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patron's message
denis o'brien



From 2012 until now the Digicel Trinidad and Tobago Foundation has moved from strength to strength, motivating and inspiring communities. This was the vision I had for our Foundations, a place where staff can get involved in making a positive and lasting change in their communities, and I haven't been let down yet.

Through both strategic areas of focus – special needs and community development – the Foundation works hard to make an impact, and since inception it has completed over 370 projects, benefitting more than 100,0,000 people.

As a promoter of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Article 30, which states that persons with disabilities have a fundamental right to take part on an equal basis with others in cultural life, recreation, leisure and sport, the Digicel Foundation works especially hard on projects that enable this.

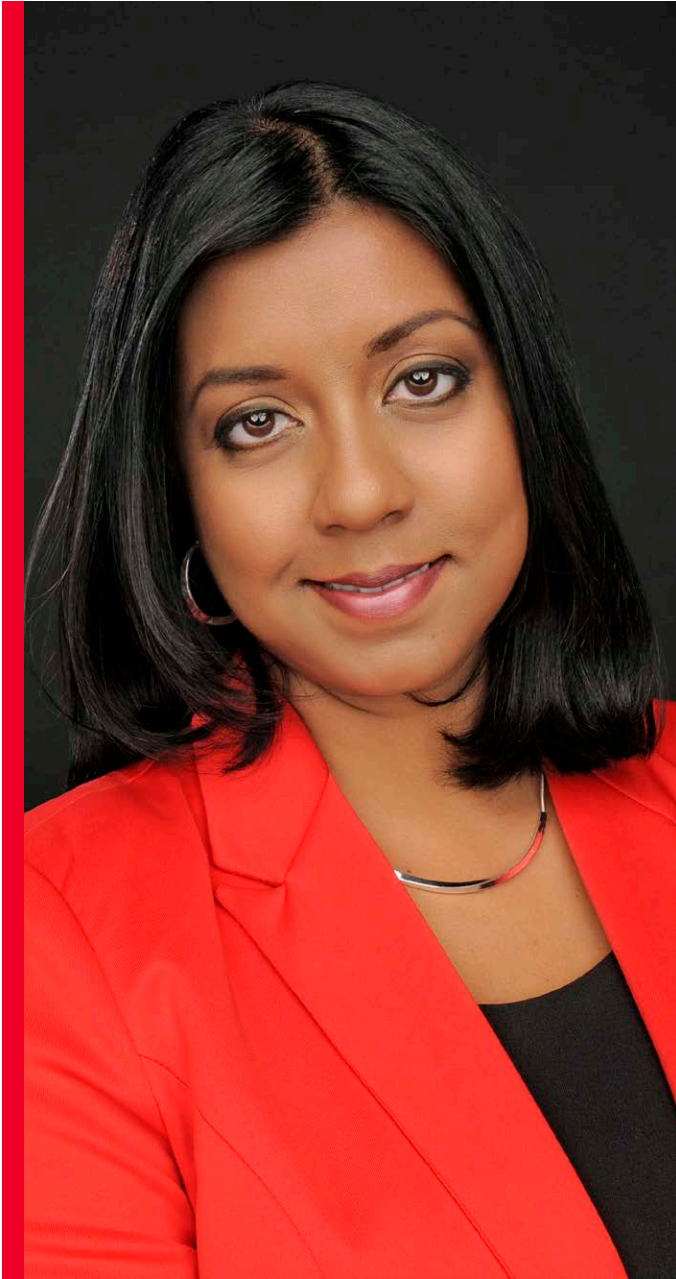
Our Centres of Excellence project provides infrastructural upgrades or remodelling to special needs institutions; Preparing You! is a disaster preparedness and emergency response programme specifically for persons with special needs; Kiddie Pump, the largest free, all-inclusive children's event held during the carnival season, promotes awareness and inclusion of children with special needs alongside children without disabilities; and the Special Olympics partnership fosters training programmes in aquatics, basketball, bocce, cricket, equestrian, floor hockey, football, gymnastics, powerlifting, track and field and volleyball.

On the community development side the team works on the Digital Citizenship project, a partnership with Cisco that allows participants to access courses through the Cisco Network Academy; EPIC (Extraordinary Projects Impacting Communities) has benefitted more than 24,799 people since its launch in 2016 and provides grants to communities for development projects while the Community Development programmes fund groups working on small scale projects in the community; and the RecoverArt Project provides support for recovering drug addicts by teaching them skills in crafts, furniture building, entrepreneurship and marketing.

We know that not everyone can have the same start in life, but through our work we can ensure that so many are empowered to finish strong. For the work the Foundation does, under the leadership of our Chairwoman, Desha Clifford and CEO, Penny Gomez, I want to thank everyone who helps us create a world in which no one gets left behind.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Denis O'Brien". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline that loops back to the left.

chairperson's message
desha clifford



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Desha Clifford', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

It is a very satisfying feeling to look back on the past 12 months and see the impact that the Digicel Foundation has had on our beloved country. With this in mind, it has been a true privilege to serve as Chairperson of the Board of Directors, and to be a part of a passionate and forward-thinking team that connects with individuals and groups in a meaningful way.

Our job as Directors goes beyond attending monthly board meetings and key media events. In fact, we are challenged by the Foundation team to step out of our comfort zones and really be a part of the change, by joining with the operational team in engaging with the stakeholders.

There continues to be a significant focus on building resilience in the special needs community, investing in sports for development and collaborating on initiatives that change lives in a sustainable way. Initiatives such as Centres of Excellence, Preparing You, Play Unified, Kiddie Pump and the Special Olympics Trinidad and Tobago (SOTT) Community Training Programme, ensure that persons with disabilities are included, and are never left behind. Our relationship with SOTT continues to flourish. We feel great pride as the main local corporate sponsor for SOTT, knowing that we have not only contributed financially, but we have been one of their biggest cheerleaders from the establishment of the Foundation seven years ago, and even prior thereto from the inception of the Digicel business in Trinidad and Tobago in 2006. The success of the athletes at the Special Olympics World Games in Abu Dhabi in March was phenomenal. The 56 medals they brought home is a tremendous triumph for this country and a source of immense pride and joy for the Foundation.

