

## **BENEFITS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE ORDER TO THE COMMUNITY**

1. Community Service Order saves tax payers the money which would have been spent on cost to keep a person in a Correctional Centre.
2. Provides the community an opportunity for partnership with the delivery of service to others.
3. Leads the community to a greater understanding of offenders.
4. Community benefits from Community Service work - unpaid work to organizations.
5. Leads to better and cleaner communities.
6. Community members get an opportunity to participate in the decision of the Criminal Justice System
7. Community satisfied that Community Service Order is a sentence of the court and carries consequences for breaches.
8. A viable and sustainable benefit for community beautification and other projects for community development.
9. Sustainable and ready labour force for community work.

**N.B.** For more information, please contact the Probation Office nearest you.

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

To contribute to the safety and protection of our society by keeping offenders secure and facilitating their rehabilitation and reintegration as law abiding citizens, while developing a professional and committed staff

## **VISION STATEMENT**

We are serving the needs of all our clients by creating and facilitating opportunities for their empowerment and rehabilitation, resulting in a more peaceful, caring and productive society.

## **CORRECTIONAL PROCESS**

One which provides to those in our care a relevant, structured therapeutic environment to facilitate their empowerment and rehabilitation to become peaceful, responsible and productive members of society.

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## **COMMUNITY SERVICE ORDER**

*Everyone Benefits*

Community Service Order is by no means the answer for many offenders and particular attention must be paid to the suitability of an offender and the range of appropriate tasks before an order is made. The court must be satisfied that a task is available for the offender to perform:

1. The offenders must agree to participate in such an order, and therefore, must know something of what it involves.
2. Should have a fixed address. Family support is helpful.
3. Work record is good enough to indicate that he/she has the ability to perform in such a setting.
4. Should display good interpersonal relationship;
5. Their physical and mental health must be good enough to allow participation.
6. It would be desirable that they possess a skill, although lack of a skill will not preclude their participation. Some of the tasks will be manual.
7. He/She should be available for work and have sufficient time to complete the order.
8. Cultural and religious persuasions must not inhibit placement needs.
9. Should be low risk offenders and can be motivated to change their

This is by no means an exhaustive list.

**NB.**

People who are aggressive, addicted to alcohol or drugs or deeply disturbed are not considered suitable as it is felt they may not respond appropriately.

Attitude to the offence, circumstances and the victim are important factors to consider.

**BENEFITS OF  
COMMUNITY SERVICE  
ORDER TO THE  
OFFENDER**

1. Allows the offender to serve the sentence in the community and continue to work to maintain the family.
2. Offender comes into contact with recipients of their help.
3. Works alongside non-offenders.
4. Gives offender an opportunity to help others.
5. Give offender the opportunity to realize abilities previously untapped.
6. Allows the offender to experience the discipline of good work attitude per haps for the first time.

7. Allows for the opportunity to work with other offenders (in a group setting) thus fostering good interpersonal relationship.
8. Community Service Order has therapeutic values and allows offenders to use leisure time constructively.
9. Teaches the offender self worth and self respect.
10. Provides job opportunities  
**NB.** Some offenders have gained employment following the end of the task at the same agency where the work was done.
11. Helps the offender to realize his/her potential.
12. Assists in the discipline of completing a task assigned satisfactorily.
13. Prevents the contamination and stigmation and all the other attendant prison problems.
14. Can involve a change of attitude, a different lifestyle.
15. Offers the offender an opportunity to continue to give voluntary service after the expiration of the order.