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Digicel Foundation

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2022 - 2023



**BUILDING FUTURE
RELATIONSHIPS**

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PATRON'S MESSAGE



Denis O'Brien **Patron and Founder**

This past year has been a milestone one for the Digicel Trinidad & Tobago Foundation. After ten years of existence, we can proudly say that we have been able to support 583 projects, impacting more than 202,000 people, through investments of over \$US6.5million.

This paints a picture that aligns with one of the fundamental principles of our business, that is where Digicel grows, so too must the communities around us. In celebrating a decade of transformation, we have made incredible strides across the country in our three focus areas of Special Needs, Community Development and Digital Citizenship.

As part of the 10-year celebrations, the Foundation launched its Innovation Lab Programme, which merges digital transformation with our mission to create a world where no one gets left behind. Ten Special Needs schools across Trinidad and Tobago were outfitted with a tech lab consisting of VR headsets, smart boards, smart TVs, computers, assistive devices, and high-speed internet. This total investment of US\$122,000 puts these students well on the path to becoming digital citizens.

PATRON'S MESSAGE



The Foundation also worked on forging partnerships with 10 community groups to implement EPIC transformative projects. By investing US\$148,000 in this initiative, the Foundation was able to set up these groups to have greater reach and impact in their communities, and we want to thank all our partners who took this opportunity to create meaningful change.

Our lifelong partners, Special Olympics Trinidad and Tobago (SOTT) also received our continued support this year and I am happy to report that with our funding, valued at US\$69,000, along with support from the Ministry of Sport and Community Development and SporTT, SOTT now has a new home. Our investment went towards developing the secretariat, building storage for equipment and creating a reception area. I'm also proud to share that the Digicel Foundation has committed an additional US\$20,000 towards SOTT operational costs for the next three years. Now the athletes and coaches will have a designated space to train for upcoming World Games and other events.

Managing a Foundation is no easy task and the Board of Directors, capably led by our Chairperson, Desha Clifford, has done a tremendous job. The oversight, guidance and governance they provide is phenomenal and supports our CEO, Penny Gomez and her team as they continue to surpass all expectations and work on the ground to build positive and strategic relationships with civil society organisations, public sector stakeholders and international agencies, proving that we truly are #BetterTogether.

Thank you,

Denis O'Brien
Patron & Founder

CHAIR'S MESSAGE



Desha Clifford **Chairperson**

Each year, I feel honoured and privileged to present this message, but this year feels even more special as we celebrate our 10th anniversary. A decade of transformation at the Digicel Foundation; what a milestone!

To mark this triumphant moment, we invested US \$448,410 in development initiatives over the course of our anniversary year, celebrating in the way we love best - by giving back to our stakeholders and community partners.

On the community development front, we offered an enhanced Extraordinary Projects Impacting Communities (EPIC) grant, that saw our investment in each of the 10 EPIC projects increase from US \$5,000 to US\$14,815. As always, we were truly impressed by the initiatives in the EPIC programme, which included agriculture, solar energy, sustained livelihoods, support for survivors of gender-based violence, and increasing digital access in rural areas. We reached areas as far as Moruga, and worked on diverse and innovative projects such as Beausejour's Indigenous Bakery and Community Dirt Oven and a sustainable animal rearing farm at the Tobago School for the Deaf Speech and Language Impaired.

CHAIR'S MESSAGE



We also commemorated our 10th anniversary by commissioning Innovation Labs at 10 special needs schools in Trinidad and Tobago, outfitting these tech spaces with computers, virtual reality, assistive devices and smart boards. This ambitious move continued our core mission to ensure that youth with disabilities are not left behind.

After a decade of investing in projects that improve opportunities for persons with disabilities, it was both exhilarating and emotional to cut the ribbon at the opening of the Secretariat of the Special Olympics Trinidad and Tobago at the Mannie Ramjohn Stadium. Knowing that our financial support over the years has resulted in a physical space for the team – a space to host meetings, store equipment and a space to train – was a dream come true. It was all in perfect timing, as we followed up the opening of the Secretariat with the return of the SOTT National Games and then witnessed the stellar performance by our athletes in the Special Olympics Summer World Games in Berlin. Quite a special year for the SOTT, and we at the Foundation are so honoured to walk this journey alongside them!

