



Digicel Foundation



Digicel Foundation annual report 2017

Thirteen years of success in remaining true to its vision of positively impacting development and growth in education, special needs and community development.

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Our programmes focus on areas critical to the needs of the nation through sustainable projects and effective partnerships. Investments aim to support access to quality education and ICT development in the education sector; improve the quality of services to persons with disabilities as well as promote youth and community development island-wide.

2017



“Through the efforts of the hardworking teams and dedicated partners, the Foundation has achieved fantastic results.”

patron's message

As Digicel Foundation observes its thirteenth year of operations in Jamaica, we take great pride in recognising the immense contribution it has made to building sustainability in the areas of education, special needs, social enterprise and community development.

We have accomplished a tremendous amount in these twelve short months with over 40,000 lives impacted through our investment of over US\$2.5 million.

I am beyond heartened by the stories of our beneficiaries whose lives have been made better because of the commitment and dedication of our teams. From the little boy who is now able

to do something as basic as pick up a ball with his fingers because he now has the right tools to help him develop his motor skills; the young girl who is now able to fulfil her dreams of becoming a teacher because of the help she received from the Enrichment Centre to the community members who are able to up skill themselves and start their new social enterprise businesses – there's a genuine groundswell and focus on creating change, progress and hope in the lives of people across Jamaica.

I am particularly encouraged to see that, through our Enrichment Programme, 104 primary schools have benefited from literacy programmes thanks to the continued support of the United States

Agency for International Development. Through the opening of eight Centres of Excellence, the developmental needs of over 600 special needs children are today being met. We can celebrate the fact that over 1,400 jobs were created through community development and social enterprise projects that focused on giving Jamaicans an opportunity to be productive members of society. And we're just getting started...

It's said that, giving back is not just about making a donation, it's about making a difference. A truer statement has never been made, and so, on behalf of the Board, I would like to thank our

Chairwoman, Jean Lowrie-Chin, and each and every one of our Foundation members, partners and volunteers for putting action behind our vision of creating a world where no one gets left behind.

Best regards,

Denis O'Brien,
Founder and Patron





“Our Foundation is blessed with the guidance of the Foundation’s Global Chairman Maria Mulcahy, an engaged board of directors, and a dynamic team.”

chairman’s message

The Digicel Jamaica Foundation salutes our partners in community development, education and special needs, who inspire us with their resolve to aim higher, for the development and well-being of our people. We thank our compassionate Patron, Denis O’Brien and Digicel, whose generous funding, now at US\$33 million over the past 13 years, has realised programmes in some of Jamaica’s most challenged communities.

The four-year Education Enrichment Programme supported by United States Agency for International Development and the Ministry of Education, Youth & Information came to a successful conclusion this year, with students at the grade 4 level surpassing the 2016 goal of 85%

literacy. This programme impacted over 43,000 students, 200 teachers and principals and 6,000 parents. One of the most heartwarming events was the launch of the Parent Places in over 90 schools island-wide, in which parents have received coaching to be more deeply engaged in their children’s education.

Digicel’s unflagging support of special needs has witnessed a sea change in the attitude of Jamaicans towards these worthy citizens, as we create spaces and programmes to assist in their education. Even before the start of the Digicel Foundation, Denis had encouraged Digicel Jamaica to get involved with our Special Olympians. As a result, Jamaica’s Special Olympians have gained more

medals and for the first time ever, their champions were featured on the front page of a major daily newspaper, The Gleaner.

The Foundation committed to the building of ten special needs schools by the end of 2017 and up to March of this year, nine schools have been built, providing state-of-the-art facilities for students. We are scheduled to meet the deadline for the opening of the tenth Special Needs School in the parish of St Thomas. We thank Education Minister, Senator Honourable Ruel Reid and Minister of Labour and Social Security, Honourable Shahine Robinson for their wholehearted support of our special needs projects.

