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### **JamaicaEye Fully Operationalised September 2019**

The Ministry of National Security is reassuring citizens that the national closed-circuit television (CCTV) programme – JamaicaEye will continue its steady roll-out of cameras across the island and will be fully operationalised by September 2019.

This strategic crime-solving mechanism is designed to integrate and upgrade existing **Government of Jamaica (GoJ)** camera systems, which are currently installed across the island.

There are currently three primary phases of installation, with initial strategic focus being given to the corporate areas in St. James, St. Catherine and Kingston & St. Andrew. There are also parallel activities in the other parishes to include the replacement of out-dated legacy cameras, some of which were installed several years ago. The implementation of the third phase will continue over the long-term and will seek to expand the programme through additional private partnerships and new GoJ camera installations.

Senior Director of the Ministry’s Major Technology Transformation Branch, Mr. Arvel Grant explained that, **“There are a number of cameras in public spaces that were installed prior to JamaicaEye. For example, May Pen and Mandeville CCTV programmes were launched in 2008/2009. We are aware of the cameras that need to be replaced and those are being changed in time for the full operationalisation of the programme by September 2019.”**

Mr. Grant also highlighted that **“In our assessment, and to protect the integrity of the security project, it is important for us to safeguard some information relating to the number of cameras, camera specifications and the exact locations at which they are installed”**.

JamaicaEye, was launched in March 2018 and is part of an island-wide network of camera surveillance systems designed to increase the safety of all citizens. These cameras monitor public spaces across the island and assist the authorities in responding to accidents, disasters and acts of criminality.

The Ministry encourages business owners and private citizens with camera systems outside their homes and offices that face public spaces, to register their camera feed with JamaicaEye by visiting the website: [www.jamaicaeye.gov.jm](http://www.jamaicaeye.gov.jm) and to email [jamaicaeye@mns.gov.jm](mailto:jamaicaeye@mns.gov.jm) for queries.

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