivational training.</p>
<p>Alternative Livelihood and youth development</p>	<p>Skills Training and Alternative Livelihood</p>	<p>JSIF</p>	<p>235 Students engaged in a Life Skills Project from the following Schools: Chetolah Park & Mel Nathan, Denham Town Primary and St. Annes</p>
<p>Civil Registration</p>	<p>Civil Documentation</p>	<p>JSIF & RGD</p>	<p>55 students completed training at four institutions in programmes ranging from Business Processing, Software development and online entrepreneurship. 200 community residents received civil registration documents.</p>

<p>Wellness and Community Integration</p>	<p>ZOSO Labor 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>Wellness and Community integration</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>Joint Social Welfare Engagement</p>	<p>Under the leadership of the Ministry of Tourism several Agencies were 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 Organizations.</p>	<p>Event executed on September 23, 2018.</p> <p>Over 300 residents attended and benefitted from the services. The evening also included live performances from groups in Denham Town, and headline acts like Agent Sasco.</p>
<p>Health</p>	<p>Community Health Clinic</p>	<p>ST Andrew Public Health Department</p>	<p>Over 300 residents received medical services through Kingstons Public Health Department. Residents were able to access basic primary medical care, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Childcare

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treatment for basic wounds
Infrastructure Development	Zinc Fence Substitution	JSIF		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 923 meters of zinc fence removed and replaced with concrete fencing. • 200 households directly benefiting.
Social Welfare	Community Social Services Fair	SIC Agencies: JSIF SDC MNS MLSS HEART Trust		<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
Academic Development	Behaviour Modification programme (Ministry of Education) using the School Wide Positive Behavior Intervention Support Framework	Ministry of Education Youth and Information		<p>MOE Region 1 conducted Behaviour Change workshops using the School Wide Positive Behaviour Intervention and Support (SWPBIS) with the schools in the community including Denham Town High, and Denham Town Primary and St. Annes CAP.</p>
Parental Support Programme	Parenting training to parents of students attending schools within the zone	National Parent Support Commission (NPSC)		<p>National Parent Support Commission supports 150 parents within the community including providing mentorship and psychosocial training.</p>

<p>Academic Support Programme</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.</p>
<p>Human and Community Development and Employment</p>	<p>Enterprise Development</p>	<p>Jamaica Social Investment Fund</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>



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