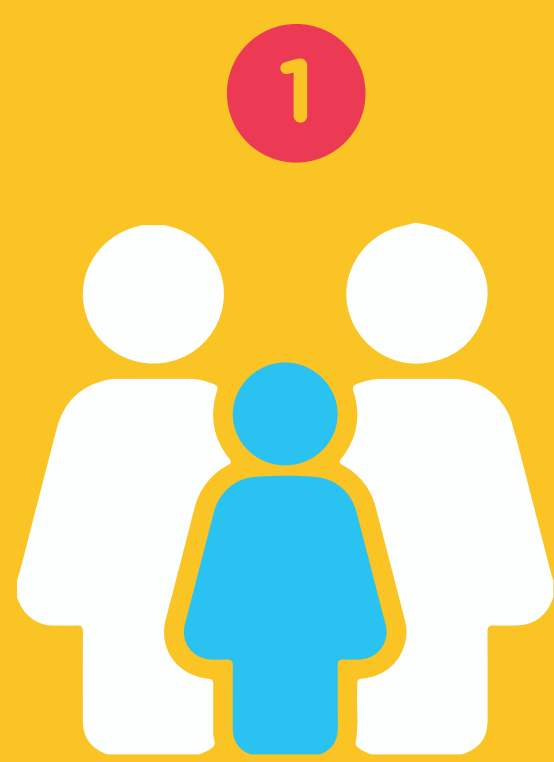


SAVANNA-LA-MAR

Community Action Plan

SEVEN KEY OBJECTIVES FOR SAVANNA-LA-MAR WEST, WHICH DRIVE THE ACTION PLAN ARE TO:



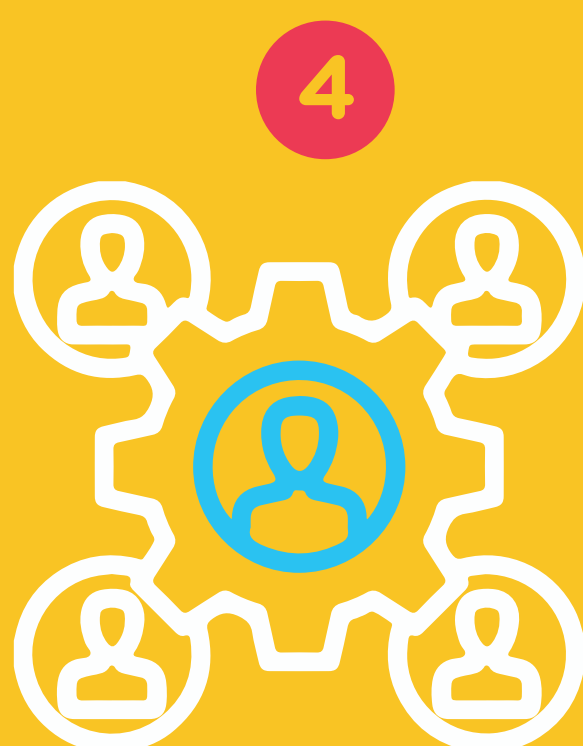
Instil a positive mindset among parents and adults and improve their communication skills, thus overcoming the negative attitudes and behaviours of residents in several areas.



Strengthen family structures by developing a system of care approach.



Improve educational outcomes through a lifelong learning approach and improved social and financial investment in local schools, community and personal development programmes.



Strengthen the local economy through increased employment and improved access to a supportive enabling business environment.



Improve community infrastructure through advocacy, partnerships, education and sustainable practices.



Build trust between the police and residents towards stronger partnerships and improved safety.



Build inclusive, local governance structures that advocate for community priorities and lead development initiatives.

PRIORITY OBJECTIVE 1:

INSTIL A POSITIVE MINDSET AMONG PARENTS AND ADULTS AND IMPROVE THEIR COMMUNICATION SKILLS, THUS OVERCOMING THE NEGATIVE ATTITUDES AND BEHAVIOURS OF RESIDENTS IN SEVERAL AREAS.