In the area of entrepreneurship for community development, we continue to see extraordinary achievements of less fortunate Jamaicans, striving to make a decent living for themselves and their families. Our support has seen the Abilities Foundation equipped with the finest woodworking equipment and the rapid expansion of Deaf Can! Coffee whose baristas have been able to gain employment.

As the company encourages our partners to be environmentally aware, we can laud the efforts of several high schools who have established greenhouses that are supplying not only their school canteens, but also their communities.

We were deeply moved by the winners of the Digicel Face of Change programme, endorsed by Governor General, Most Honourable Sir Patrick Allen and Ambassador Burchell Whiteman, supporting the work of inner city community leaders. Dionne Ashman has mentored young football players from

humble beginnings, one of whom is now playing in the German junior league. We were excited by the vision of Cynthia Lincke who created the Princesses and Ladies programme to empower young girls and women.

Our Digicel Foundation Global Chairman Maria Mulcahy has kept us focused on the importance of data-driven selection and timely planning to ensure that the Foundation's partnerships create meaningful, sustainable impact. Because of this, we have witnessed tremendous transformation in the lives of our hard-working Jamaican people.

The map of Jamaica in this report highlights projects in all our 14 parishes, enhancing the lives of 43,598 Jamaicans in 2016-2017. Yet we know that there is so much more to be done as we see the struggles of our people, yearning for a better way of life. Therefore, we look forward to the realisation of our mission, that not one Jamaican is left behind.

The Digicel Foundation is grateful to our experienced and generous Board of Directors, and we thank our CEO Dane Richardson, former CEO Samantha Chantrelle and other members of the dedicated team who have been the most avid volunteers on our projects. We will use the achievements of the past year as stepping stones to an even more dynamic 2017-2018, as we acknowledge in our beloved Jamaica, 'the urgency of now'.

Best regards,
Jean Lowrie-Chin, JP



“Our stakeholders, partners, beneficiaries and allies all made these tremendous successes of the past year possible”

ceo's message

We are building the world that could be: a world where no one gets left behind. The triumphs of this year are proof that our vision is shared by others; proof of a global dream turned into Jamaican reality, all buttressed by interconnected communities. The Foundation is overjoyed to celebrate the inspiring successes of these communities brought to life through the three pillars of our work.

In education, we build our children's minds by solidifying the backbone of their enrichment: the parents, teachers and schools who support learning. With over 250 teachers trained to integrate technology in learning, increased activities for parental involvement in the Parent Places and over 140 school partners, we are happy to see academic improvements of students across the island.

Through social enterprise, we build communities by reinvigorating projects left behind and put to work new and innovative technologies to service

citizens. The response to our work, our values and our commitment to community strengthening was overwhelming, with well over half a million votes cast via digital tools in our inaugural #FaceOfChangeJA competition, empowering the voices of Jamaica to build their lives.

When we build bridges, we also build sustainable futures and shape irreplaceable community bonds. Our investment in the most vulnerable like our special needs children provides never-before seen opportunities for success, as courageously demonstrated by innovators such as Roshane Foster and his Ventura Tech start-up.

We will continue setting new trends in public and private sector innovation and investment. Our stakeholders, partners, beneficiaries and allies all made these tremendous successes of the past year possible.

Best regards,
Dane Richardson

board of directors



Denis O'Brien
Patron



Jean Lowrie-Chin
Chairman



Joy Clark
Vice Chairman



Dane Richardson



Heather Moyston



Pauline Murphy



Cheryl Hylton



Karlene Dawson



Antonia Graham



Al Edwards



Donna Henry



Charmaine Daniels



Andrea Hardware



Maria Mulcahy



Tobi-Ann Chang



Marlene Wilson



staff

Top (L-R):

Krystal Cameron, Alicia Uylett,
Candiese Leveridge, Jennifer
Spence-Silvera

Bottom (L-R):

Taryn Forrest-Harriott, Leon
Fraser, Jeneard Williamson



where we work

developmental statistics



The Digicel Foundations in Haiti, Jamaica, Papua New Guinea and Trinidad & Tobago aim to impact the key markers of development positively: life expectancy, literacy and standard of living. As we seek to bolster developing nations, we partner with communities, households and individuals to provide critical tools of upliftment that will deliver a measurable impact on their lives in a sustainable way.

