

Goals & Expected Outcomes of the RESPECT RASTAFARI Collective Security for Surety Initiative

This initiative of the global Rastafari family seeks to promote all existing positive works and strengthen international solidarity on the mission to secure justice, honour, cultural sovereignty and elevation of the Rastafari nation in Jamaica and across the world.

3-Prong Violations of Human, Indigenous, & Constitutional Rights

Justice System & Indigenous Rights

Forceful trimming of locks and other violent abuse and harassment related to RasTafari identity & sovereignty

Social Services Exclusion, Discrimination & Abuse
(ie. in Employment, Education & Health services)

Illegal persecution and prosecution in Ganja Industry

Harrasment, Abuse & prosecution for cultivation, transporation & trade of Ganja, desecration of Sacremental Space despite law on decriminalization, barring Rastatafari from the main source of economic liberation.

10 Priorities for Oversight by OPM Inter-Ministerial Rastafari Commission

Short Term

Immediately & by end 2021

SANCTIONS

- Dismissal of Police or other Civil Service Offenders found to have violated RasTafari Rights
- Suspension of duties for supervisory authorities permitting the abuse

STATE COMPENSATION

Substantive financial compensation for victims and their families

ENFORCEMENT OF GANJA INDUSTRY LEGAL EXEMPTIONS

Unmolested freedom to plant, transport, distribute and accept contributions at sacramental sites

Official Endorsment of ID and Regulatory System and exemption from liscenes for Sacremental Spaces

Medium Term

by end 2022

CODE OF CONDUCT

to be developed, distributed and displayed in every Police Station and Social service

DEVELOPMENT OF CURRICULUM & MANDATORY TRAINING

on RasTafari Rights and roll out for Constabulary Force and Social Services Personnel

PUBLIC EDUCATION

Govt. sponsored media messaging on respect, protection & promotion of Rastafari as a central part of Jamaica's identity & legacy

Longer Term

by end 2023 and beyond

AMMENDMENT OF EDUCATION ACT

to protect children from denial of admittance to any educational institution or discrimination on the basis of culture or religion including wearing locks or other natural or African-centered hairstyle

OMNIBUS LEGISLATION

Human & Indigenous Rights Protection Act
Public Bill of the Supreme Court to make it a criminal offence for any violation of the Human and Indigenous groups including RasTafari, Maroons and other African-centered groups and practices in

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

for the empowerment and development of Rastafari community and community-based initiatives:

- a) Tax exemption for large scale Rastafari grassroots ganja initiatives
- b) Legislative allocation of a portion of license fees for Rastafari ganja projects
- c) Designation of Government Crown lands across the country for Rastafari agricultural and other development initiatives