



**Digicel** Foundation

**ANNUAL REPORT**

**2021-2022**





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## PATRON'S MESSAGE



### **Denis O'Brien Patron & Founder**

*It's another successful year* for the Digicel Trinidad and Tobago Foundation, and I'm proud to say that we've been able to invest US\$5.74 million into 549 projects, directly impacting 192,000 lives across the twin island republic.

Another year of living with the COVID-19 pandemic has put tremendous strain on the economy, exacerbating the challenges faced by an already vulnerable nation. In spite of the difficulties, the Foundation has continued to double down in its efforts to offer support in the areas of Special Needs and Community Development

As we work to improve efforts for persons with special needs, this year we expanded the Preparing You Programme, a disaster management and emergency evacuation programme for persons with special needs. This year, the Foundation completed its two-year partnership with the International Development Bank - Lab on this phase of Preparing You.

The US\$150,000 investment over the past two years has fitted out ten schools with safety equipment and provided emergency evacuation training to teachers and students. This investment also supported the development of the Masters of Prep app. Through this app, we have been able to gamify disaster resilience for people with disabilities.

In the area of Community Development we have built robust partnerships over the years through our support of impactful community projects. Our Extraordinary Projects Impacting Communities (EPIC) grant programme started off as a way to engage community leaders and help them to develop their indoor and outdoor spaces. Five years later, we have implemented 120 EPIC projects throughout



## PATRON'S MESSAGE



Trinidad and Tobago and this year we increased the grant value from US\$5,000 to US\$14,815, further deepening the impact and widening possibilities for communities.

Empowering Girls and making sure they have ample opportunities to pursue careers that have traditionally been closed to them is also on our agenda. Through Girls Power Tech (GPT) we've been able to inspire and expose young women to all things ICT to better prepare them for a digital future. The team hosted its second virtual Girls Power Tech event this year and the inclusion of Virtual Reality (VR) allowed participants to enjoy the event in an immersive environment created by the Microsoft Altspace. This is just one example of how the Foundation, like the

Business continues to push the envelope and find more innovative ways for people to embrace all the digital world has to offer.

I wish to congratulate the CEO, Penny Gomez and her team, supported by Chairman, Desha Clifford, for the exceptional work they are doing. We have had a truly successful year and I am excited to see what's in store for next year as the Foundation celebrates a decade of investments that have been impacting lives and transforming communities in Trinidad and Tobago.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Desha Clifford'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the left.



## CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE



### Desha Clifford Chairman

It has been my privilege and honour to lead the Board of Directors for the past few years, and with each successive Annual Report, I have the opportunity to reflect on the progress we have made towards our mission of creating a world where no one gets left behind.

*What an amazing year it has been!*

We continue to look toward recovery after the immense challenges created by the COVID-19 pandemic in our beloved Trinidad and Tobago, no different from what has transpired globally. While the entire country felt the strain, it cannot be disputed that the effects of the pandemic disproportionately impacted persons with disabilities as well as communities in need. This year's Annual Report therefore serves as a staunch reminder of how important our work is, and how much is still left to be done. I am proud to say that we have risen to the challenge, and I hope that as you read about our year's work in these pages, you will share this view.

To date with an investment of US\$5.74 million, we have implemented 549 projects impacting over 192,000 people in Trinidad and Tobago. This year we expanded the Preparing You Programme, building greater awareness on disaster resilience through continued promotion of our innovative 'Masters of Prep' app, which is now available free in the Google Play and App Store. In partnership with the IDB, we outfitted 10 new schools with safety equipment, and trained teachers and students in emergency evacuation. On the Community Development front, our Extraordinary Projects Impacting Communities (EPIC) Programme continues, and this year we



# CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE



increased the grant value from US\$5,000 to US\$14,815, further deepening its impact. On the Digital Citizenship front, the team hosted its second virtual Girls Power Tech where we were able to inspire and expose young women to all things ICT to better prepare them for their places in the digital world. And through it all, we were supported en masse with passion and enthusiasm by our tribe of volunteers from the Digicel staff.

As always, I am deeply obliged to my Board of Directors for their dedication, as well as the investment of their time and talents. Special thanks

also to the exceptional Foundation Team led by Penny Gomez, who remain steadfastly committed to being effective stewards of the resources entrusted to us by our Patron Denis O'Brien. I am also grateful to our Global Chair, the incomparable Maria Mulcahy, who continues to guide us and push us to exceed the standards we set for ourselves.

I look forward to what lies ahead.



## CEO'S MESSAGE



### **Penny Gomez** **CEO**

*If resilience was a year it would be 2021!* We did everything we were supposed to in 2020 to ride the wave of the COVID 19 pandemic, but sadly it persisted into the New Year. We prevailed in 2021 in spite of the pandemic, and we just had to keep the momentum going while taking care of ourselves, our families and our partners.

For us at the Foundation, we stepped into the new financial year with a resilient mind-set, determined to continue to meet the needs of our community partners amidst the ongoing restrictions as a result of the pandemic. Along with my team, we quickly assessed the new landscape, its growing needs and pivoted to provide relief to those most vulnerable.

This past year revealed, that, while how we do what we do may have changed, why we do it, remains the same. This was epitomised in the 'Standing Together' initiative. A food relief initiative, that provided grocery vouchers to 1,350 families in Trinidad and Tobago. This TT\$682,000 investment was more than just pantry

items, the Foundation team incorporated technology to make the process as seamless as possible. Through partnerships with MPower Proximity Marketing, 10 NGOs and the Supermarket Association, the initiative reached and served those in rural communities and in Tobago.

