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The Turks and Caicos Islands Informal Settlements Unit [ISU]

An Introduction

The Informal Settlements Unit [ISU] is a government organisation tasked with finding solutions to the growing challenges experienced within and by informal settlements across the Turks and Caicos Islands.

Below is a brief overview of the ISU.

Overview:

The goal of the Informal Settlements Unit is to help create communities across the Turks and Caicos Islands that are safe for residents and visitors and capable of supporting future development that allows for improvement while encouraging growth through sustainable efforts.

Informal Settlement?

An informal settlement is an area consisting of housing or other buildings that have been illegally erected. These developments are built outside of any planning oversight and as such, they have poor structural quality and lack the most basic amenities and services such as water, electricity, roads, storm water drains and sanitation among other things. They pose a multitude of threats and risks to the people residing in them as well as both the community and environment around them.

Community focused solutions.

The ISU is focused on building safer, more sustainable communities in the Turks and Caicos Islands. To this end, we are addressing the many problems that informal settlements create and looking at the root cause of their development so as to avoid future settlements as the country continues to grow.

Mission Statement:

Building safer, more sustainable communities in the Turks and Caicos Islands.

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