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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 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 the 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 - October 8, 2021 – December 10, 2021

The community of Norwood is the newest ZOSO and requires intensive social and physical transformation. Over the last two months, teams from the various agencies under the SIC, which include the JSIF, has been doing extensive formulation activities to develop sustainable social and physical transformation in the community. These include:

1. **SIC Committee Meeting** – No SIC meeting was held, however a series of high-level stakeholder meetings with critical stakeholders from the community were convened. These

engagements were geared at developing a sustainable development plan for the community. It included identifying areas for funding and prioritization of the development needs of the community.

2. **Enterprise Development Project** – a final group of 30 micro entrepreneurs have been selected and will benefit from funding of J\$7.8 million dollars to buy equipment for their businesses. Disbursement has commenced and equipment delivery will intensify through the month of December 2021.
3. **USAID** - Capacity building project for the CBOs within community remains ongoing.
4. **UNDP** - Grant project to support hydroponic farming to support 11 farmers in the community, also remains ongoing.
5. **Youth Transition Workshop** - 40 children from the community are benefitting from a transitional workshop and received tablet computers.
6. **Formulation Activities for Major Infrastructure** - An intense formulation process commenced, and has scoped projects to include:
 - a. Construction of 1350m Curb & Channel along select corridors
 - b. Construction of 1350m Asphalt Pavement along select corridors
 - c. Installation of 1350m Galvanized Pipe along select corridors

STATUS OF COMMUNITY PRIORITY ACTIVITIES

Community Priorities	Status of interventions developed to respond to community needs
Road Infrastructure	1.35 Km of road rehabilitation to be formulated for implementation through the GOJ ICDP II Project
Skills Training	Recruitment in progress supported by the HEART/NSTA Trust
Civil Documentation	Virtual recruitment ongoing
Capacity Building of CDC	JSIF to implement a series of capacity development with the CBC over the final quarter of the financial year 2022. This will include workshops, and engagement of the community to implement community contracts as part of the development of the community.
Community Safety Programmes	A similar model to the other successful ZOSOs is being formulated which will include the build out of the community youth clubs,

	development of a Curfew Monitor programme, and where possible, within the COVID-19 protocols, workshops and community service fairs.
Environmental Management	New skip enclosures, green spaces, and community beautification in formulation, to be developed for implementation under the GOJ ICDP II project.

NEXT STEPS

The ZOSO has transitioned to the build stage, and thus the current formulations, should translate into an intensified build out of projects of varied scope over the next 12 months.



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