Additionally, the technology of using text messages and a digital voucher, made the transaction safe, taking into consideration COVID protocols, and also maintained the dignity of the clients who used it. As CEO, I was extremely proud to be part of this intervention, knowing that families received the type of relief they needed at that time.



## CEO'S MESSAGE



Taking care of our customers is the ethos of our business. During the period, the Foundation also led the charge to engage staff, our internal customers, equipping them with tools to #ShareMore love during the Christmas holidays. Twelve staff members received funding to host Christmas treats for a group or community of their choice. Having our team members at the centre of projects, planning and executing was a refreshing experience. Providing self-less service to those in need during the season was enriching for both the receivers and the givers. Each team member who had the opportunity to host, also encouraged their co-workers, family and friends to be part of the experience – sharing love, joy and kindness at Christmas.

EPIC also transformed this year. The TT\$35,000 grant grew to TT\$100,000 community investment. Six community based organisations accessed EPIC funding this year and blew us away with their interventions. Extraordinary projects designed to impact and serve vulnerable women, youth, senior citizens, and inmates at the adult prison- really took our breath away. We're comforted to know that Non Profit Organisations continue to impact our community and nation in a positive way and that we have the privilege to join in on the journey.

Of the many projects and interventions, this year these three touched me in a special way. To my small but mighty team of: Cindy, Diana, Natalie-Anne and Misha make it all look so easy. Their love and passion for the work they do, the care and compassion they exude when engaging with partners and other stakeholders tells a story of a group of people doing exactly what they have purposed to do. I am proud to know them and to be an ally in their work. Thank you Foundation team and keep up the great work.

To the Board of Directors led by Desha Clifford - thank you for your continued oversight and support throughout the year. Your encouragement and willingness to work with us in the trenches is truly appreciated and not at all taken for granted. I'm excited to embark on another year with each of you in our corner, are we gear up to celebrate a new milestone - a decade of transformation at the Digicel Foundation. I can't wait!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Penny Gomez'.



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**2021-2022**



**DESHA  
CLIFFORD**  
CHAIRPERSON



**PENNNY  
GOMEZ**  
CEO



**SACHA  
THOMPSON**  
SECRETARY



**GEORGINA  
PETERKIN**  
DIRECTOR



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MARAJ**  
DIRECTOR



**ABRAHAM  
SMITH**  
DIRECTOR



## MEET THE TEAM

2021-2022



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“Everyone carries a piece of the puzzle. Nobody comes

into your life by mere coincidence. Trust your

instincts. Do the unexpected. Find the others...”