The last quarter century has seen vast

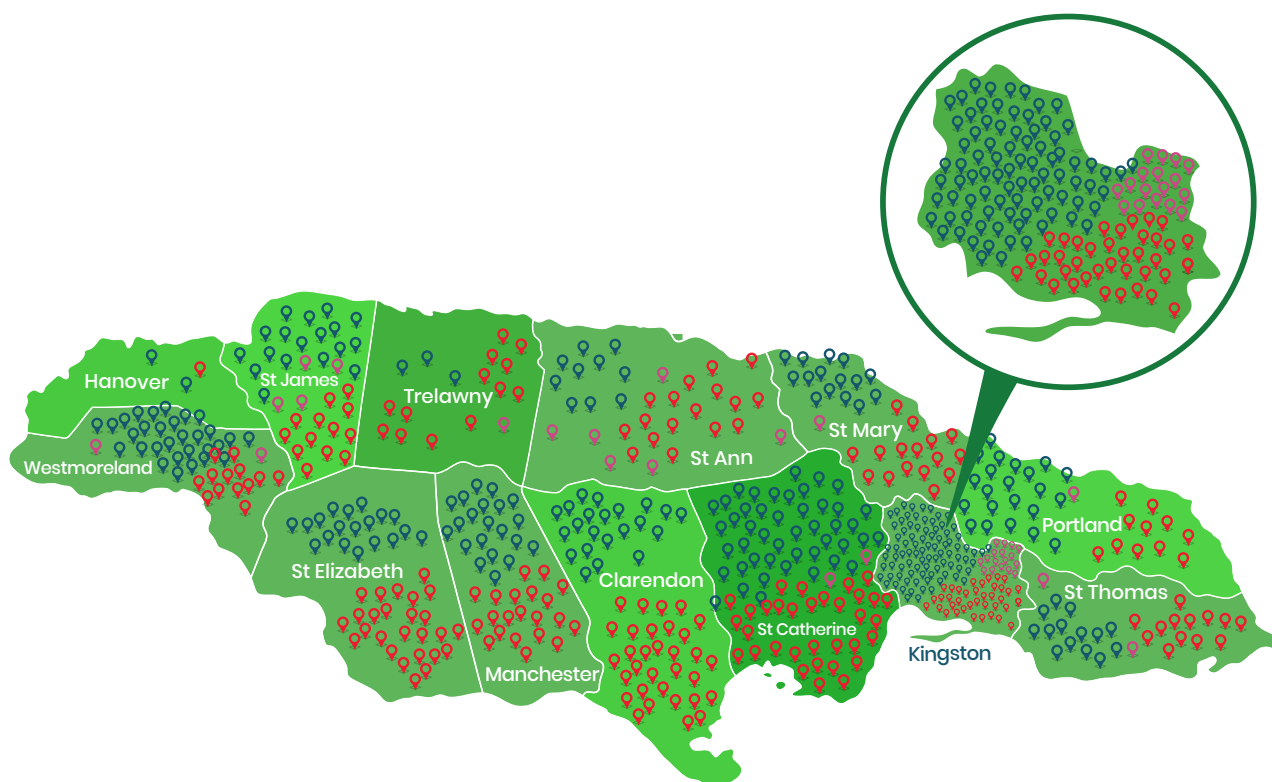
improvements in the global standard of living with more people elevating themselves out of poverty, illiteracy and destitution. However, challenges remain particularly with widespread shifts in migration and tiered technological advances.

The Digicel Foundations are working diligently to champion and facilitate the empowerment of the most challenged and disenfranchised citizens to tap into community roots and expand their opportunities.