What will be implemented	Beneficiaries	Partners	Outcomes
 ‘La-Mar Medz’ roving community event series: Annual 2 day festival featuring local and national entertainment, live interviews and showcases from GoJ and municipal agencies, booths from service providers and displays from micro and small businesses.	 • Families • Adults • Youth • Whole community	 • Jamaica Constabulary Force • Municipal authority • Schools • Parenting groups • Local businesses • Sandals Group	 Economically beneficial and repeatable community enterprise that facilitates prospects for community-based investments. Increased community awareness about social protections, training and business opportunities.
 Develop Youth led values and attitudes campaign: focused on respectful communication, promotion of hardworking role models, countering entitlement and ‘get rich quick’ attitudes.	 • Parents / caregivers • Parents of children with special needs/ exposed to trauma • Youth	 • Father’s Inc, churches • Ministry of Education, School PTAs • Jamaica Library Service • Sav Police Youth Club • Talk up Yout! • Children First • HEART NSTA/ Trust	 More positive attitude amongst youth towards education, conflict management, and community beautification. Improved social cohesion with reduced levels of crime and violence.
 Develop Healthy Relationships programme: Partner with public agencies to access programmes that address intimate partner relationships while promoting and supporting holistic healthy lifestyles and families.	 • Families • Adults • Youth • Whole Community	 • Ministry of Health & Wellness • HEART NSTA/ Trust • Dispute Resolution Foundation • Faith-based organisations	 Improved interpersonal communication and conflict resolution. Reduced levels of crime and violence. Improved parenting and strengthened families.

PRIORITY OBJECTIVE 2:

STRENGTHEN FAMILY STRUCTURES BY DEVELOPING A SYSTEM OF CARE APPROACH.

What will be implemented	Beneficiaries	Partners	Outcomes
 Establish parenting support groups: Groups to access training, social service information, parenting support, and financial literacy.	 • Parents • Families • Youth	 • Ministry of Labour & Social Security/ PATH • Ministry of Health • Child Protection and Family Services Agency • Centre for Investigation of Sexual Offences and Child Abuse (CISOCA)	 Behavioural changes that demonstrate effective parenting and greater emphasis on financial decision-making and a balanced sense of self. Improved interactions between parents and children.
 Healthy adolescent relationships: Establish adolescent relationship and life skills education programmes.	 • Families • Youth	 • Ministry of Labour & Social Security • Talk up Yout! • Youth Crime Watch • Police Youth Club	 Improved interpersonal communication and increased confidence in managing conflicts amongst adolescents. Reduced number of unattached youth. Improved educational attainment from increased focus on life goals



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STRENGTHEN FAMILY STRUCTURES BY DEVELOPING A SYSTEM OF CARE APPROACH.

What will be implemented	Beneficiaries	Partners	Outcomes
 Expand counselling and family support services for families: Focus services on those with children 0-3 years old and youth.	 • Parents • Siblings • Children	 • Ministry of Labour & Social Security • Ministry of Health • Child Protection and Family Services Agency	 Improved access to home and family based support resulting in more wholesome family structures.
 Improve access to social services & systems of support: Targeted outreach and guidance provided to parents and caregivers to access available social services and interventions.	 • Parents / caregivers • Parents of children with special needs/ exposed to trauma • Children from 0-17 years old	 • Ministry of Labour & Social Security • Ministry of Health & Wellness • Child Protection and Family Services Agency • Family Life Services • Child Development Agency • National Parenting Support Commission	 Improved school attendance at early childhood education and primary institutions, and regulation of extracurricular hours and activities, leading to improved educational outcomes. Improved access to home and family based support and follow-up.



PRIORITY OBJECTIVE 3:

IMPROVE EDUCATIONAL OUTCOMES THROUGH A LIFELONG LEARNING APPROACH AND IMPROVED SOCIAL AND FINANCIAL INVESTMENT IN LOCAL SCHOOLS, COMMUNITY AND PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES.

What will be implemented	Beneficiaries	Partners	Outcomes
 Community-based educational support programmes: Expand and integrate programmes of community-based after school and summer break education activities.	 • Students • Schools • Families • Local businesses	 • Jamaica Constabulary Force • Jamaica Defense Force • Child Protection and Family Services Agency • Ministry of Education & Youth • Chamber of Commerce • Jamaica Hotel Tourist Association	 Improved educational outcomes of students. Reduction in risk levels of students. Increased take-up of co-curricular offerings by youth in schools, skills and technical training entities and community organisations.
 Strengthen Parent-Teacher Associations: Strengthen PTAs to Implement parenting workshops and advocate for ongoing teacher training.	 • School children • Parents • Teachers	 • National Parenting Support Commission • Parent Mentors • Ministry of Education & Youth • Early Childhood Commission	 Improved educational outcomes of students. Reduction in risk levels of students. Increase in interest of parents in students' education - behaviour change in the role of the importance of parenting in ensuring educational outcomes.



PRIORITY OBJECTIVE 4:

STRENGTHEN THE LOCAL ECONOMY THROUGH INCREASED EMPLOYMENT AND IMPROVED ACCESS TO A SUPPORTIVE ENABLING BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT.