-Timothy Leary



# IMPACT OVERVIEW



**192,349**

Total Persons Impacted



**\$5.74m**  
USD Investment



**94,207**  
Community Development



**98,142**  
Special Needs

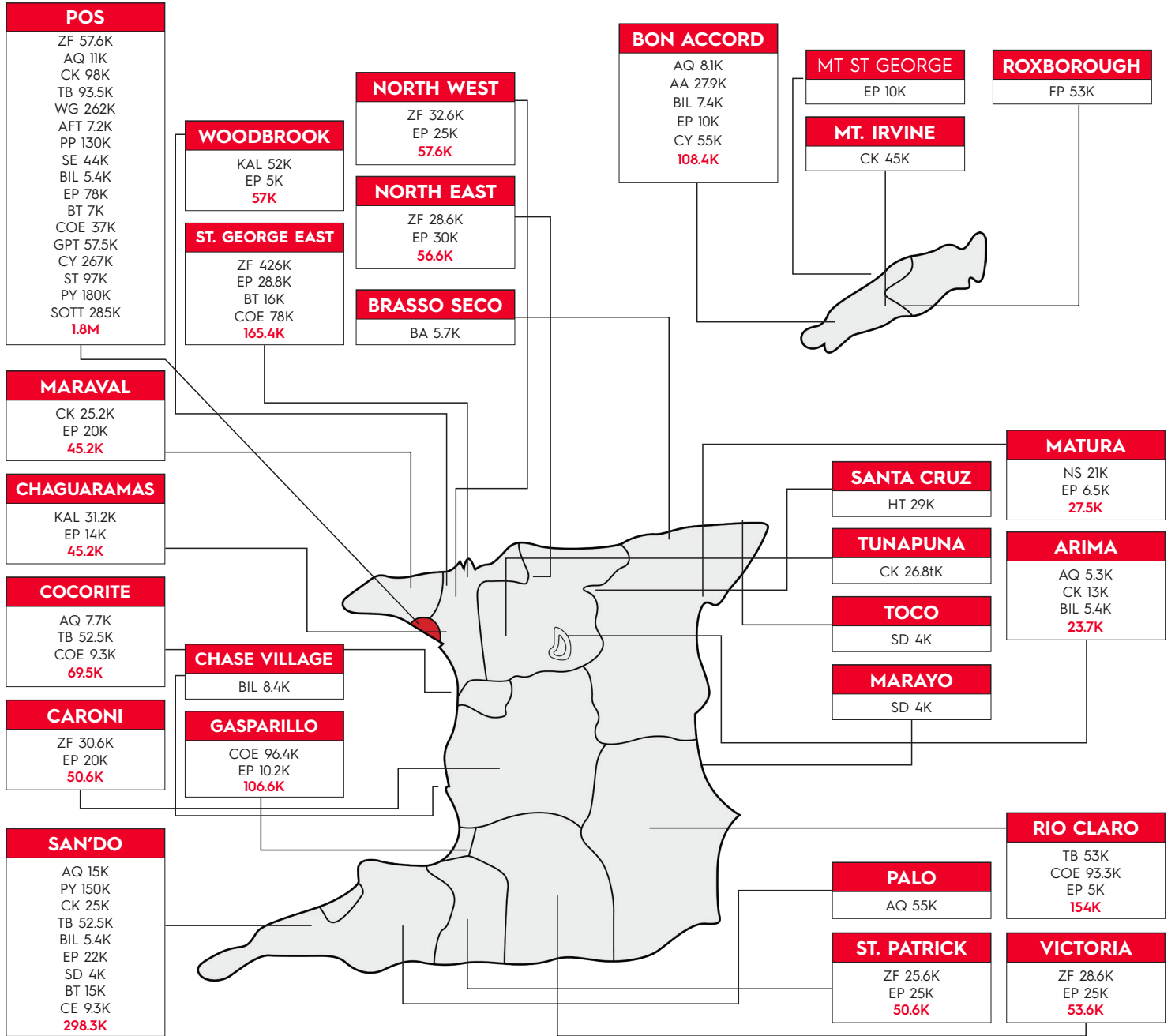


**549**  
Total Projects





# PROJECT OVERVIEW



<b>LEGEND</b>	AQ	Aquaponics	PY	Preparing You	SE	Social Entrepreneur	COE	Center of Excellence
	ZF	Zippy's	KAL	Kaleidodash	HT	Hippotherapy	GPT	Girls Power Tech
	CK	CKFTO	AA	Arts Alive	BA	Bee Apiary	BT	Better Together
	TB	Therapy Based	AFT	AFETT	SD	SIDC	CY	Connecting You
	NS	Nature Seekers	BIL	Billboards	EP	EPIC	ST	Standing Together
	WG	World Games	PP	Playpark	CE	Community Engagement	SOTT	Special Olympics
	<b>TOTAL INVESTED:</b>							
	<b>5.74 Million USD</b>							



## 'STANDING TOGETHER' WITH T&T THROUGH COVID 19

Everyone was affected by the global Covid 19 pandemic. For already vulnerable groups the pandemic further exacerbated the need for collaboration. In a move to stand together with Trinidad and Tobago, the Digicel Foundation enabled 10 NGO partners to provide US\$74 grocery vouchers to 1,000 families in Trinidad and Tobago.



CLICK TO PLAY

The partnerships created and in some cases deepened, with: **Love until Foundation, Trinidad and Tobago Red Cross Society, Hopefull Handbags Charity, Women of Substance, Tobago Youth Council, Ryu Dan Empowerment Foundation, Care Helpers Organisation of Trinidad and Tobago, One Seed For Change, Living Water Community and Is There Not a Cause (ITNAC)** were strong testaments to the fact that once we stand together in the face of adversity, we can create a world where no one gets left behind.









# Special NEEDS

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projects, as it issued a  
applications to registered  
organisations (NPOs) i  
The application pr  
opened on December  
January 16.





Annually a substantial amount of our budget is reserved for projects that will improve opportunities for persons with disabilities. This year one of the projects that we committed to was the SOTT National Games. However, due to restrictions resulting from COVID 19, the Games were cancelled. SOTT generously contributed their sponsorship allocation toward the standing together initiative, providing food relief to over 1,000 families most affected by the pandemic, in Trinidad and Tobago. This gesture made the work we did in Special Needs this year even more fulfilling and memorable.





## PREPARING YOU

Our 'Preparing You' programme continues to grow, deepening partnerships to ensure that no one is left behind in disaster preparedness. This year, through partnerships with the National Scouts Association and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) we were able to extend our outreach on building disaster-resilience among youth and those most vulnerable in our society.





Scouting uniquely prepares its members to redefine their boundaries, push past them and emerge from the experience with the confidence that no matter the challenge, they can meet it... we were pleased that our scouts were able to have the opportunity for interaction and engaging safely in fun, educational activities during the pandemic.

Mark Ainsley John,  
National Scouts Commissioner

The National Scouts Association of Trinidad and Tobago delivered a stimulating camp experience to 500 young persons between the ages of 7 to 26. A US\$1,481 partnership with Digicel Foundation was able to aid the National Scouts Association in hosting the first of its kind virtual camping experience- 'Imaginarium'.

Under the theme 'Be Prepared', the campers were encouraged as part of their badge-earning sessions to download the **Masters of Prep App** which is available FREE via the Google Playstore and iOS App Store in order to support further disaster preparedness discussions with their scout leaders. Scouting uniquely prepares its members to redefine their boundaries, push past them and emerge from the experience with confidence.

Preparing for disasters can save countless lives, speed up people's recovery and save money!

To step up its action and investment in preparedness, the IFRC engaged the Foundation to build the capacity of the **Caribbean Red Cross National Societies** to support the enhanced resilience of communities to prepare, respond and recover from emergencies through mobilisation of national societies in Caribbean territories.

With a US\$20,000 investment, The Foundation collaborated with **Caribbean Disaster Risk Management (CADRIM)**, the innovative arm of the Port of Spain Country Cluster Delegation (POS CCD) in transforming face-to-face training simulations into a virtual context. A desktop simulation, which is readily accessible and simulates real-time scenario engagement or interaction, to train disaster-response actors in specific deliverables replacing the paper-based Simulation Guide is being rolled out. This will also enhance coordination and knowledge sharing with key stakeholder at community, national and regional levels in the Caribbean.



## A HOME FOR SOTT

The Digicel Foundation has nurtured its relationship with SOTT for over a decade plus and has been the proud title sponsor of the annual Special Olympics Trinidad and Tobago (SOTT) National Games for the last 13 years.







Digicel Foundation has been a platinum partner to us... this goes far beyond sponsorship, they have always been like family and we're proud to have them in our corner.