Having the support and guidance from our global Chair, Maria Mulcahy makes every step we take even more meaningful. To our Patron, Denis O' Brien, these 10 years, would not have been possible without your foresight and benevolence. Your passion for helping others is the foundation that our house is built on.

To my esteemed Board of Directors, I extend my appreciation for your unwavering support, trust, and belief in our Foundation's mission. Our 10th anniversary is a reflection of the collective efforts, dedication, and vision that you have brought to the table. I am honored to share this milestone with each of you. I want to take a moment to recognise and express my utmost admiration for Penny and the incredible Foundation team. Though small in number, their passion, expertise, and unwavering commitment have propelled our Foundation to achieve extraordinary outcomes. Congratulations on marking the perfect 10, and cheers to another decade!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "MM", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

CEO'S MESSAGE



Penny Gomez

CEO

The theme for our 10-year anniversary could not have been more fitting. Beyond a doubt, it has been a 'decade of transformation' for us at the Foundation. Ten years ago we started out building partnerships from the ground up, and now we're closing our first decade with a solid Foundation family - holding each other up throughout a global pandemic and celebrating every achievement together. Looking back, I am moved by the story told in our numbers - 583 projects completed, US\$6.5 million invested and 202,208 persons benefited within our first 10 years of work.

It's a well-known fact that the Special Olympics Trinidad and Tobago is one of long-standing beneficiaries. Over the past ten years, we've expanded our support for those with special needs by investing in year-round training programmes and community caravans to increase the number of SOTT athletes and upskill coaches.

I'm super-thrilled we helped them to find a new home at the Mannie Ramjohn Stadium, Marabella, and through an investment of US \$69,000 it is now a fully-equipped space where the SOTT can hold meetings, conferences, training, store equipment, and will even allow their athletes to have an opportunity to earn an income and develop professionally.

CEO'S MESSAGE



The highlight of the year for me has been the Digicel Foundation's Innovation Labs Project, in which we commissioned 10 technology labs in 10 special schools - 8 in Trinidad and 2 in Tobago. The project is a testament to our commitment to strategic public-private partnerships, as we worked with the Ministry of Education and The Tobago House of Assembly to provide training, technical assistance and support to the schools. This project will revolutionise the way persons with disabilities learn and how they experience the world.

Further, we partnered with five (5) traditional and social media influencers to implement transformative community initiatives. We were thrilled at the range of projects they chose to invest in, from innovative agri-tech for youth, digital learning devices for migrant children, professional development for women and expressive theatre for young people. For the first time, our media partners were at the centre of their own stories.

It was also a pleasure to lead the Digicel team in our #CommunityEverything initiative during the Christmas season. Four Digicel staff received funding to plan and execute their own personal projects in their respective communities.

Our work in this decade has also been about transforming the corporate approach to giving. At the Digicel Foundation, we take advantage of our unique opportunity to learn from our community stakeholders while also supporting projects that will have a long-term, sustainable impact on an entire community.

To our Board of Directors led by Desha Clifford - thank you for your unwavering support and guidance. To my team, Diana, Natalie, Misha and Cindyann - your resilience, passion and commitment has made this 10-year journey even more worthwhile. I am forever grateful for all your hard work.

To our community partners - thank you for being a part of our family and taking us on this transformative journey. I can't wait to see what the next 10 years will look like!