Through our Extraordinary Projects Impacting Communities (EPIC) small grant programme, our reach into communities continue to be impactful and worthwhile, with US\$101,963 invested in 2018. The 22 groups that implemented innovative initiatives in their communities, help empower and transform lives. These community leaders inspire us with their humility, determination, unwavering commitment and sheer love for their communities.

The strategic partnerships we have built continue to be major building blocks for the work done at the Foundation. We acknowledge that we can't do it alone and value the input of governmental, non-governmental organisations and international organisations. We welcome new partners, such as the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) and CISCO who joined us last year to implement enrichment programmes that are people-driven and sustainable.

This year has been an amazing year for us, and it is important that we celebrate our achievements so that they can inspire us to do even more. No such celebration would be complete, however, without expressing our gratitude to Denis O'Brien our compassionate Patron and Digicel for their generous support. We are also eternally grateful for the guidance of Maria Mulcahy, the Foundation's Global Chairperson whose energy and passion are unmatched.

I am excited to see what next year will bring, and I look forward to continuing this journey with our dedicated Board of Directors and our Penny Gomez and her team - the real MVPs, as we continue our quest to create a world where no one gets left behind.

ceo's message

penny gomez



Penny Gomez

Serving as CEO of the Digicel Trinidad & Tobago Foundation for the past 5 years is one of my greatest honours. I am extremely proud to be supported by an amazing team of individuals who value and appreciate the impact made by the Foundation, in making transformational differences in the lives of individuals across Trinidad and Tobago.

We are elated to say that over the past six years we invested over TT\$22 million and impacted 105,443 persons through the successful completion of 372 projects. Our investment in programmes for persons with disabilities continues to be a major achievement. We are proud to be the main corporate sponsor of Special Olympics Trinidad and Tobago. Our investment in their national games and sport development programme bore results as the athletes were adequately prepared to compete at the Special Olympics World Games in Abu Dhabi earlier this year. They won 19 gold, 15 silver and 23 bronze medals during the World Games. We are proud of their historic achievement particularly since they have won the most medals ever to be won by national sportsmen and women.

Additionally, the 360-degree approach we have taken to investing in the lives of persons with disabilities has resulted in the continued implementation of innovative programmes that contribute toward their holistic development. These are programmes such as: 'Preparing You' – a disaster preparedness and emergency evacuation training programme for teachers and students that culminates with the installation of safety equipment at special needs facilities. Another is, #PlayUnified and Kiddie Pump - activities that encourage inclusion through unified play.

We continue to celebrate the outcomes of our community development programmes. The grants provided through the Extraordinary Projects Impacting Communities (EPIC) and Community Engagement continue to peak interest among civil society organisations and government agencies. Initiatives such as: the development of a student assignment centre; a fitness centre for senior citizens, agriculture and literacy programmes and the development of safe outdoor recreational spaces, are just a few examples of the projects done by organisations that are passionate to make a difference in their communities.

Our relationship with the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), the Office of Disaster Preparedness and Management, the Trinidad and Tobago Fire Service, the Tobago Emergency Management Association (TEMA), the University of the Southern Caribbean, the Ministry of Education continue to flourish. The Ministry of Education continues to provide the approvals for secondary schools to participate in our Digital Citizenship Programme. This endorsement helps us to engage the schools seamlessly and assures us that we have a true partner in development.

As you browse the pages of this Annual Report, you will realise that each year the Digicel Foundation gets closer to achieving our overall goal of advocacy, inclusion and sustainable development for Trinidad and Tobago. It is my pleasure to extend thanks to our Board of Directors, led by Desha Clifford, the totally committed and hard-working Foundation team and all our volunteers, for their continued support as we continue to create a world where no one is left behind.

meet the
board



Desha Clifford
Chairperson



Sacha Thompson
Secretary



Jabbor Kayumov
Director



Stanley Soman
Director



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Director



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Director



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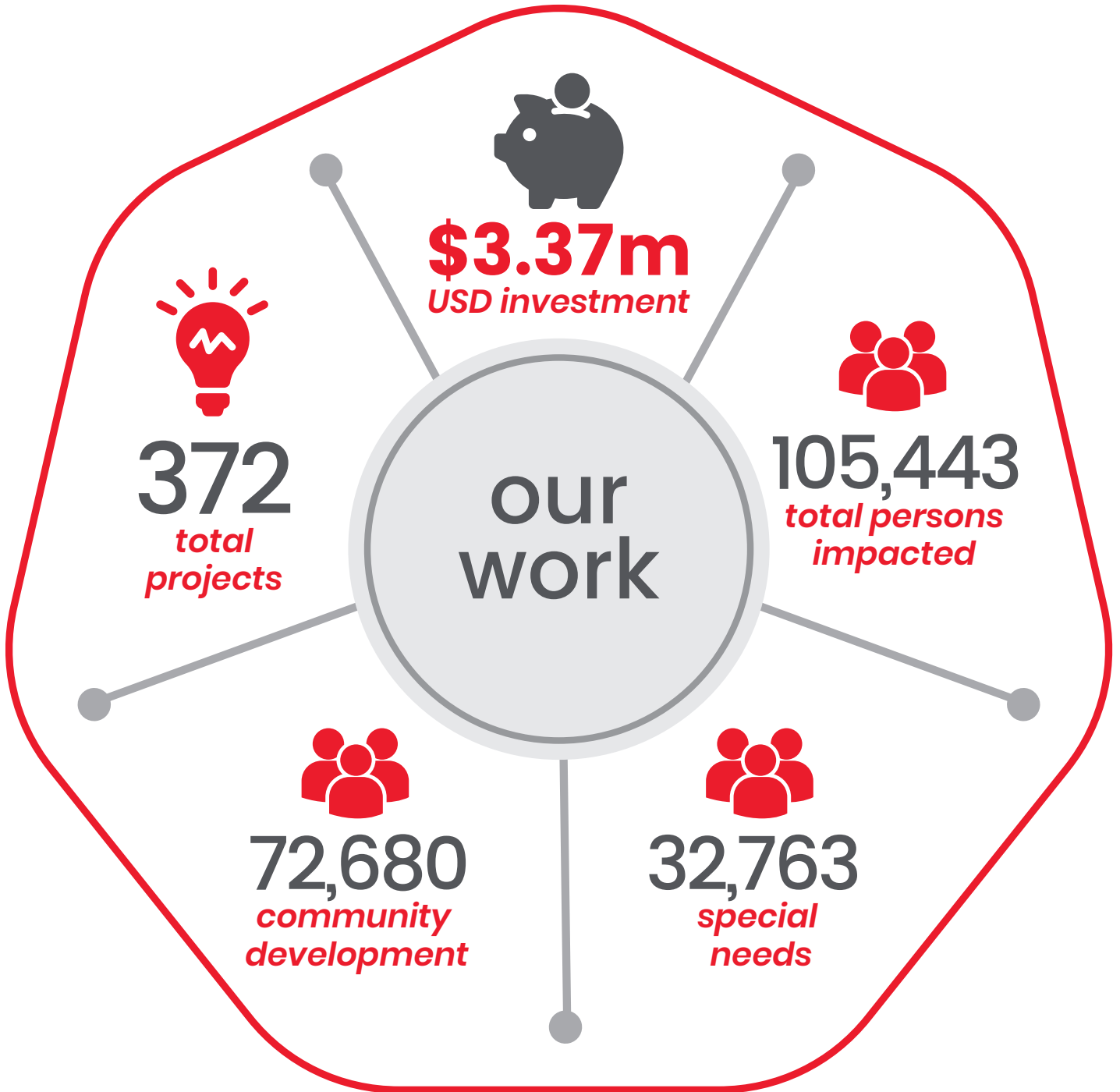
meet the
team