Major Benjamin,  
Chair SOTT



This year, that 15-year relationship will bear further fruit, with the Foundation's pledge of US\$30,000 to complete the build-out of an office, conference area and storage space for the first permanent home for the SOTT. The new secretariat will be housed at the Mannie Ramjohn Stadium in Marabella, San Fernando. The keys to the new space were handed over to Major David Benjamin, SOTT Chairman, by the Hon. Shamfa Cudjoe, Minister of Sport and Community Development and Douglas Camacho, Chairman of SporTT.

The Defence Force of Trinidad and Tobago has also partnered with SOTT to provide building and construction support in the upgrades. Digicel Foundation continues to broaden its relationship with SOTT and other organisations that improve opportunities for persons with disabilities.





# Investing in a future for women

**WOMEN** from both the Venezuelan migrant and the local Trinidadian community will benefit from a recent partnership between the Digicel Foundation, Living Water Community and Together WI. EPIC funding of \$35,000 was donated to Together WI earlier this year, to implement 'Spool', a social enterprise programme that teaches skill development in the garment industry and creates an income for women.

services from the Living Water Community. The Digicel Foundation grant facilitated the purchase of garment construction equipment. The funds covered the cost of two pods which include commercial sewing equipment and essential materials in the pods.

# Greenvale crop project gets a boost

The project will provide participants with the knowledge and skills to establish and maintain hydroponic systems, a simple and sustainable option to provide food and decrease expenditure. The Greenvale Park Community, a family and community expenditure fund, is a recipient of an EPIC grant valued at \$55,000 for the establishment of an aquaponics system. The community was able to benefit from the produce during the Covid-19 lockdown. Staff applications ranged from refurbishments of community spaces, community park upgrades, installation of hydroponics systems, and awareness programmes. EPIC is a grant initiative open to Greenvale Park Community groups.

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**Digicel Foundation to grant \$200,000 to NGOs**  
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**Digicel staff helps families**  
Digicel Financial Accountant Juana Lezama makes a stop to drop off a food hamper to a family.



**Digicel, PoS corp refurbish Mandela exercise/play park**  
Digicel and the Port of Spain Corporation are making sure that the people of Port of Spain will be able to enjoy the most popular park in town as soon as public health officials lift restrictions. They did so with the launch of the newly refurbished exercise and play area at Nelson Mandela Park, St Clair on Thursday.

**Development space for Golden Grove inmates**  
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**Autistic Society of T&T gets additional support**  
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**Digicel Foundation adopts a virtual experience**  
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**Sustainable farming for seniors' home**  
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harvesting crops within weeks after being planted. She added, "With the sponsorship of the Digicel Foundation, we can create food for the home, and each was up for grabs. Sheila Daniels-Correales, one of the successful applicants partnered with the Branch Family Foundation to install a Hydroponics system at the St Vincent de Paul Home for senior citizens in San Fernando. Last week, the Digicel Foundation presented the symbolic cheque to the project manager, Sheila Daniels-Correales and the Branch Family Foundation. The Digicel Foundation and the Branch Family Foundation are proud to support the project. The Digicel Foundation is a grant initiative open to Greenvale Park Community groups to establish and maintain hydroponic systems, a simple and sustainable option to provide food and decrease expenditure. The Greenvale Park Community, a family and community expenditure fund, is a recipient of an EPIC grant valued at \$55,000 for the establishment of an aquaponics system. The community was able to benefit from the produce during the Covid-19 lockdown. Staff applications ranged from refurbishments of community spaces, community park upgrades, installation of hydroponics systems, and awareness programmes. EPIC is a grant initiative open to Greenvale Park Community groups.

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### Girls display their tech power

Contestants are in order for the winning team spirit during the competition. The first two teams of the Digital Foundation's Girls Power Tech 2021...

### Marabella community gets 200 hampers

LAST Saturday, residents from the Marabella Train Line area were grateful to receive 200 food hampers valued at \$300 each.

### Digicel Foundation provides groceries for 800 families

WELL on its way to reaching its target of 1,000 families, the Digicel Foundation has distributed grocery vouchers to 800 families thus far.

### Maracas rest stop area gets makeover



Sunday, at a brief launch ceremony, the Rotary Club of Maracas, St Joseph's...

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Some of the young women chat and proudly display their prizes.

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### NGOs in Tobago get funding

NGOs in Tobago will receive a total of TT\$450,000 in funding from the Digicel Foundation.

### Investing in the next gen of

AGAINST the backdrop of recent international Women's Day (IWD) celebrations, the Digicel Foundation...

### Sharing joy with Tobago children

More than 100 Tobago children were the beneficiaries of a Christmas party organized by the Digicel Foundation.

### Digicel employees share Xmas cheer

Digicel employees shared Christmas cheer with their families and friends during a festive event.

### Foundation supports vulnerable women

CHAMPIONING the safety of vulnerable women within our society is a movement which the Digicel Foundation has always done its best to support.

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# Community DEVELOPMENT



Sustainable Community Development was definitely the theme for this year. In spite of the limitations presented by COVID, our community efforts directly impacted over 10,000 persons in T&T. Projects that focus on vulnerable women, youth in at risk situations, the elderly, inmates, and family play spaces were implemented by NGOs with the support of other public-private sector partnerships.



## FIVE YEARS OF EXTRAORDINARY PARTNERSHIPS

After five years of engaging communities groups through EPIC grant funding, this year the Digicel Foundation welcomed its 120th EPIC project. The small grants programme which began in 2016 has run the gamut of extraordinary community projects. Projects such as play parks, upgrades to community centres, basketball courts, pan yards, development of homework centres, community gardens, Aquaponics systems, libraries and internet cafes can now be found in both urban and rural communities throughout Trinidad and Tobago.