Penny Gomez



**"LET ME WIN. BUT IF I
CANNOT WIN, LET ME BE
BRAVE IN THE ATTEMPT**

- SPECIAL OLYMPICS ATHLETES' OATH

MEET OUR TEAM

OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2022 - 2023



Maria Mulcahy
Global Chairperson

Desha Clifford
Chairperson

Penny Gomez
CEO

Sacha Thompson
Secretary



Abraham Smith
Director

Trijata Maraj
Director

La Toya Gopaul
Director

Guy Small
Director



Georgina Peterkin
Director

Bibi Mohamed-Singh
Director

Jerren Lewis
Director

Keisha Edwards
Director

Laura Dowrich-Phillips
Director

MEET OUR TEAM

THE FOUNDATION TEAM 2022 - 2023



**Cindyann
Currency**
Operations Manager

**Diana
Mathura-Hobson**
Project Officer

**Penny
Gomez**
CEO

**Misha
Jackman**
Finance Accountant

**Natalie-Anne
De Silva**
Project Officer





**"WE MAKE A LIVING BY
WHAT WE GET BUT WE MAKE
A LIFE BY WHAT WE GIVE."**

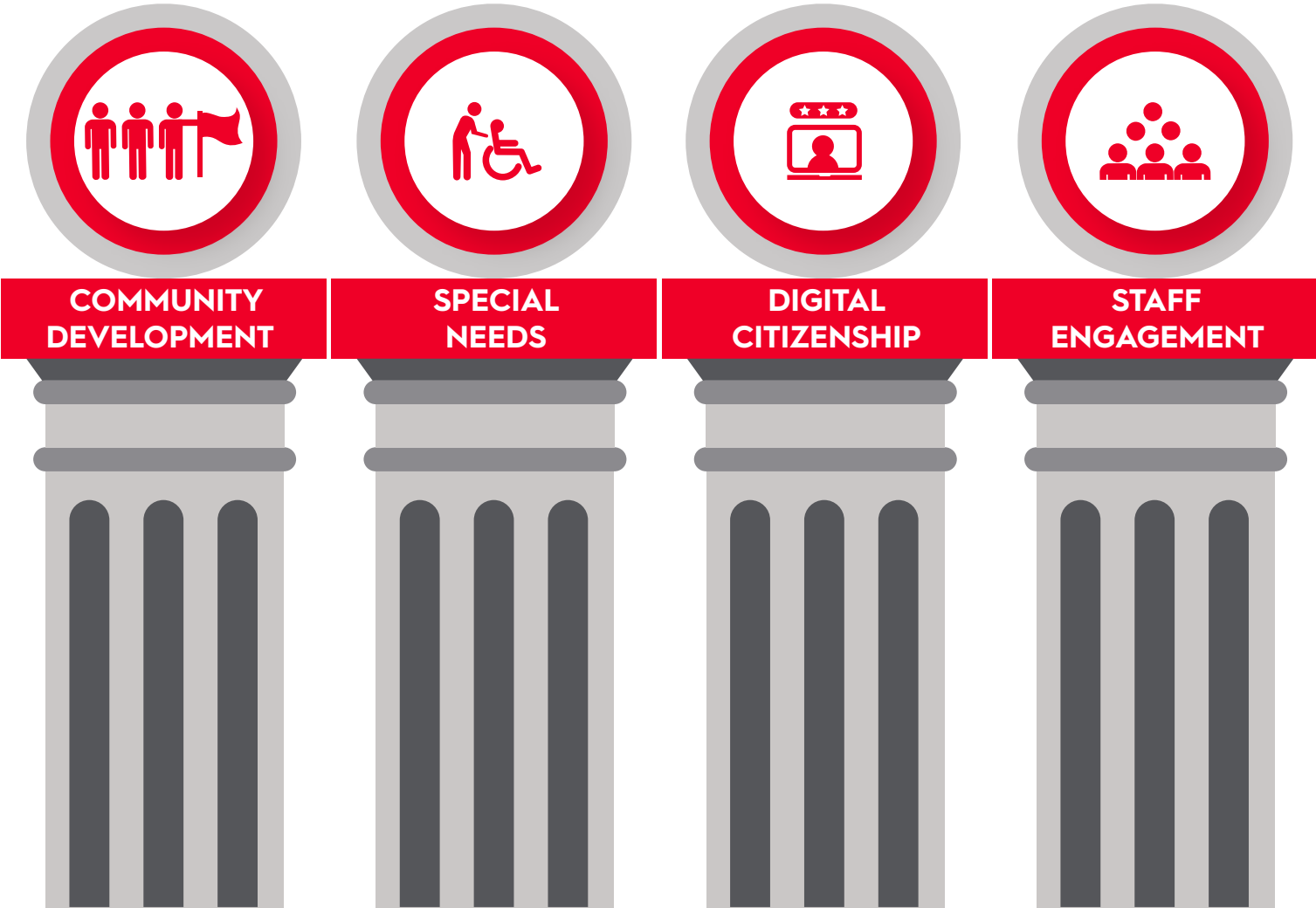
OUR MISSION & VISION

Established in 2012, the Digicel Trinidad and Tobago Foundation celebrated 10 years on July 25th, 2022. The Foundation’s global mission continues to resonate resoundingly: ‘To create a world where no one gets left behind’.