What will be implemented	Beneficiaries	Partners	Outcomes
 Community work centres: Establish pop-up centres for career services (resumé, interview, job preparation) which can also host short skills/training workshops.	 • Job seekers • Post-secondary students	 • University of the West Indies • University of Technology • UCC Western campuses • HEART NSTA/ Trust • Westmoreland Chamber of Commerce	 Increase employability, access to, and employment of community members.
 Youth entrepreneurship: Develop a values grounded entrepreneurship programme divided into short modules for business-minded youths including mentorship and coaching offerings, a focus on family enterprises, with aligned attributes and core skills.	 • All segments of youth • Aspiring artistes and artists • Student athletes • Local CBOs	 • Jamaica Hotel Tourist Association • Local businesses • Jamaica Centre of Tourism Innovation • Westmoreland Chamber of Commerce • Other GoJ entities	 Greater sustainable income for youth, individuals and the wider community. Improved family level economic resilience.
 On the job training: Seek pilot partnerships with industry associations and training enterprises to include residents in existing programmes and customised offerings such as apprenticeships and community based training.	 • Community youth • Job seekers • Post-secondary students	 • Factories Corporation of Jamaica • HEART-NSTA/ Trust • Local businesses • Jamaica Hotel Tourist Association • Jamaica Centre of Tourism Innovation • Rural Agricultural Development Authority	 Increased local business activities and revenues. Increased employment of community residents. Reduced number of unattached youth.

PRIORITY OBJECTIVE 5:

IMPROVE COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE THROUGH ADVOCACY, PARTNERSHIPS, EDUCATION AND SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES.

What will be implemented	Beneficiaries	Partners	Outcomes
 Recycling education campaign: to include small projects focused on recycling pick-up points, composting for backyard gardening and food waste reduction for subsistence and local enterprises.	 • Elders • Vulnerable residents • People with chronic illnesses • Pregnant mothers • Disabled persons	 • Westmoreland Municipal Corporation • Environmental Foundation of Jamaica • Jamaica Hotel & Tourist Association • Service Clubs (Kiwanis/Rotary)	 Healthier environment for residents. Greater economic resilience for participants in any of the initiatives.
 Community Infrastructure Working Group: Establish a CIWG to advocate and plan for improvements in infrastructure.	 • Residents • Local businesses • Community groups	 • National Water Commission • Jamaica Public Service • National Works Agency • Westmoreland Municipal Corporation • National Environmental Planning Agency • Universal Services Fund • CHASE Fund • Jamaica Social Investment Fund	 Improved health, mental wellness and quality of life of residents and local businesses.



PRIORITY OBJECTIVE 6:

BUILD TRUST BETWEEN THE POLICE AND RESIDENTS SO THAT THEY SEE EACH OTHER AS PARTNERS IN THE DEVELOPMENT AND PROTECTION OF THE COMMUNITY.

What will be implemented	Beneficiaries	Partners	Outcomes
 Establish and support Police Youth Clubs.	 • Whole community • Families • Youth • JCF	 • Jamaica Constabulary Force (CSSB) • Faith based organisations • NCYD • Community Development Committee	 Reduced number of unattached youth. Improved police/ community relations.
 Community forums: Establish bi-monthly community forum and games day for the police and residents to interact socially and dialogue about community safety.	 • Elders • Vulnerable residents • Whole community	 • Westmoreland Municipal Corporation • Jamaica Constabulary Force • Social Development Commission • Service Clubs (Kiwanis/Rotary) • Area supermarkets • Community Development Committee	 Increased engagement, empowerment and the inclusion of diverse groups of community stakeholders in the community planning and implementation process. Enhanced trust and understanding between JCF and community leading to a safer community.
 Strengthen community policing: Advocate for community policing to be entrenched and the Community Safety and Security Branch to be more visible.	 • Parents • Community groups • Youth clubs	 • Jamaica Constabulary Force (CSSB) • Westmoreland Municipal Corporation • Community Development Committee	 Improved police/ community relations. Reduced levels of crime and violence.

PRIORITY OBJECTIVE 7:

BUILD INCLUSIVE LOCAL GOVERNANCE
STRUCTURES THAT ADVOCATE FOR
COMMUNITY PRIORITIES AND LEAD
DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES.

What will be implemented	Beneficiaries	Partners	Outcomes
 Capacity support for CBOs: Develop a capacity building and CBO strengthening programme, with a targeted approach towards representative CSOs such as youth based, environment, sports etc.	 • Whole community • Community groups	 • Jamaica Constabulary Force (CSSB) • Social Development Commission	 Improved sustained local action.