Country	Population (Millions)	UN HDI Ranking	Life Expectancy	GDP per Capita (US)	Adult Literacy
Jamaica	2.8	99	76	\$ 4,868.00	87.5
Haiti	10.7	163	63.1	\$ 740.00	60.7
Papua New Guinea	7.6	158	62.8	\$ 3,541.00	64.2
Trinidad & Tobago	1.36	65	71.4	\$ 15,377.00	98.8

mapping progress

completed projects



CURRENT STATS

TOTAL PROJECTS	1,173
TOTAL INVESTED	US\$33M
LIVES IMPACTED	623,598

PROJECT LEGEND

	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	543
	SPECIAL NEEDS	69
	EDUCATION	561

who we are

Our vision is to help create a world where no one gets left behind. Over the course of 13 years, the Digicel Foundation has completed 1,173 projects and supported over 620,000 people in Jamaica. Concentrating on the areas of education, special

needs and community empowerment, we work with our communities to develop and build sustainable and meaningful programmes and are delighted to have given back over US\$33 million to Jamaica.





let's build
minds



building the future together

parent place initiative



Great minds are built with comprehensive support of students, teachers, schools and parents. This is why the partnership with the United States Agency for International Development created the Parent Places, an expansion of the Enrichment Programme targeting parents to ensure that no student in Jamaica gets left behind.

Our support takes an integrated approach to student achievement. The Enrichment Programme targeted vulnerable students in 104 primary schools who needed additional literacy support to perform on par with their counterparts. Through the Parent Places, parents were able to engage with their peers or children in a range of activities such as summer and after school programmes, beautification projects, meal preparation as well as skills training.

Through the Parent Places, our investments in improving academic achievement on a large scale takes the effort beyond the confines of schools and the formal education system and into the homes and daily lives of citizens. Parents of students who participate in the programme are therefore more encouraged to focus efforts on their students' progress.

Minister of State at the Ministry of Education, Youth and Information, Honourable Floyd Green, who endorsed the programme, stated; "The Parent Places are providing this well-needed support to allow our children to be brought up in a more facilitative environment which will also assist them in improving their performance in the key areas of education and make them into the optimally rounded adults that we want them to be."





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PROJECTS FUNDED



6,600

PERSONS IMPACTED



US\$1.13M

TOTAL INVESTED

Project Stats

The Parent Places are an expansion of the wider Enrichment Programme which has reached over 100,000 students and 250 teachers.



Students join teachers and parents in interactive learning exercises at Kellit's Primary School in Clarendon, Jamaica.



mobile science labs

growing a new generation of stem students



Expansion to our latest innovations in technology, utilised by the Ministry of Education, Youth & Information made science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) learning opportunities to high school students more accessible than ever before. Now in 38 schools, over 6,000 students have access to resources to

improve both teaching and learning. Building on these investments, students in western Jamaica spent their summer holiday learning robotics, and melding technology and creativity to bring students' imaginations to life at the Summer Knowledge Donation Camp at the Bioprist Knowledge Park.