(from L- R)- Alicia Hospedales, Nia Nanan, Penny Gomez, Natalie-Anne de Silva, Nazmin Khan and Diana Mathura-Hobson

overview

our work



project mapping

completed projects

project legend



community development • 72,680

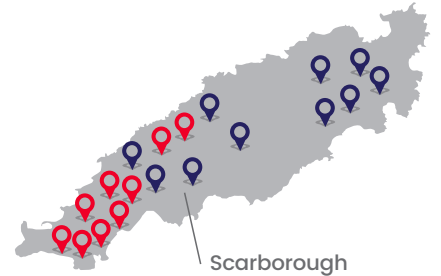


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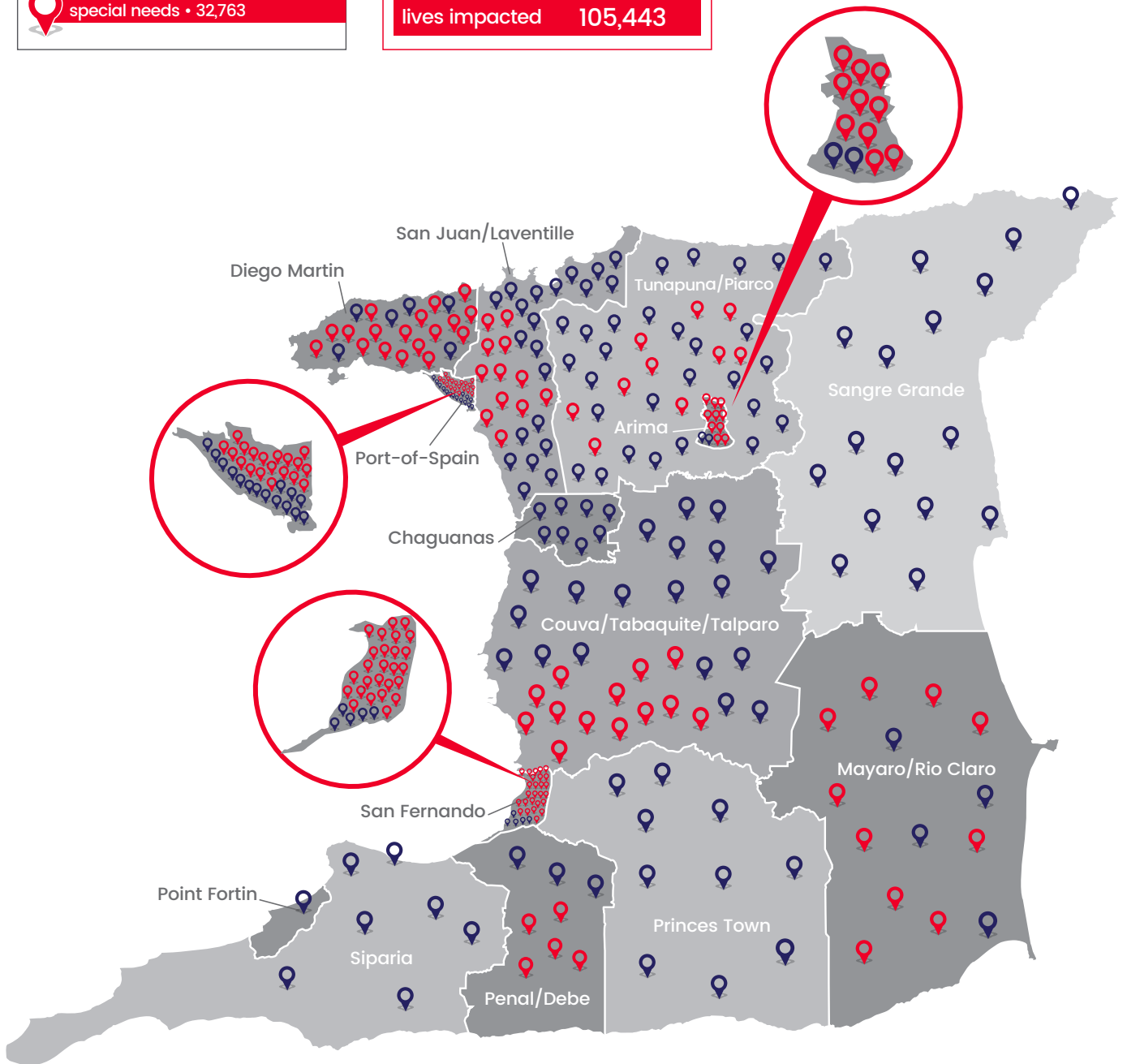
total projects 372

total invested US\$3.37M

lives impacted 105,443



Scarborough





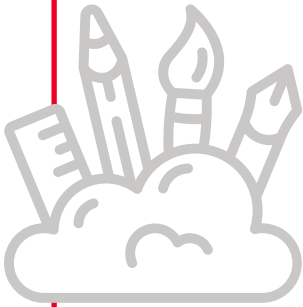
special needs

centres of excellence

As educational institutes, schools are not just spaces for learning but should also be comfortable, ergonomic and meet basic needs of the users. The Centres of Excellence programme launched in 2015, focuses on providing major to minor infrastructural upgrades, or a total remodeling of special needs institutions to meet the daily living needs of persons with disabilities.

