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and
Community Development Measures)**

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Social Intervention**

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Social Intervention Report

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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 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 Defense 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 Southwest 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. 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 were deployed and principally funded by the GOJ between 2015-2019:

SUMMARY OF GOJ PROGRAMMES COMPLETED PRIOR TO THE ZONE

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 supports the community.
6. Entrepreneurial support for businesses in the community
7. Provision of civil documentation to over 300 residents.

RESULTS – October 8, 2021 - December 10, 2021

- 1. Social Intervention Committee** – A meeting of the SIC was convened on the 7th of October 2021. The meeting largely focused on the overall state of implementation of several of legacy interventions including the roadway. The Joint Forces were indicating their continued robust presence in the space, with a request for more Jersey barriers to better manage the entrance and exit points in the space.
- 2. Enterprise Grants** – 18 micro entrepreneurs has been selected under Phase II of the Enterprise Development Project. J\$3M has been allocated to support their procurement of equipment with disbursement completed, and the entrepreneurs currently collecting their equipment to develop their respective enterprises. The GOJ has thus far spent over J\$12M to support micro and small business in the community, including several fisherfolk.
- 3. ICDP Solid Waste Management Cycle II** – Solid Waste Management, supported through the GOJ ICDP II in the sum of J\$5 million. 12 wardens employed to support the NSWMA with solid waste management in the space for an initial period of 12 months.

ACTIVITIES UNDER ACTIVE IMPLEMENTATION FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR TO MARCH 2022

INTERVENTION	ACTIVITIES	TARGET	STATUS
<p>Infrastructure Development</p>	Zinc Fence removal and substitution	Support the removal and substitution of approximately 300 meters of zinc fence with concrete fencing, to benefit approximately 70 families.	Works currently 60 per cent completed.
	Installation of Additional sidewalks	1.8 km of sidewalks to be installed throughout the community.	
	Environmental wardens	Train and employ 12 Environmental wardens for one (1) year. Equipping of EWs - tools & safety gears.	All wardens employed and currently executing their functions.
	Rehabilitation of small parks and green spaces	2 green spaces to be upgraded <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Install perimeter fencing ▪ Install Park furniture e.g., benches and tables ▪ Landscaping and decorative bricks ▪ Clean-up and disposal of garbage ▪ Install enclosures with garbage bins ▪ Construct one gazebo 	Works over 90 per cent completed and should achieve final completion by end of December 2021.

Social Development	Operation Certification	Provision of birth certificate and TRNs to approximately 300 residents	New applications being processed for 23 residents, with virtual recruitment ongoing.
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