As a Foundation, partnering with community based organisations, public sector agencies, schools and faith-based organisations has been the highlight of the EPIC initiative. These change agents have their fingers on the pulse of community needs and play a crucial role in development and nation-building. In 2021, the Digicel Foundation increased the US\$5,000 (TT\$35,000) small grant to US\$14,815 (TT\$100,000) to deepen community impact and encourage community-based organisations to implement larger and more meaningful initiatives, extending beneficiary reach.

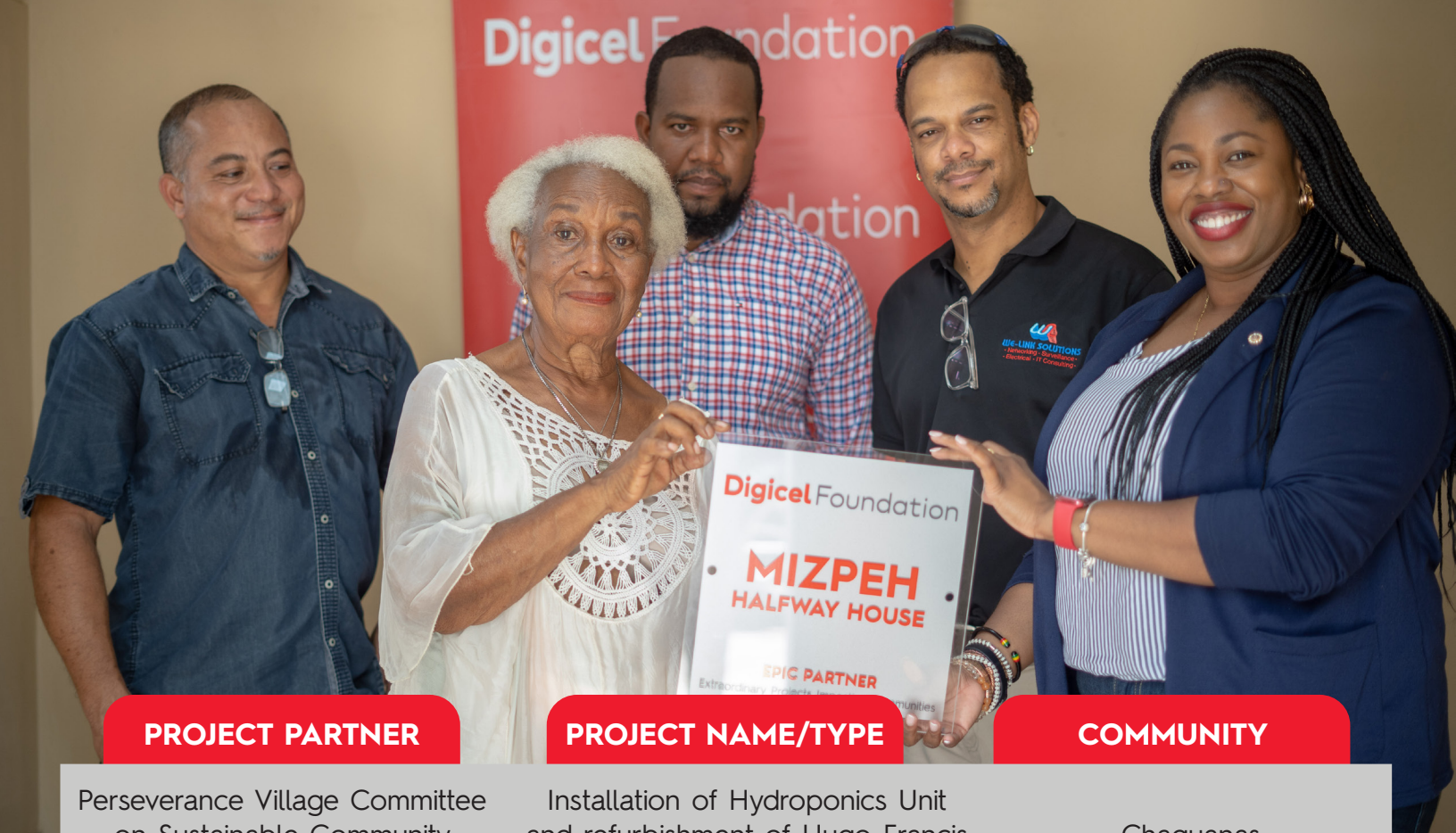
There are 120 EPIC projects directly impacting 56,527 persons. The Digicel Foundation has invested US\$639,884 (TT\$4.3 million) in EPIC partnerships throughout Trinidad and Tobago.

This was an EPIC year for Tobago! Through four NGO partnerships and an investment of TT\$450,000 (US\$66,666) four amazing projects were implemented. **"Women of Substance"** developed Shangri-La—an empowerment centre for vulnerable women and girls. **"Roxborough Police Youth Club"** expanded its Hydroponics Greenhouse, reconfigured some of the units and trained 30 youth farmers in the new tech to complement their agricultural efforts. **"Pembroke Cultural Stars"** built their Seniors' Activity Centre to conduct meetings, engage their membership and continue its community outreach. **"Charlotteville Police Youth Club"** refurbished its Youth Activity Centre, complete with a computer lab, conference area, canteen and entrepreneurship hub.