“The Foundation believes strongly in the work that the Centre undertakes to ensure that children with special needs are afforded facilities that will help them lead healthy, happy lives.”

Penny Gomez,
CEO, Digicel Foundation



Last year Goodwill Industries, Servol Sunshine Hill and the University of Southern Caribbean (USC) joined the list of Centres to benefit from these upgrades at an overall investment of \$US65,000. The minor improvements were consistent with international standards and ensure that students and teachers are further supported, in a safe and happy environment that promotes development and progressive learning.





special needs

preparing you

Annually Trinidad and Tobago experience natural disasters that leave many in vulnerable circumstances. In recent times, there has been an increase in efforts to address the emergency and evacuation needs specifically for persons with special needs. Preparing You! Has done just that.

“Teachers and students valued the knowledge and training in disaster preparedness and were happy to be a beneficiary of Preparing You!”

Marsha Williams,
Principal, Pointe-a-Pierre Special School



'Preparing You!, a Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Evacuation Programme for persons with special needs, extends life-saving training and capacity building in disaster preparedness and emergency planning. The intervention also includes retrofitting the schools with safety equipment, first aid kits and alarm systems.

In 2018, six new schools; National Centre for Persons with Disabilities (NCPD), New Beginnings, Lady Hochoy School Arima, Memisa Centre Arima, Wharton Partick Government and Goodwill Industries participated in this flagship programme.

Digicel Foundation is collaborating with the Inter-American Development Bank Laboratory (IDB LAB), to implement the programme in 10 schools over the next two years. The Foundation received US\$150,000 in funding from the IDB-LAB towards this vital disaster preparedness initiative.

'Preparing You' was first launched in 2015. The public/private-sector partnership also comprises: the Office of Disaster Preparedness and Management (ODPM), Trinidad and Tobago Fire Services, the Red Cross Society and the Ministry Rural Development and Local Government.





special needs

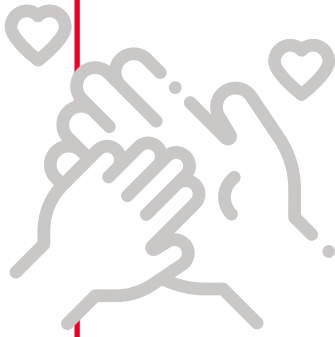
kiddie pump

It was fun, fun, fun at Digicel Foundation's Kiddie Pump last Carnival! Over 800 patrons attended the largest free all-inclusive children's event at the Police's Training Field, St. James. Family time at Carnival has never been cooler. Children and their parents/guardians enjoyed games, snacks, and live performances by some of the hottest Soca artistes for the season such as Nessa Preppy and Preedy.

“It's important that we take a more deliberate approach to integrate persons with special needs in every aspect of our life –Carnival is one of the best times to demonstrate this.”

Desha Clifford

Chairman, Digicel Foundation



Joining in the fun were more than 200 persons from the Lady Hochoy Schools, Goodwill Industries, National Centre for Persons with Disabilities, Aspirare Learning Centre and other special needs organisations in Trinidad.

Kiddie Pump was held in partnership with Blue Waters, Holiday Foods, Flavourite, Pizza Hut, Nestle, Alfonso Sports and Fitness, Cutting Edge, Alpha Sound, Johnny Q, Chuckles Entertainment, Sno Biz, Country Style Doubles, Michelle's Food Delights, Jump n Bump, and the Trinidad and Tobago Police Sports Club.

Through programmes such as this, the Foundation continues to promote Article 30 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, which states that persons with disabilities have a fundamental right to take part, on an equal basis, with others in cultural life, recreation, leisure and sport.





special needs

Special Olympics World Games – meet the determined

A team of 33 determined athletes sailed at the last Special Olympics World Games held in Abu Dhabi in March 2019. The athletes represented Trinidad and Tobago in five disciplines – swimming, bocce, athletics, equestrian, and powerlifting. The World Games is the largest humanitarian event in the world. It demonstrates inclusivity, respect, unity and sportsmanship at its best.

“The athletes should not be underestimated; they are just as skilled and talented as any other athlete and should be treated as such.”

Ronald De Silva,
Special Olympics Basketball
Coach and Coordinator



The team brought home 56 medals: 19 gold, 15 silver and 22 bronze.

The Foundation is proud to partner with Special Olympics Trinidad and Tobago (SOTT). SOTT remains steadfast in their advocacy for the development of persons with special needs in various sports disciplines. Throughout the year, over 600 children with special needs undergo training in aquatics, basketball, bocce, cricket, equestrian, floor hockey, football, gymnastics, powerlifting, track and field and volleyball.

This is the most number of medals ever won by athletes representing Trinidad and Tobago at an Olympics. We are so proud of the athletes and salute this tremendous achievement.



highlights of the year's events and projects

media wall

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Project coordinator of Digicel Foundation Diana Mathura-Hobson, left, presents managing director of the Germination Farms Kenia Campo with a replica of a cheque for \$11,200 towards the programme. Looking on are other members of Germination Farms Ltd.

Agri-Stem school program gets Digicel funding

The Germination Farms Ltd is the latest recipient of the Digicel Foundation's Community Engagement Grant, receiving funding for...

life B7

Special school expands screen printing class ...with Epic grant

The Goodwill Industries is now on board the Digicel Foundation's Extraordinary Projects Impacting Communities (EPIC) programme, after receiving a grant to the sum of \$45,000 to expand their screen printing class.

As a vocational school, Goodwill Industries facilitates a variety of employment training programmes, which introduce evening classes to single parents within the community.

The screen printing classes will focus on the construction and design of cards, printing of T-shirts, banners, cups and caps. The Digicel Foundation EPIC initiative, which targets community, faith-based organisations and NGOs, was launched in 2016, to assist with implementing small scale projects in communities.