This mission is realised through efforts that place significant emphasis on improving opportunities for persons with disabilities, empowering communities to implement transformative change and enabling digital citizens.

The Foundation relies on governmental, non-governmental entities and international agencies to accomplish its goals.

OUR PILLARS

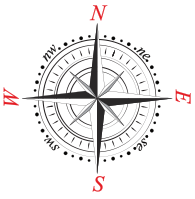


IMPACT OVERVIEW

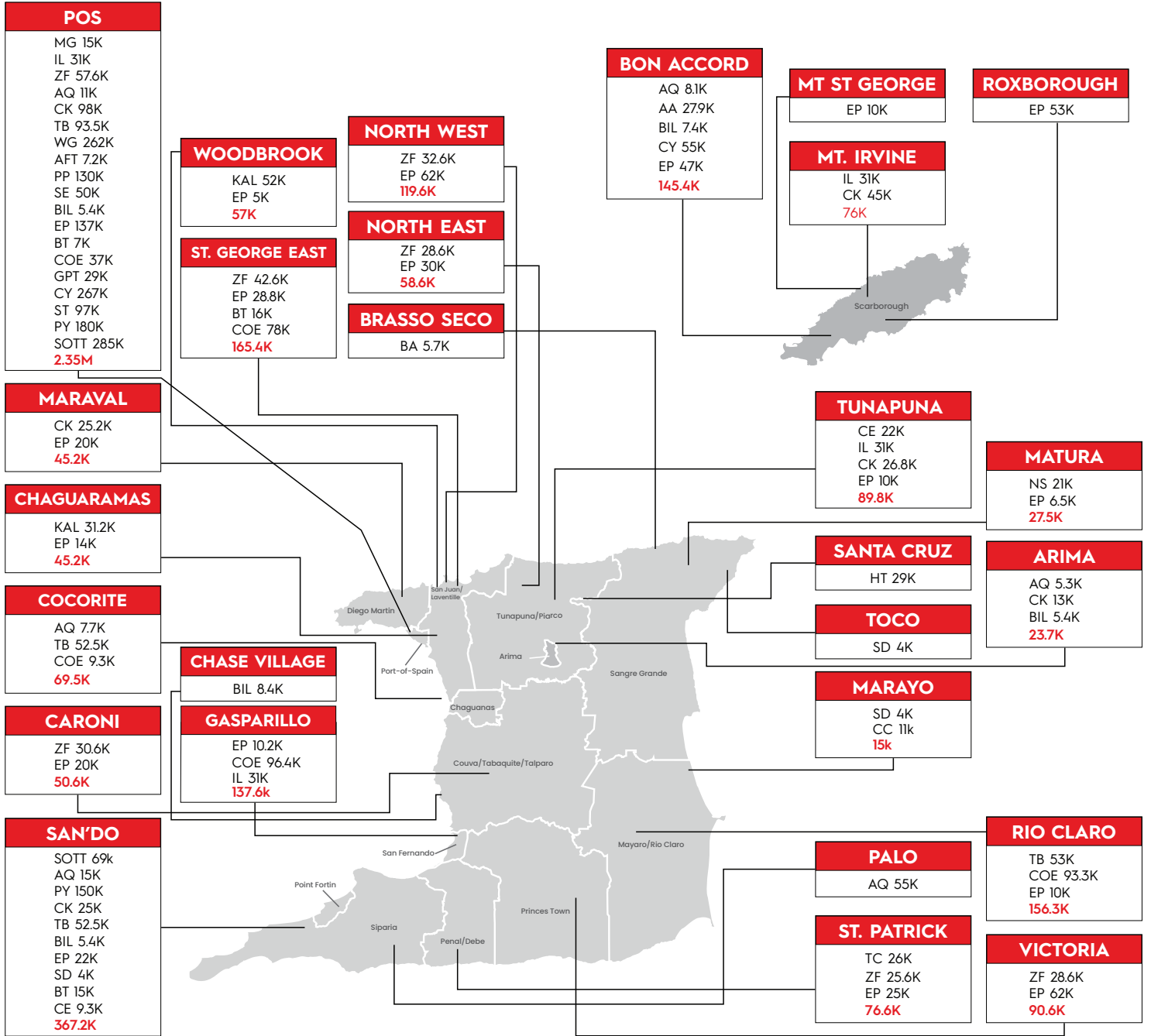
6.5 Million USD
SPENT ON INITIATIVES TO DATE