**PROJECT PARTNER**

**PROJECT NAME/TYPE**

**COMMUNITY**

Perseverance Village Committee on Sustainable Community Development (PVCSCD)	Installation of Hydroponics Unit and refurbishment of Hugo Francis Grounds	Chaguanas
North Coast Committee	Internet Cafés	Blanchisseuse, La Fillet and Maracas
Court Shamrock	Upgrades to residential shelter for displaced men	San Fernando
Drama Making a Difference (DMAD)	Vocational Centre at Adult Prison	Golden Grove
Mizpeh Halfway House	Refurbishment to resident shelter for vulnerable women	East Trinidad
Women of Substance	Development of an empowerment centre for women who are victims of domestic violence	Lowlands, Tobago
Pembroke Cultural Stars (TTARP)	Development of Senior's Activity Centre	Pembroke, Tobago
Roxborough Police Youth Club	Expansion and reconfiguration of Hydroponics Greenhouse	Roxborough, Tobago
Charlotteville Police Youth Club	Development of Youth Entrepreneurship Hub	Charlotteville, Tobago





## UPGRADES TO THE PLAY PARK

As more restrictions are lifted, families are feeling more comfortable to move to outdoor play again. The Mayor of Port of Spain joined forces with the Foundation team to upgrade the Nelson Mandela Play and Fitness Zone. Through the partnership, the Digicel Foundation covered costs to purchase, refinish and install a four seater Swing Set, a Merry Go Round, See-Saw Exercise Equipment, an Air Walker, a Rowing Machine and a Back Combo. The

Port of Spain City Corporation agreed to maintain and upkeep the family space.

The Digicel Foundation has committed to continue to partner with the City Corporation to purchase and install other pieces of equipment over the next 2 years.





**“Play and fitness is important for the wellbeing of the entire community. The Private Sector has a responsibility to the community and we take that seriously, wherever Digicel operates.”**

**Digicel Foundation Global Chair  
- Maria Mulcahy**



# COMMUNITY INTERNET CAFÉS

The world is digital! As such the Digicel Foundation continues to do its best to increase access to rural communities and those most in need. This year, four internet cafés were implemented in Blanchisseuse, La Fillette, Maracas and Perseverance in Chaguanas.







The community will definitely reap the benefits of this. I am proud to know I can even come and develop myself as well to learn and become computer savvy along with the students and people of the North Coast who can now receive this access to the internet via our internet café.

Kevin Quintero,  
President La Fillette Village Council

The TT\$139,000 (US\$20592) investment covered the cost of 19 computers, desks, chairs, Printers, AC units, minor electrical work and ceiling upgrades to transform the space. Each community café received one year free high speed broadband internet from our friends at Digicel Plus.

The Digicel Foundation also organised basic computer literacy classes for some of the youth in the community. The Community groups will use the Café for learning and development and charge nominal fees for printing. There will also be snacks and water on sale to generate an income.





young women chat about the features of their  
sented tech prizes.

## play their tech power

# GIRLS POWER TECH TAKES ON THE VR WORLD

This third instalment of Digicel Foundation's Girls Power Tech was definitely the coolest. The highlight of this year's event was the incorporation of Virtual Reality (VR) technology through Caesar's Army 'Antillea World' in the Microsoft Altspace. Using the technology, the participants were able to interact with each other in a virtual space using avatars. The annual event was designed to inspire young women to consider or pursue careers in ICT.



CLICK TO PLAY

GPT exposes young girls to female professionals, who are leaders in the ICT space and to new technology through demonstration booths. The Hackathon is a major component to the event - where teams have the opportunity to create a tech - based solution to a social problem.

One hundred and fifty young women entered the competition with the final 50 competing for a spot among the top three hackers. **St Joseph's Convent Trouble Shooters** came in first, 2nd place went to the **Humanitarians Teen Tech Problem Solvers** (HTTPS) and copping 3rd place was **St Joseph Convent's Tech Defenders**. Participants from first and second place teams received a 6-week animation course in **Animaker** and created a short animation entitled '**Look out for the Blackout**'. This year's GPT was sponsored by Digicel Business, Shell Trinidad and Tobago Ltd and Loop TT.



# Foundation



Digicel Business stands firmly behind GPT because we know it develops young minds and provides a foundation where young women can develop their personal brand. Please lead the way, we're ready to follow.

Laurence Modeste,  
General Manager Digicel Business







CLICK TO PLAY

## AN EPIC OPPORTUNITY FOR STAFF

Once you are a part of the Digicel Family you are helping to create a world where no one gets left behind.

Each year we invite staff to get involved in transforming their communities. This year, two team members received funding that went toward developing food security initiatives for groups that provide services for those most vulnerable in society.

Sheba Daniels- Gonzales and John Ramirez used their EPIC staff grant funding to support the development of hydroponics units with not-for-profit partners. This EPIC opportunity enables staff to become change agents in their communities. John joined forces with Greenvale Police Youth Club and saw the expansion of its Hydroponics garden. Sheba partnered with the Brandt Beauty Foundation, founded by the reigning Miss Trinidad and Tobago World, Ms. Jeanine Brandt to implement units at both the Islamic Children's Home and St Vincent de Paul Home for Senior Citizens.