Tech gift for schools

Schools throughout T&T continue to find innovative ways to incorporate technology as part of learning. The impact of such with educational success is a focus that is also being encouraged by other social organisations. This is true for the Tunapuna Open Bible School which hosted its third year of the Prose Reading Competition last month, with the first two prizes being personal computer desks.

The Prose Reading Competition targets Standard Four primary school boys, who attend schools along the East West corridor from Laventille to Arima. The competition's core focus is to build a solid foundation from which to build an interest in reading, to assist in reducing the level of underachievement and to improve the literacy of young males and encourage schools to hold regular reading contests. Emerging from this year's competition, the challenge was St Joseph TML with the Gandhi Memorial Vedic School placing second. For their hard work each school received a desktop computer, courtesy of the Digicel Foundation.

Also receiving the technology gift were the 32 students from the preschool, Smiling Faces Learning Academy, located on the Eastern Main Road, Barataria.

In receiving the computer, SF Learning Academy principal Natalie Honore thanked the Digicel Foundation for giving the pre-schoolers the opportunity to interact with the computer. She said, "They will now have the advantage, as they have the opportunity to play with educational programmes, while they learn reading and number skills."

All three computers were equipped with Windows 10 suite valued at \$5,400 and were presented by the Digicel Foundation, through its community engagement...



CHEQUES: Sacha Thompson, second from left, chairman of the Digicel Trinidad and Tobago, and Penny Gomez, third from left, CEO, Digicel Foundation, with other participants of the "Couch Conversations" programme.

ON October 14, the Ashley Furniture HomeStore Chagnuanas location was the venue for its Homestore Couch Conversations Charity Auction. Through this initiative, six women from various organisations and charities were selected to share their personal experiences on how they are...



Members of the Brasso Seco/Morne Le Croix Farmers' Association and Rebirth House move the freshly cut lumber to the Rebirth House storage space.

NGOs furthering the cause together

Partners of the Digicel Foundation—the Brasso Seco/Morne Le Croix Farmers' Association and Rebirth House have joined forces.

Through their respective partnerships with the Foundation, the two organisations have found a way to work together for the betterment of their communities.

In 2016, the BrassoSeco/Morne Le Croix Farmers' Association established the Hot Seco Project, a Community Bee Apiary, which directly impacts over 100 persons all of whom benefit from the Agri-business initiative.

In clearing areas to increase the production of apiaries for their Honey 50 Project, the group realised that the lumber generated could be put to good use and donated for the Rebirth House's RecoverArt project.

The RecoverArt project launched in August of this year at the Rebirth House is designed to assist recovering addicts with their rehabilitation and personal development, through occupational therapy in the form of craft and furniture-building skills.

Both initiatives are Digicel Foundation funded projects.



From left, Alicia Hospedales, Project coordinator, Penny Gomez, CEO of Digicel Foundation, Gindyann Curry, Operations Manager, Naem'in Khan, Accounts & Admin Assistant, Diana Mathura, Project officer, at the Epic Media Launch in the Digicel Hospitality Suite, Queen's park Oval POS on Wednesday 25th July 2018 25-7-18 PHOTO BY XAVIER SYLVESTER

Digicel: Committed to help people

ARLENE AUGUSTINE

The Digicel Foundation (DF) planned to invest \$1.3 million in 39 projects in communities throughout the country which impact the lives of more than 100 people.

At the launch of the DF Extraordinary Project Impacting Communities (EPIC) programme, DF CEO Penny Gomez said their mandate was to fund community-based organisations. The funds had...

extraordinary projects which impact communities. It also encourages the private sector partnerships. We work with MPs, councillors, and regional corporations, WASA, Ceppr among others.

"The EPIC brand came about because we recognised there was a downturn in the economy and funding shrunk for community-based organisations. The funds had...

She said from statistics in 2016 there was a demand for a lot of play parks in communities, followed by computer labs.

"People have realised they want to spend more time with family and friends, and saw the need to have play parks within their communities."

She said EPIC...

Digicel Foundation gets 20 EPIC partners

ON the sixth anniversary of service to the citizens of Trinidad and Tobago, the Digicel Foundation marked the special occasion by distributing cheques to 20 new Extraordinary Projects Impacting Communities (EPIC) partners.

The celebration took place on July 25 at the Digicel Hospitality Suite where the Foundation issued 20 cheques at a total value of \$688,000 to the EPIC partners for the 2018-2019 period.

Launched in March 2016, the Digicel Foundation's EPIC initiative encourages registered community-based organisations throughout Trinidad and Tobago to implement indoor or outdoor projects that would enhance their respective communities. This year the projects categories ranged from homework centres, organic gardens, food parks and other environmental initiatives.



SOMETHING POSITIVE: Representatives of Digicel's EPIC partners.

Play park for Sealots

The children in Sea Lots, Port-of-Spain are in their glees as they now have a newly installed play park to call their own, all thanks to the forward thinking members of the Sea Lots Open Bible Church.

After submitting their application to the Digicel Foundation for an Extraordinary Projects Impacting Communities (EPIC) grant, the faith-based organisation was successful in attaining the...

of casting a foundation and installation of the play ground equipment.

Carmela Charles, secretary of the Open Bible Church stated that the children from the area needed a space in familiar surroundings where they could socialise and grow.

The outdoor facility further complements the good work of the Open Bible Church youth and community outreach.

Digicel Foundation
Carmela Charles

Chinapoo Govt gets Green Thumbs kits

The Germi-Nation Farms Ltd is the latest recipient of the Digital Foundation's Community Engagement Grants, with the funding it received for its Agri-STEM programme, The Little Green Thumbs.

The programme, managed by Agriculture in the Classroom (AG-STEM), helps young people value not only their health, but also that of the environment and their community, through active participation in a classroom garden.

The programme engages pupils by providing a dynamic environment to observe, discover, experiment, narrate and learn, which positions the youngsters to make conscious, healthy decisions regarding their nutrition, the environment and their communities, a release from Digital stated.

The programme has already been implemented in three other primary schools - Diego Martin Boys RC, Carriago Government Primary, and Oroquieta RC. On November 15, the Chinapoo Government Primary School became the fourth school to receive its grow kits.