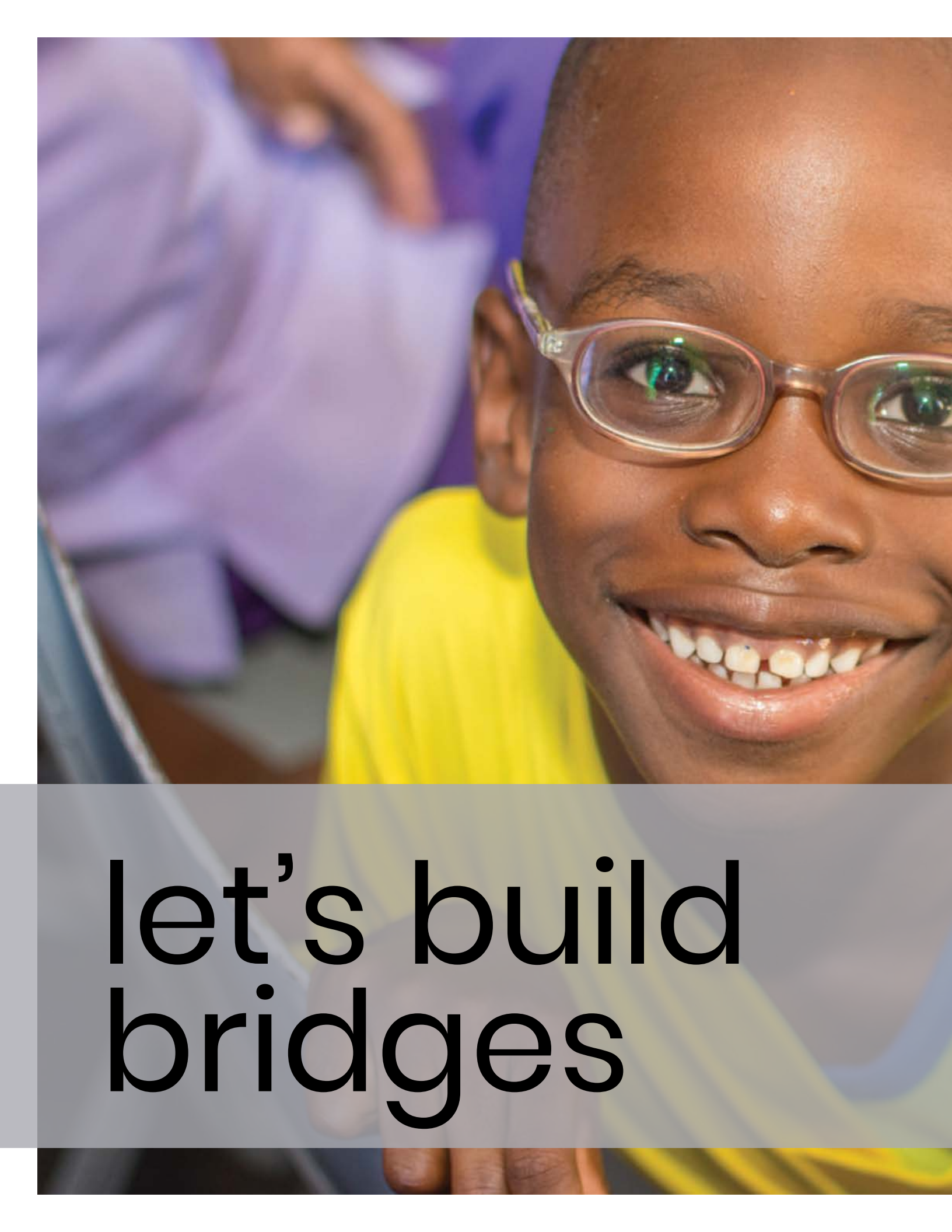
Bookfusion

harnessing technology for accessible education



Over 300,000 students in Jamaica now have mobile access to approved learning materials on cell phones, tablets and computers through Bookfusion. Students are engaged with literacy resources that are now supported with music and narration in culturally distinct voices and highlighted text. By providing easily-accessible, enhanced mobile resources, the digital platform increases access to students who may have inadequate learning materials in more effective ways.





let's build
bridges



achieving excellence through collaboration

centre of excellence



The Mickhail Betancourt Building in Orange Bay, Portland, opened its doors in April 2016. The fully-equipped facility caters to over 100 special needs children from communities in and around the parish of Portland. Minister of Labour and Social Security, Honourable Shahine Robinson, stated; “The opening of this Centre of Excellence will go a far way in helping to decentralise the services in this area, for it is built to serve the needs of persons in Portland, St. Mary, and sections of St. Thomas who had to travel to Kingston previously.”