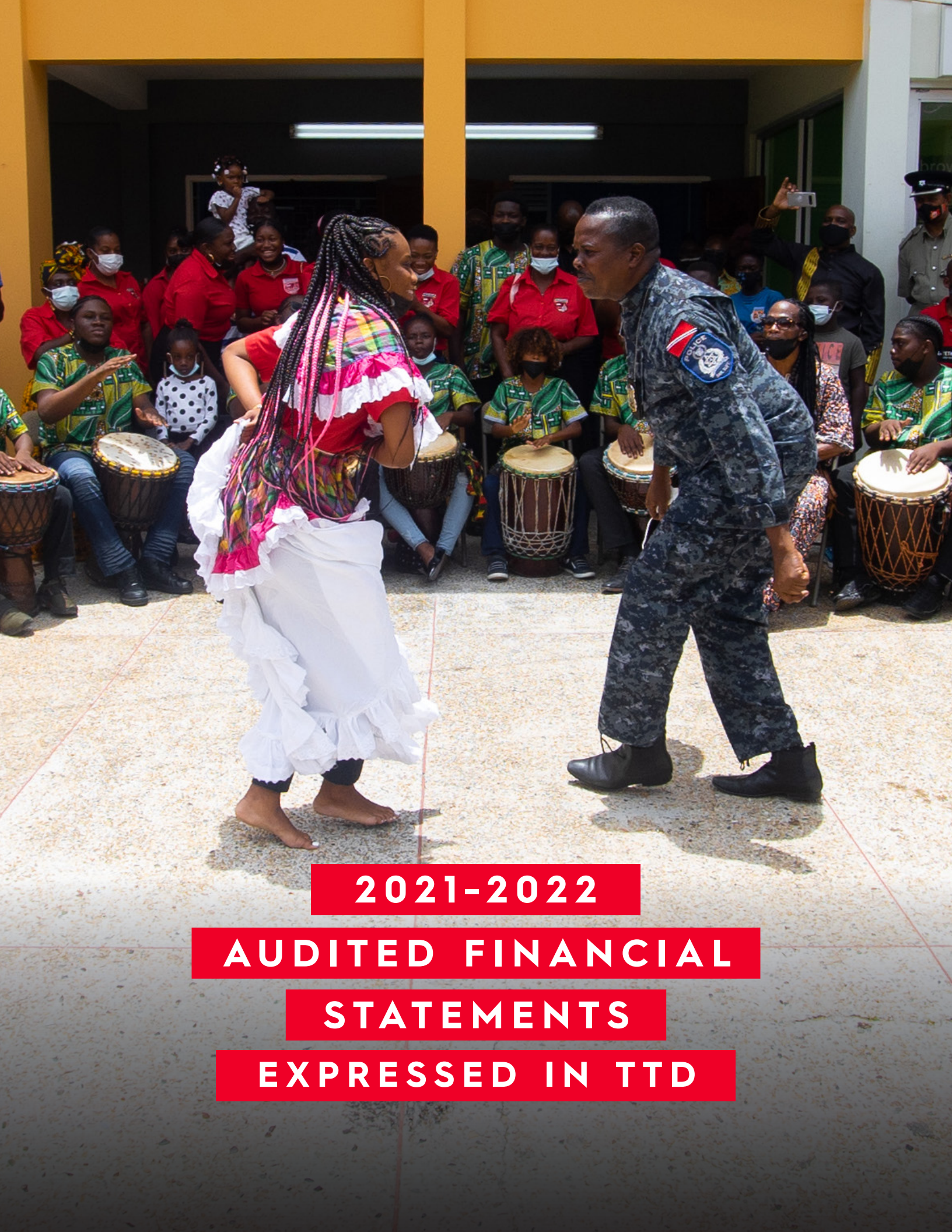
"It was a fantastic opportunity to be a part of both projects and serve the community in a tangible way." Said Sheba, "Participating in this way taught me that no act of kindness is too small ... no help is too little, and every contribution makes a difference."

It's in the Digicel DNA to connect with people. This Christmas our Digicel Team members had a wonderful opportunity to share more joy and love in their communities. Thirteen team members received TT\$5,000 to host a Christmas treat and #ShareMore love for the holidays. Activities included community pantries, food hampers, children's Christmas parties, donations to animal shelters, donations of sanitary products to girls in need, and donation of tablets to children in rural communities.









**2021-2022**

**AUDITED FINANCIAL**

**STATEMENTS**

**EXPRESSED IN TTD**



# Digicel Trinidad & Tobago Foundation

## Statement of Management's Responsibilities

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Management is responsible for the following:

- Preparing and fairly presenting the accompanying special purpose financial statements of Digicel Trinidad & Tobago Foundation, ('the Foundation') which comprise the statement of financial position as at 31 March 2022 and the statements of income and expenditure, changes in equity and cash flows for the year then ended, and notes, comprising 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 special purpose financial statements, management utilised the accounting policies set out in Note 2 to the special purpose financial statements.

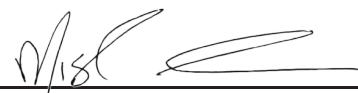
Nothing has come to the attention of management to indicate that the Foundation will not remain a going concern for the next twelve months from the reporting date or up to the date the accompanying special purpose financial statements have been authorised for issue, if later.

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



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Chief Executive Officer  
29 July 2022



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Accountant  
29 July 2022





## Independent auditor's report

To the Board of Directors of Digicel Trinidad & Tobago Foundation

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### **Our opinion**

In our opinion, the special purpose financial statements of Digicel Trinidad & Tobago Foundation (the Foundation) are prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 2 to the special purpose financial statements.

### **What we have audited**

The Foundation's special purpose financial statements comprise:

- the statement of financial position as at 31 March 2022;
  - the statement of income and expenditure for the year then ended;
  - the statement of changes in equity for the year then ended;
  - the statement of cash flows for the year then ended; and
  - the notes to the special purpose financial statements, which include significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.
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### **Basis for 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 special purpose financial statements* section of our report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### **Independence**

We are independent of the Foundation in accordance with the *International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including International Independence Standards)* issued by the *International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants (IESBA Code)*. We have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the *IESBA Code*.

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### **Emphasis of Matter - Basis of accounting and restriction on distribution and use**

We draw attention to Note 2 to the special purpose financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The special purpose financial statements are prepared to assist the board of directors in meeting the requirements of the Non-Profit Organisations Act, 2019. As a result, the special purpose financial statements may not be suitable for another purpose.

Our report is intended solely for Digicel Trinidad & Tobago Foundation and should not be distributed to or used by parties other than Digicel Trinidad & Tobago Foundation. Our opinion is not modified in respect to this matter.