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Skills training at St Dominic's Home

HAIRDRESSING and hairdressing will be one of the courses available at the St Dominic's Children's Home. These new courses are being offered to the children of the home.

The courses are being offered through the collaboration of a partnership between the Digital Foundation and the St Dominic's Children's Home. The courses are being offered to the children of the home, and will be delivered by a team of experienced hairdressers.

The courses will allow the children to gain valuable skills and experience, which will help them to find employment when they are older.

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Literacy Centre opens in Enterprise

An Adult Literacy Project (ALP) has been launched in Enterprise, Trinidad and Tobago. The project is a partnership between the Digital Foundation and the Enterprise Community Centre.

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Junior express

A member of the Police Mounted Squad teaches the basics during an equestrian training session.

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YTC finds hope in Aquaponics

Aquaponics farming will be added to the list of vocational and trade skills available to over 70 youth, ages 14 to 18 at the Youth Training Centre (YTC).

The programme will generate income for the young men as they reintegrate into society, says Deputy Commissioner of Prisons Dennis Pulchan as he expressed his pleasure in teaming up with the Digital Foundation to make this programme available to the young residents.

Aquaponics is a combination of aquaculture and hydroponics, which allows for the simultaneous growing of plants and raising of fish in a closed-loop system.

Knights Riders help out

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Money for safe house

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'Conscious Discipline' for primary school teacher

SIX years after delivering the emotional literacy programme, Zippy's Friends, to 96 primary schools, the Digital Foundation has collaborated with the St. Joseph's School to introduce the Conscious Discipline programme to a cadre of primary school teachers.

The Conscious Discipline programme is a social-emotional learning programme that helps children to develop the skills and strategies they need to manage their emotions and resolve conflicts peacefully.

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community development

digital citizenship programme

Our global village continues to transform and it is crucial that we prepare our youth to navigate this space. The Digital Citizenship Programme prepares youths between the ages of 13-18 years, to exist in this fast-paced technology-driven world. The programme provides specialised training using self-paced and instructor-led courses that focus on cyber security, internet of things entrepreneurship etcetera.

“Exposing our students to technology gives them a solid foundation to be recognized among the best ICT experts in the world.”

Alicia Hospedales,
Digicel Foundation
Strategic Partnership Officer

In 2018 with a new partnership with Cisco that allows students and teachers to participate in courses through the Cisco Networking Academy, three schools joined the list of beneficiaries: Chaguanas North Secondary, El Dorado West Secondary and Barrackpore East Secondary.

Upon completion of the training for the teachers in Cisco's CompTIA A+ Certification, desktop computers were provided to each participatory school courtesy Digicel Foundation. An investment of US \$ 17,000 was used to roll out the project. The programme will be implemented at five secondary schools in the next fiscal year.





community development

Extraordinary Projects Impacting Communities (EPIC)

Every community can be extraordinary! Last year, 22 new communities accessed US\$101,963 in Extraordinary Projects Impacting Communities (EPIC) funding to execute projects that can have a huge impact on Trinidad and Tobago. EPIC projects ranged from agricultural ventures, youth friendly spaces, play parks and a boxing gym, to name a few. Since its launch in 2016, over

24,000 persons from 61 communities in Trinidad and Tobago have benefitted from EPIC projects.

The Foundation continues to partner with Members of Parliament, Regional Corporations, government agencies and private sector entities to transform communities throughout Trinidad and Tobago.



click play to discover WhyFarm



The Digicel Foundation issues a 'Call for Application' every April for new groups to apply for an EPIC grant.

PROJECT PARTNER	PROJECT NAME/TYPE	COMMUNITY
St. Dominics Children Home	The Veritas Centre	Port-of-Spain
Bonne Aventure Scout Group	Refurbishment of Scout House	Gasparillo
Barataria Community Council	Fitness Centre	Barataria
POS City Corporation	Basilon Street Boxing Gym	East POS
Young Mindz of Gonzales	Food Park	Gonzales - POS
Rainbow Rescue	Ripple Effect - Organic Garden	Maraval
Couva Children's Home	Agri Dev. Waste Management	Couva
Why Farm	Agripreneurs Incubator	Siparia
Heal-a-ton Foundation	Planting Seeds of Love - Agriculture & Literacy Project	Maloney
Amica House	Climb Every Mountain - Organic Garden & Play Park	Curepe
Guapo Police Youth Club	Learning Resource Centre	Guapo
Excel Mentorship & Success Coaching Class	Student Assignment Centre	Tunapuna
Enterprise Government Primary School	Literacy & Numeracy Resource Room	Chaguanas
Mason Hall Police Youth Club	Homework Centre	Mason Hall - Tobago
Chinapoo Community Council	Homework Centre	Morvant
Corinth Cedar Hill	Homework/Training Room	Princess Town
Demerara Sports & Youth Club	Learning Resource Centre	Wallerfield
St. Helena Community ECCE Centre	Play Park	Piarco
Deloitte & Touche	Mural & Space Upgrade	Mucurapo
Tobago West Scouts	Aquaculture Training	Goodwood - Tobago
Rotary Club of Chaguanas	Wheel Chair Support	Chaguanas
Mamatoto	Redecoration	Belmont



click play to learn about barataria community centre gym





community development

community engagement – making ends meet

“DROP DROP FULL BUCKET.”

As that local cliché attests, sometimes communities need just a little bit of help to make ends meet. As a Foundation, we understand the importance of lending support to groups and boosting small-scale community projects.

Last year we were able to aid 12 such initiatives throughout Trinidad and Tobago. A total of 2,275 persons benefited from this programme at an overall cost of US\$19,000. Community groups can access small grants of US\$1,500 by sending your applications to digicelfoundaitontt@digicelgroup.com





[click play to learn more about Rebirth House](#)

community development

RecoverArt

Arts and crafts have always been synonymous with health and well-being. At Rebirth House, a Drug Rehabilitation Centre for men, craft-work is being used as a form of occupational therapy. Eleven recovering addicts participated in RecoverArt, where they were trained in craft making, furniture-building, entrepreneurial and marketing skills.