The building currently provides Child Development Officers in the parish with a much-needed facility to conduct critical early childhood stimulation programmes. The institution is outfitted with an administration block, classrooms and recreational areas as well as special assessment and therapy

rooms. Charmaine Wilks, a senior supervisor at the Centre of Excellence added; “Before this, there was no other facility in Portland to serve the special needs community. With this Centre of Excellence, we are now able to provide the kind of proactive support to the special needs community that is so greatly needed. So we are extremely grateful to the Digicel Foundation for this amazing gesture.”

Mickhail Betancourt was an inspired innovator, dedicated to improving the lives of others around him. In addition to his volunteerism, he implemented an IT Programme which increased the Foundation’s ability to better serve our beneficiaries. His eponymous building and nine other Centres of Excellence are ensuring that special needs students indeed have a bright future, built on a legacy of community empowerment.





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PROJECTS FUNDED



5,948

PERSONS IMPACTED



US\$1.01M

TOTAL INVESTED

Project Stats

Ten Centres of Excellence built to date helping special needs students and over 100 teachers and caregivers trained to increase capacity of special needs schools.



Students enjoy enhanced classrooms at the Mickhail Betancourt Building in Orange Bay, Portland.



Entrepreneur Roshane Foster received a donation of new technology for his start-up, design and printing business in Knockpatrick, Manchester.



centre of excellence

providing holistic support to special needs



The special needs community in Montego Bay is now supported by a fully equipped facility to support children with a wide range of physical, behavioural and intellectual disabilities. With the opening of Digicel's ninth Centre of Excellence for Special Needs in Catherine Hall, Montego Bay, over 60 children are benefiting from an extensively renovated facility, which can serve

even more communities as it is utilised by the Jamaica Association on Intellectual Disabilities and the Ministry of Labour and Social Security's Early Stimulation Plus Programme. Mirroring our holistic approach to education initiatives, at the Montego Bay Learning Centre, parents can sustainably support their children's education by learning exercises to replicate at home.



Digicel 5k

racing towards universal access for all



The Imagine Run, held in October 2016, supported nine wonderful special needs organisations including the Jamaica Down Syndrome Foundation. Over US\$60,000 was raised to support the special needs community, at a time when proper support of one child can demand as much as 40 hours per week of therapy, including speech and occupational therapy, as reported by one parent. Lorna Bell,

Executive Director of long-standing beneficiary Special Olympics Jamaica, stated; "Digicel has given us an all-purpose court where we can train on a daily basis, and also bathrooms with changing facilities." The Special Olympics Jamaica leader looks forward to Digicel's continued contributions "not only for us, but for the many organisations who are well in need of some serious help."





let's build
communities



growing together to feed a community

upliftment jamaica



The community of White Horses in St. Thomas got a major boost in the area of agriculture, with the implementation of an income generating agricultural programme costing approximately US\$70,000. These funds are managed by Upliftment Jamaica, a non-profit organisation that has been operating for over 15 years.

The funds were used to construct a chicken coop and slaughterhouse for pigs, goats and other livestock. Not only will this serve as a sound source of nutrition for the entire community, these assets will also provide an income-generating opportunity for residents. In addition, community youth are trained in agriculture, ensuring an integrated, sustainable and healthy future for the entire community. Upliftment Jamaica Project Manager, Gary Foster, expressed his gratitude for the partnership; “We truly value our partnerships and the fruit that we will reap from this investment. St. Thomas is often considered a forgotten parish, but this is a signal reminder that we can count on Digicel Foundation and Food for the Poor to do what so many have not been willing to do.”

Upliftment Jamaica, truly reflects our core value of dedication to community enrichment. Their members seek to empower communities through programmes in areas of technology, sports, skills training and education.





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PROJECTS FUNDED



31,050

PERSONS IMPACTED



US\$607K

TOTAL INVESTED

Project Stats

Upliftment Jamaica employs over 60 people and impacts over 100 families in Botany Bay, St. Thomas, and surrounding areas.



