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Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of National Security, Ambassador Alison Stone Roofe delivering remarks at the 4th Annual Citizen Security Plan and Violence Prevention Programme Stakeholders' Retreat at the Jamaica Pegasus Hotel in Kingston yesterday (August 27).

Gov't continues to strengthen Citizen Security Plan

Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of National Security, Ambassador Alison Stone Roofe says strengthening the Citizen Security Plan (CSP) is a strong signal of the government's commitment to social investment.

She made the comment while delivering remarks at the 4th Annual Citizen Security Plan and Violence Prevention Programme Stakeholders' Retreat at the Jamaica Pegasus Hotel in Kingston yesterday (August 27).

The Permanent Secretary noted that the retreat serves to enhance coordination and collaboration with key stakeholders.

“They (the retreats) allow us to collectively strengthen our approach to social investment by ensuring that every stakeholder is aligned with the overarching goals of the CSP,” she explained.

She pointed out that the CSP has laid the foundation for the work that the Ministry does in relation to citizen security and reduction in crime and violence.



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“It has provided stakeholders, technical personnel, and citizens alike with a platform upon which to build meaningful progress,” she said.

In addition, Permanent Secretary Stone Roofe noted that the work being done under the CSP is a daily risk and commitment to changing the narrative in vulnerable communities.

“Your commitment to improving the lives of women, children, youth, and particularly boys in these communities is both courageous and commendable. The work you do in these high-risk areas is making a big difference,” she pointed out.

She added: **“Now with the introduction of the Violence Prevention Programme, funded by our donors, we are further strengthening this platform, expanding our reach, and reinforcing our commitment to social investment delivery”**.

The Citizen Security Plan is geared towards improving safety and security in vulnerable communities across Jamaica. Its three priority areas include: crime and violence reduction, safer spaces and human and community development.

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