Rebirth House applied to Digicel Foundation for \$US10,000 to kick off the income generation project. Its long-term aim will affect the lives of approximately 80 men teaching them self-reliance and coping strategies as part of their recovery.

RecoverArt is just one of the income generation initiatives at Rebirth House





community development **the shelter**

The rise of domestic violence continues to be a major concern in Trinidad and Tobago and spaces that provide a haven for victims are high in demand. Digicel Foundation partnered with **The Shelter**, a safe house for women and children who are victims of domestic violence, to develop a multi-functional space that provides children access to a library, reading and craft area.

It also serves as a space for individual and group counselling. The wider business donated books, toys, furniture and Home & Entertainment broadband to complete the space. The child-friendly space called the **Samantha Isaacs Learning Centre**, was done in memory of Samantha Isaacs, a Digicel team member, who was a victim to domestic violence in 2017.

The US\$17,761 in funding was donated to cover minor upgrades to the bedrooms.





community development **aquaponics**

The Ministry of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries continues to provide support to Digicel Foundation in the implementation of the Aquaponics Programme at Special Needs Schools. Participants from 12 Special Needs Schools attended the workshop at the Aquaculture Demonstration Unit in October last year.

New Life Ministries Drug Rehabilitation Centre and the Youth Training Centre in Trinidad, and the School for the Deaf, Speech and Language Impaired and HappyHaven in Tobago and others shared their experiences and recommendations at the **'Aquaponics Networking and Sensitization Workshop'**.



Aquaponics can be a sustainable income generation option for schools while providing students with a vocational skill that they can invest in later in life. A total of 12,000 persons have been positively impacted by this programme since its inception. **Aquaponics is a food production system that combines aquaculture and hydroponics in a symbiotic system.**





team digicel foundation

staff volunteerism

Volunteerism continues to be a central focus for Team Digicel whose support for the Foundation's initiatives remains steadfast. The period 2018 - 2019 was packed with activity that affected the lives of staff as well as other individuals.





Staff participated in various activities such as: flood relief efforts, Special Olympics National Games, Lots of Socks, Light it up Blue, Soup Feeding, Guaico Children's Party, Kiddie K Walk, Kiddie Pump, Seaside Games, Special Olympics Floor Hockey and Special Olympics National Cricket Games.

The Digicel Foundation welcomed two new staff members; Maurice George and Rhea Hosein to sit on the Board of Directors for one year. Maurice and Rhea demonstrated exceptional dedication and commitment toward volunteering activities in the past year.

Digicel Foundation appreciates the contribution and support of every volunteer.



Digicel Foundation

“Together we
create a world
where no one
gets left behind.”



2018-2019
audited financial statements
expressed in Trinidad & Tobago Dollars

Digicel Trinidad & Tobago Foundation

Statement of management's responsibilities

Management is responsible for the following:

- Preparing and fairly presenting the accompanying special purpose financial statements of Digicel Trinidad and Tobago Foundation, ('the Foundation') which comprise the statement of financial position as at 31 March, 2019, the statements of income and expenditure, statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information;
- Ensuring that the Foundation keeps proper accounting records;
- Selecting appropriate accounting policies and applying them in a consistent manner;
- Implementing, monitoring and evaluating the system of internal control that assures security of the Foundation's assets, detection/prevention of fraud, and the achievement of the Foundation's operational efficiencies;
- Ensuring that the system of internal control operated effectively during the reporting period;
- Producing reliable financial reporting that comply with laws and regulations; and
- Using reasonable and prudent judgement in the determination of estimates.

In preparing these audited financial statements, management utilised the Special Purpose Framework, as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board and adopted by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Trinidad and Tobago. Where the Special Purpose Framework presented alternative accounting treatments, management chose those considered most appropriate in the circumstances.

Nothing has come to the attention of management to indicate that the Foundation will not remain a going concern for the next twelve months from the reporting date; or up to the date; the accompanying financial statements have been authorised for issue, if later.

Management affirms that it has carried out its responsibilities as outlined above.



Chief Executive Officer

12th September 2019



Accountant

12th September 2019

Independent Auditor's Report

To the Members of Digicel Trinidad & Tobago Foundation

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying special purpose financial statements of Digicel Trinidad & Tobago Foundation, which comprise the statement of financial position as at 31 March 2019, and the income and expenditure statement, statement of cash flows and statement of changes in equity for the year then ended, and notes, comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information. The special purpose financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the basis set out in Note 2.

In our opinion, the special purpose financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Digicel Trinidad & Tobago Foundation as at 31 March 2019, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with the basis set out in Note 2.

Basis of Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the Foundation in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Trinidad and Tobago, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Emphasis of Matter – Basis of Accounting and Restriction on Distribution and Use

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to Note 2 to the special purpose financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. These special purpose financial statements have been prepared to assist the members of the Foundation in meeting their reporting requirements under Articles of Incorporation. As a result, the special purpose financial statements may not be suitable for another purpose. Our report is intended solely for the members and should not be distributed to or used by parties other than those stipulated.

Information Other than the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the other information. The other information obtained at the date of this auditor's report comprises the information included in the annual report, but does not include the financial statements and our auditors report thereon. The annual report is expected to be made available to us after the date of this auditor's report.

Our opinion, on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we will not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with the audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information identified above when it becomes available and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed on the other information obtained prior to the date of this auditor's report, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Continued...

Independent Auditor's Report (continued)

To the Members of
Digicel Trinidad & Tobago Foundation

Responsibility of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the special purpose financial statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these special purpose financial statements in accordance with the basis set out in Note 2, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of special purpose financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Foundation's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Foundation or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Foundation's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.



Deloitte & Touche
Derek Mohammed (ICATT#864)
Port of Spain
Trinidad

18th September 2019

Digicel Trinidad & Tobago Foundation

Statement of Financial Position

(Expressed in Trinidad and Tobago dollars)

	Note	As at 31 March	
		2019	2018
		\$	\$
ASSETS			
Current asset			
Cash at bank and at hand		964,268	1,442,845
Total assets		964,268	1,442,845
ACCUMULATED FUND AND LIABILITY			
Accumulated deficit		(1,608,223)	(1,355,299)
Current liability			
Sundry payable	3	2,031,985	2,798,144
Deferred Revenue	4	540,506	-
Total accumulated deficit and liability		964,268	1,442,845

On 12th September 2019, the Directors of Digicel Trinidad & Tobago Foundation approved these financial statements for issue.