Community members come together to build a coop at Upliftment Jamaica's farm project in St. Thomas.



Volunteers help nourish a community garden at Eira Schader Home for the Aged in St. Andrew, founded by Bob Marley and Lloyd Ferguson.

#faceofchangeja

changing the face of a community



In a staggering display of Jamaican civic participation, over half a million votes were cast in Digicel Foundation's first ever #FaceofChangeJA competition, proving that the world we envision, one driven by hope, is shared by our communities. After a nail-biting four weeks of online and SMS voting, Bethel New Testament Church of God

won US\$3,000 to continue their community development work in Kingston, Jamaica. The Church carries out a feeding programme to the dispossessed of a number of nearby communities, helps grade 6 students improve their Grade Six Achievement Test scores, and plans on building a resource centre for the entire community.



Digicel rising stars 2016

rising and shining even brighter



Elton Earlington, 2016 Digicel Rising Stars grand prize winner, chose to use his Foundation sponsored grant of US\$12,500 to kick start a community project at Evelyn Peterkin Basic School. The project created a newly-constructed sick bay and indoor bathroom facility. Principal Gloria Carter, who was overwhelmed with emotion when she saw the finished facility,

stated; "I don't know if words can express how we feel. Over the years we have been struggling. We started trying to build a facility and just could not find the funds to complete it. I am overwhelmed and appreciative because to have this facility built feels so much better than even getting the money. What we have desired and prayed about for so long is now a reality."





let's build
spirit



about that Digicel DNA

Throughout the year, our staff members have committed their time and energy to serving the needs of fellow Jamaicans. Their selflessness has not gone unnoticed, particularly in the communities we serve.







financial statements

Digicel Foundation (Expressed in United States Dollars)
Summary Financial Statements 31 March 2017



Report of the Independent Auditor on The Summary Financial Statements

To the Members of Digicel Foundation

The accompanying summary financial statements, which comprise the balance sheet as at 31 March 2017, and the statement of comprehensive income, statements of changes in equity and cash flows for the year then ended and related notes are derived from the audited financial statements of Digicel Foundation for the year ended 31 March 2017. We expressed an unmodified audit opinion on those financial statements in our report dated 31 August 2017. Those financial statements, and the summary financial statements, do not reflect the effects of events that occurred subsequent to the date of our report on those financial statements.

The summary financial statements do not contain all the disclosures required by International Financial Reporting Standards. Reading the summary financial statements, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the audited financial statements of Digicel Foundation.

Management's Responsibility for the Summary Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation of a summary of the audited financial statements in accordance with Practice Statement 2016 - 1, Summary Financial Statements, issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Jamaica.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the summary financial statements based on our procedures, which were conducted in accordance with International Standard on Auditing 810, 'Engagements to Report on Summary Financial Statements'.

Opinion

In our opinion, the summary financial statements derived from the audited financial statements of Digicel Foundation for the year ended 31 March 2017 are consistent, in all material respects, with those financial statements, in accordance with Practice Statement 2016 -1, Summary Financial Statements, issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Jamaica.



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Digicel Foundation
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statement of comprehensive income
year ended 31 march 2017

(expressed in united states dollars unless otherwise indicated)

	NOTE	2017 \$'000	2016 \$'000
Income			
Grants from Digicel (Jamaica) Limited		2,990	2,881
Grants from USAID		447	684
Donations		108	49
Foreign exchange (losses)/gains		(1)	4
Interest income		3	4
		<u>3,547</u>	<u>3,622</u>
Expenditure			
Projects and donations	3	2,938	3,006
Administration expenses	4	575	593
		<u>3,513</u>	<u>3,599</u>
Net Surplus			
		34	23
Exchange differences on translating foreign balances		(17)	(20)
Total Comprehensive Income			
		<u>17</u>	<u>3</u>