202,208
PERSONS IMPACTED



PROJECT OVERVIEW



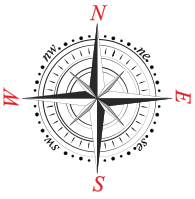
LEGEND	Project Code	Project Name	Project Code	Project Name	Project Code	Project Name
	AQ	Aquaphonics	PY	Preparing You	SE	Social Entrepreneur
	ZF	Zippy's	KAL	Kaleidodash	HT	Hippotherapy
	CK	CKFTO	AA	Arts Alive	BA	Bee Apiary
	TB	Therapy Based	AFT	AFETT	SD	SIDC
	NS	Nature Seekers	BIL	Billboards	EP	EPIC
	WG	World Games	PP	Playpark	CE	Community Engagement
	IL	Innovation Labs	TC	Tech Centres	CC	Caribbean Code
					MG	Media Grants

TOTAL INVESTED:
6.5 Million USD

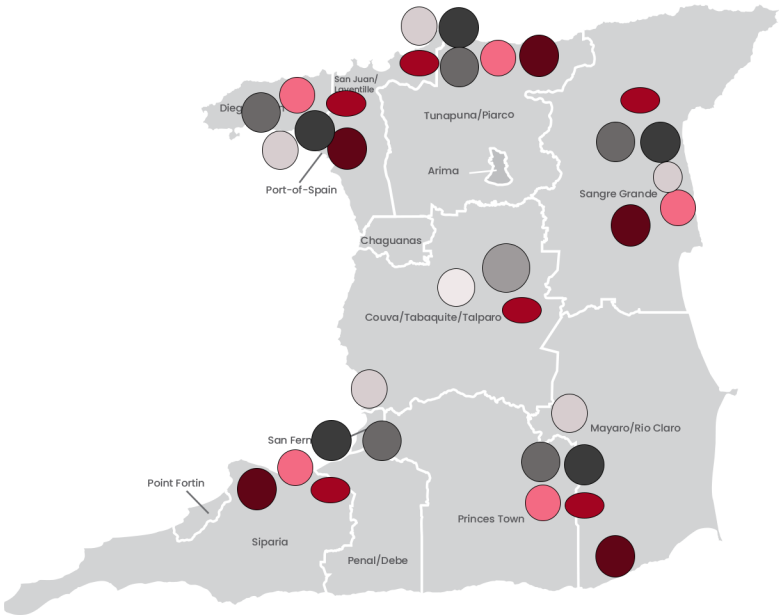
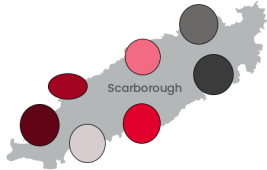


PERSIST WITHOUT

EXCEPTION



SPECIAL NEEDS



LEGEND	Innovation Labs	Aquaponics	Special Olympics
	Connecting You	CKFTO	Preparing You
	Arts Alive	Therapy Based Ed	Kaleidodash

SPECIAL NEEDS

A PLACE FOR SOTT TO CALL "HOME"



The Special Olympics of Trinidad and Tobago (SOTT) Secretariat finally has a place to call home! The organisation was given a space that needed a full build-out, at the Mannie Ramjohn Stadium, Marabella, courtesy of **SporTT** and the **Ministry of Sport and Community Development**.