Director

Director

Digicel Trinidad & Tobago Foundation

Statement of Income and Expenditure (Expressed in Trinidad and Tobago dollars)

	Note	Year ended 31 March	
		2019	2018
		\$	\$
Donations	4	2,788,651	3,444,627
Expenses			
Project expenses		(2,501,895)	(3,411,471)
Other operating expenses		<u>(539,680)</u>	<u>(686,738)</u>
Total expenses	5	<u>(3,041,575)</u>	<u>(4,098,209)</u>
Net expenses for the year		(252,924)	(653,582)
Accumulated deficit at the beginning of the year		<u>(1,355,299)</u>	<u>(701,717)</u>
Accumulated deficit at the end of the year		<u>(1,608,223)</u>	<u>(1,355,219)</u>

Digicel Trinidad & Tobago Foundation

Statement of Cash Flows

(Expressed in Trinidad and Tobago dollars)

	Year ended 31 March	
	2019	2018
	\$	\$
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net expense for the year	(252,924)	(653,582)
Changes in operating assets / liabilities		
increase in deferred revenue	540,506	-
(Decrease) / increase in sundry payable	<u>(766,159)</u>	<u>578,560</u>
Net cash used in operating activities	<u>(478,577)</u>	<u>(75,022)</u>
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(478,577)	(75,022)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	<u>1,442,845</u>	<u>1,517,867</u>
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	<u>964,268</u>	<u>1,442,845</u>
Represented by:		
Bank and cash balances	<u>964,268</u>	<u>1,442,845</u>

Digicel Trinidad & Tobago Foundation

Statement of Changes in Equity

(Expressed in Trinidad and Tobago dollars)

	<u>\$</u>
Year ended 31 March 2019	
Balance at beginning of year	(1,355,299)
Total comprehensive income for the year	<u>(252,924)</u>
Balance at 31 March 2019	<u>(1,608,223)</u>
Year ended 31 March 2018	
Balance at beginning of year	(701,717)
Total comprehensive loss for the year	<u>(653,582)</u>
Balance at 31 March 2018	<u>(1,355,299)</u>

Digicel Trinidad & Tobago Foundation

Notes to the Special Purpose Financial Statements

31 March 2019

(Expressed in Trinidad and Tobago dollars)

1. General information

The Foundation was incorporated in the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on 4 May 2007 as a non-profit entity and its registered office is situated at 11C Maraval Road, Port of Spain.

Purpose

The business of the Foundation is registered as the following:

To provide funding to individuals and organisations involved in the following:

- a. Activities of a patriotic, philanthropic, charitable, educational, artistic, social and / or sporting nature; and
- b. Activities designed to effect positive changes in communities.

All activities along this line were started by the Foundation at the beginning of the 2014 financial year.

Funding

The primary source of funding for the Foundation is from donations made by Digicel (Trinidad & Tobago) Limited.

2. Summary of significant accounting policies

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these special purpose financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented.

a. *Basis of preparation*

These special purpose financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost basis and are expressed in Trinidad and Tobago dollars.

b. *Foreign currency translation*

(i) *Functional and presentation currency*

The Foundation's "functional and presentation currency" is Trinidad and Tobago dollars, which is the currency of the primary economic environment in which the Foundation operates.

(ii) *Foreign currency transactions*

Foreign currency transactions are translated into the functional currency using the exchange rates prevailing at the date of the transactions. Foreign currency exchange gains and losses resulting from the settlement of such transactions and from the translation of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies at year-end average exchange rates are recognised in the statement of income and expenditure.

c. *Cash and cash equivalents*

Cash and cash equivalents are carried in the statement of financial position at cost. For the purposes of the cash flow statement, cash and cash equivalents comprise cash at bank.

d. *Taxation*

The Foundation is an approved charitable organisation and does not earn income from trade or from donations under covenant. The Foundation therefore does not earn any taxable income.

Digicel Trinidad & Tobago Foundation

Notes to the Special Purpose Financial Statements

31 March 2019

(Expressed in Trinidad and Tobago dollars)

2. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

e. *Sundry payables*

Sundry payables are obligations on the basis of normal credit terms and do not bear interest. They are accounted for on an accruals basis.

f. *Income*

Income from donations is recognised when the right to receive payment has been established.

g. *Expenditure*

Project and other operating expenses are accounted for on the accruals basis.

3. Sundry payable

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
	\$	\$
Amount payable to Digicel (Trinidad & Tobago) Limited	2,027,319	2,793,478
Amount payable to other party	4,666	4,666
	<u>2,031,985</u>	<u>2,798,144</u>

This represents payments made by Digicel (Trinidad & Tobago) Limited on behalf of the Foundation.

4. Donations

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
	\$	\$
Funds received from International Development Bank	56,194	-
Funds received from Digicel (Trinidad & Tobago) Limited	2,700,000	3,375,000
Funds received from United Nations Development Programme	-	67,427
Funds received from Unicomer Trinidad Ltd	26,250	-
Funds received – staff	6,207	2,200
	<u>2,788,651</u>	<u>3,444,627</u>

Deferred revenue

Funds received from International Development Bank	<u>540,506</u>	<u>-</u>
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5. Expenses by nature

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
	\$	\$
Special needs	856,498	2,294,121
Community development	1,322,687	1,117,349
Other operating	862,390	686,739
	<u>3,041,575</u>	<u>4,098,209</u>

Digicel Trinidad & Tobago Foundation

Notes to the Special Purpose Financial Statements 31 March 2019

(Expressed in Trinidad and Tobago dollars)

6. **Restatement**

There was a difference between the trial balance as at 31 March 2018 and the audited financial statements as at that same date with respect to the cash balance. This has been corrected in the prior year comparative (31 March 2018) within these financial statements as at 31 March 2019.

	\$
Prior year audited	1,351,123
Adjustment	<u>91,722</u>
Restated	<u>1,442,845</u>

7. **Events after the reporting date**

No significant events occurred after the reporting date affecting the financial performance, position or changes therein for the reporting period presented in these annual financial statements.

Digicel Foundation

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