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## **Responsibilities of management and those charged with governance for the special purpose financial statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation of these special purpose financial statements in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 2 to the special purpose financial statements, 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 special purpose financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Foundation's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related 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.

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## **Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the special purpose financial statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the special purpose 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 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 special purpose financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the special purpose financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Foundation's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Foundation's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the special purpose financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Foundation to cease to continue as a going concern.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

*PricewaterhouseCoopers*

Port of Spain  
Trinidad, West Indies  
29 July 2022



# Digicel Trinidad & Tobago Foundation

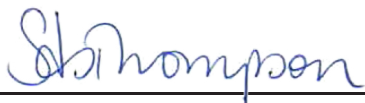
## Statement of Financial Position

(Expressed in Trinidad and Tobago dollars)

	Note	As at 31 March 2022 \$	2021 \$
<b>Asset</b>			
<i>Current asset</i>			
Cash at bank and at hand		<u>1,066,880</u>	<u>746,020</u>
<b>Total asset</b>		<u>1,066,880</u>	<u>746,020</u>
<b>Accumulated fund and liability</b>			
Accumulated surplus		<u>767,580</u>	<u>738,934</u>
<b>Current liability</b>			
Sundry payables	3	<u>299,300</u>	<u>7,086</u>
<b>Total accumulated fund and liability</b>		<u>1,066,880</u>	<u>746,020</u>

The notes on pages 8 to 10 are an integral part of these special purpose financial statements.

On 29 July 2022, the Directors of Digicel Trinidad & Tobago Foundation approved these special purpose financial statements for issue.



Director



Director



# Digicel Trinidad & Tobago Foundation

## Statement of Income and Expenditure

(Expressed in Trinidad and Tobago Dollars)

		Year ended 31 March	
	Notes	2022 \$	2021 \$
<b>Donations</b>	4	<u>5,178,070</u>	<u>3,882,149</u>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Project expenses		(3,074,464)	(3,080,955)
Other operating expenses		(135,913)	(38,270)
Salaries		<u>(1,939,047)</u>	<u>(485,396)</u>
<b>Total expenses</b>	5	<u>(5,149,424)</u>	<u>(3,604,621)</u>
<b>Net income for the year</b>		<u><u>28,646</u></u>	<u><u>277,528</u></u>

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# Digicel Trinidad & Tobago Foundation

## Statement of Changes in Equity

(Expressed in Trinidad and Tobago Dollars)

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	<b>Accumulated fund \$</b>
<b>Year ended 31 March 2022</b>	
Balance at beginning of year	738,934
Net income for the year	<u>28,646</u>
<b>Balance at 31 March 2022</b>	<u><u>767,580</u></u>
<b>Year ended 31 March 2021</b>	
Balance at beginning of year	461,406
Net income for the year	<u>277,528</u>
<b>Balance at 31 March 2021</b>	<u><u>738,934</u></u>

The notes on pages 8 to 10 are an integral part of these special purpose financial statements.



# Digicel Trinidad & Tobago Foundation

## Statement of Cash Flows

(Expressed in Trinidad and Tobago Dollars)

	Year ended 31 March	
	2022 \$	2021 \$
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>		
Net income for the year	28,646	277,528
<b>Changes in operating liability</b>		
Increase in sundry payable	<u>292,214</u>	<u>7,086</u>
<b>Net cash generated from operating activities</b>	<u>320,860</u>	<u>284,614</u>
<b>Net increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>	320,860	284,614
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year</b>	<u>746,020</u>	<u>461,406</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of year</b>	<u><u>1,066,880</u></u>	<u><u>746,020</u></u>
<b>Represented by:</b>		
Cash at bank and at hand	<u><u>1,066,880</u></u>	<u><u>746,020</u></u>

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# Digicel Trinidad & Tobago Foundation

## Notes to the Special Purpose Financial Statements

31 March 2022

(Expressed in Trinidad and Tobago dollars)

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### 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 and at hand.



# Digicel Trinidad & Tobago Foundation

## Notes to the Special Purpose Financial Statements (continued)

31 March 2022

(Expressed in Trinidad and Tobago dollars)

### 2 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

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.

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*

The Foundation's primary source of income is from corporate donations received from the Digicel Group of companies, and from restricted and unrestricted grants received from national and international non-profit organisations. The Foundation recognises these donations and or grants as income when received.

g. *Expenditure*

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

### 3 Sundry payable

	2022 \$	2021 \$
Amount payable to Digicel (Trinidad & Tobago) Limited	--	7,086
Amount payable to Staff	<u>299,300</u>	<u>--</u>

### 4 Donations

Digicel (Trinidad & Tobago) Limited	4,876,732	3,533,750
International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies	131,858	--
Inter-American Development Bank	104,480	305,456
Shell Trinidad & Tobago Limited	65,000	--
Digicel Haiti Foundation	--	33,322
Digicel Jamaica Foundation	--	4,879
Digicel PNG Foundation	--	4,742
	<u>5,178,070</u>	<u>3,882,149</u>



# Digicel Trinidad & Tobago Foundation

## Notes to the Special Purpose Financial Statements (continued)

31 March 2022

(Expressed in Trinidad and Tobago dollars)

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### 5 Expenses by nature

	2022 \$	2021 \$
Community development	1,992,381	2,304,237
Salaries	1,939,047	485,396
Other operating expenses	973,630	481,905
Special needs	<u>244,366</u>	<u>333,083</u>
	<u>5,149,424</u>	<u>3,604,621</u>

### 6 Subsequent events

There are no subsequent events for the year ended 31 March 2022.





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