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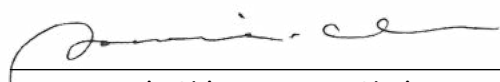
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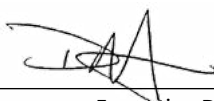
year ended 31 march 2017

(expressed in united states dollars unless otherwise indicated)

ASSETS	NOTE	2017 \$'000	2016 \$'000
Non-Current Asset			
Property, plant and equipment	6	7	13
Current Assets			
Withholding tax recoverable		14	14
Other receivables		83	20
Cash and cash equivalents	7	608	334
		705	368
Total Assets		712	381
Equity and liabilities			
Equity			
Foreign exchange translation reserve		(139)	(122)
Accumulated surplus		253	219
		114	97
Current Liabilities			
Donations payable		244	201
Accounts payable and accrued charges	8	354	83
		598	284
Total Equity and Liabilities		712	381

Approved for issue by the Board of Directors on 31 August 2017 and signed on its behalf by:


 Jean-Lowrie Chin Chairman


 Dane Richardson Executive Director/CEO

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statement of changes in equity
year ended 31 march 2017

(expressed in united states dollars unless otherwise indicated)

	Foreign Exchange Translation Reserve \$'000	Accumulated Surplus \$'000	Total \$'000
Balance at 31 March 2015	(102)	196	94
Net surplus	-	23	23
Other comprehensive income	(20)	-	(20)
Total comprehensive income	(20)	23	3
Balance at 31 March 2016	(122)	219	97
Net surplus	-	34	34
Other comprehensive income	(17)	-	(17)
Total comprehensive income	(17)	34	17
Balance at 31 March 2017	(139)	253	114

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statement of cash flows

year ended 31 march 2017

(expressed in united states dollars unless otherwise indicated)

	NOTE	2017 \$'000	2016 \$'000
Cash Flows from Operating Activities			
Net surplus for the year		34	23
Adjustments for			
Depreciation	6	5	5
Foreign exchange gains		(27)	(24)
Interest income		(3)	(4)
		<u>9</u>	<u>-</u>
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:			
Other receivable		(63)	222
Donations payable		43	(137)
Accounts payable and accrued charges		<u>271</u>	<u>70</u>
Cash generated from operations		260	155
Interest received		<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>
Cash provided by operating activities		<u>263</u>	<u>159</u>
Increase in cash and cash equivalents		263	159
Effects of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents		11	4
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of year		<u>334</u>	<u>171</u>
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF THE YEAR	7	<u>608</u>	<u>334</u>

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notes to the financial statements

31 march 2017

(expressed in united states dollars unless otherwise indicated)

1. Identification and Principal Activities

The company is a not-for-profit organisation which was incorporated in Jamaica on 30 September 2004. The company is limited by guarantee, not having a share capital. The registered office of the company is located at 14 Ocean Boulevard, Kingston. The principal activity of the company comprises the distribution and utilisation of funds on a charitable basis for the purpose of building and developing communities across Jamaica and the region.

The company is mainly funded by Digicel (Jamaica) Limited, incorporated in Jamaica.

On 9 April 2013, the company entered into a three (3) year partnership with the United States Agency for International Development to increase the scale of one of its projects, the Enrichment Programme. This partnership involves committed funding by the company and by United States Agency for International Development and the administration of the programme by the company.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of preparation

The summary financial statements have been extracted from the full financial statements, and prepared in accordance with Practice Statement 2016-01 issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Jamaica. The full financial statements as at and for the year ended 31 March 2017 were authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on 31 August 2017. Those financial statements have been prepared in accordance with IFRS, and contain an explicit and unreserved statement of compliance with IFRS.

The summary financial statements do not include all the disclosures provided in the full financial statements and cannot be expected to provide as complete an understanding as provided by the full financial statements. The full financial statements are available at the company's office.

The full financial statements have been audited by PricewaterhouseCoopers who, in their report dated 31 August 2017, expressed an unmodified opinion in relation to those full financial statements.

Digicel Foundation