With an Investment of **US\$69,000** the Foundation was thrilled to open the facility with a function befitting the stature of the occasion and with all the stakeholders in attendance. The Secretariat is outfitted with a reception area, executive offices, a conference room and storage space for all the equipment for the various sporting disciplines.

Additionally, the **Digicel Foundation** will be donating **US\$20,000** per year, to **SOTT** over three years towards operational expenses; further deepening the partnership with the 33 special needs schools and organisations.



SPECIAL NEEDS

INNOVATION LABS



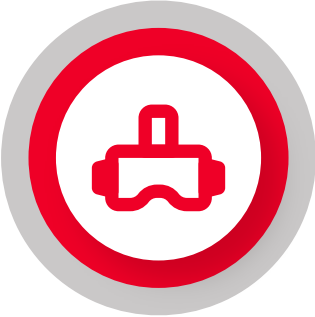
To mark its **10 year anniversary**, the Digicel Foundation invested **US\$121,927** in the set-up of **10 Innovation Labs** in **10 special needs schools** across Trinidad and Tobago.

The Labs will enhance the learning experience and expose students with disabilities to all that the digital world has to offer and give further credence to the Foundation’s mantra of ‘creating a world where no one gets left behind’.



SPECIAL NEEDS

INNOVATION LAB BOASTS



Computers

Smart TVs

Interactive SMART Boards

Virtual Reality Headsets



Assistive Device Accessories such as a foot pedal mouse

Valuable Internet Access





**"CHANGES CALLS FOR
INNOVATION AND INNOVATION
LEADS TO PROGRESS"**

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

AN EPIC YEAR FOR COMMUNITIES



CLICK TO PLAY



It was indeed An EPIC (**Extraordinary Projects Impacting Communities**) year for communities across Trinidad and Tobago! A different approach was employed that saw less projects but greater funding per project - the result - big impact!

Since its inception the **EPIC grants programme** has disbursed **US\$805,168** in 130 community.

In this reporting period, **US\$148,148** was committed towards EPIC projects that proved to be meaningful, pertinent and sustainable in the respective communities:



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

AN EPIC YEAR FOR COMMUNITIES

PARTNER	PROJECT	COMMUNITY
Moruga 2050 Association for Sustainability	Shade House and Nursery	Moruga
La Brea Police Youth Club	Photovoltaic and Hydroponics Garden	La Brea
Beausejour Community Council	Dirt Oven & Indigenous Bakery	Diego Martin
Tobago School for the Deaf Speech & Language Impaired	Farm and Agro Processing Facility	Tobago
Fyzo Starzzz	Refurbishment of Dehli Road Recreational Grounds	Fyzabad
Paramin Development Corp/ Rotary Club, P.O.S West	Drainage works & ICT room	Paramin
Tabitha's Home for Women and Children	Refurbishment of Office/ Reception/Counselling Room	Tobago
Bayshore Open Bible Church	Multi-Purpose Skills Centre: Homework/Training Centre/ Computer lab	Marabella
San Fernando West Women's League	'Planting Seeds with a Purpose': Community Garden	Marabella
Port of Spain City Corporation	Refurbishment Playpark & Fitness Zone	Port of Spain

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COUNT ON US RAIN OR SHINE



With extreme flooding still a feature of the rainy season, help was just a moment away when the Foundation quickly heeded calls from: the **the Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government** and the **Municipal Corporations** to provide flood relief to **seven Regional Corporations** that were severely affected by floods. Other relief partnerships included NIYA (National Inter-Agency Youth Academy) which comprised the Trinidad & Tobago Police Service, Trinidad & Tobago Fire Service & Trinidad and Tobago Prison Service. A total of **US\$21,533** was spent on Hampers for relief efforts, benefiting over 700 persons.



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

JOURNALISTS BECOME COMMUNITY AGENTS



Five journalists who work across TV, radio, print, digital and social media grasped the opportunity to be change agents for their causes and in their communities, with grants valued at **US\$2,963** each. Selected through a 'call for application' process, the final five were challenged to execute projects focused on the physical transformation of a community space or demonstrate a high-impact solution to a systemic social issue. Each grant recipient dug deep and emerged with dynamic social interventions that were completed over a 2-month period:



- **OJO Breakfast Party Youth Talent Incubator** - The trio of radio announcers put their energy into imparting knowledge to train 13 young creators to feed into the creative industry.
- **Tech4Agri** - Donated 99 VR headsets to nine (9) primary schools. The 360° technology is meant to enhance the learning environment with a focus on basic agricultural skills.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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• **Youth Development Hub** – East Trinidad now has a development hub for persons entering the world of work. Ten (10) young women were part of the first cycle and were exposed to resume writing skills, image consultancy, brand development, professional headshots, and managing your social media platforms. Thanks to the vision of influencer Avalon Gomez from the NGO ‘EmpowerHerTT’.

• **Smart Learning for Migrant Children** – Radio Announcer Christopher Joseph used his grant to install a smart board in an educational centre for migrant children run by the NGO ‘Is There Not A Cause’ (ITNAC).

• **Tringlobe Media Hydroponics Unit** – This media group installed a hydroponics system at Court Shamrock in San Fernando, a space that offers in-residence drug rehabilitation along with a night shelter for socially displaced men.



"INCLUSION IS THE ONLY SAFETY IF WE ARE TO HAVE A PEACEFUL WORLD"

HIGHLIGHTS

THE PERFECT 10



What an exceptional time to turn 10! This year as we celebrate a decade of transformation, we took the opportunity to also celebrate our partners and acknowledge all the work they've accomplished in community development, special needs and digital citizenship. We could not end the celebration without celebrating our number one fans... **our staff**.

The icing on the cake for us was the National recognition for our work. We won the 'Youth Causes Award' from the Ministry of Youth Development and National Service. The 'Youth Causes Award' acknowledges a private entity which encourages and supports youth development in T&T. Receiving this National Award was such an honour! For all the communities and youth-led organisations that we've worked with over the past 10 years, this is also a win for you!



ANNIVERSARY YEAR HIGHLIGHTS

THE PERFECT 10



MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS

\$20,000 garden upgrade for Court Shamrock

THE COURT SHAMROCK HOME in the south-eastern part of the island has been upgraded with a \$20,000 garden. The project was funded by the Digicel Foundation. The garden features a variety of plants and flowers, and is a beautiful addition to the property. The Digicel Foundation is committed to improving the lives of people in the community through various projects and initiatives.



Tabitha's Home provides safe space for women, children in Tobago

THE DIGICEL FOUNDATION has provided a safe space for women and children in Tobago through the renovation of Tabitha's Home. The facility is now a modern and comfortable living space for women and children who are victims of domestic violence. The Digicel Foundation is committed to supporting initiatives that improve the lives of vulnerable people in the community.



Tobago students introduced to computer coding

DIGITAL FOUNDATION, in collaboration with the Tobago Education Office, has introduced computer coding to students in Tobago. The program aims to equip students with essential digital skills for the future. The students are learning the basics of programming and problem-solving through interactive activities.

Chief Sec promotes free WiFi in public spaces

THE DIGICEL FOUNDATION is promoting the use of free WiFi in public spaces across the island. This initiative aims to provide internet access to all citizens, regardless of their economic status. The free WiFi is available at various public locations, including libraries and community centers.



Digicel Foundation celebrates 10 years

THE DIGICEL FOUNDATION has celebrated its 10th anniversary. Over the past decade, the foundation has supported numerous projects and initiatives that have improved the lives of people in the community. The Digicel Foundation is proud of its achievements and looks forward to continuing its work in the future.

Tobago NGO launches safe space for women

A NEW ORGANIZATION has been launched in Tobago to provide a safe space for women. The organization aims to support women who are victims of domestic violence and provide them with the resources they need to rebuild their lives. The safe space is a confidential and supportive environment for women.

Charlottesville Police Youth Club partners Digicel Foundation

THE CHARLOTTESVILLE POLICE YOUTH CLUB has partnered with the Digicel Foundation. The partnership aims to provide the youth club with the resources and support they need to provide a safe and healthy environment for young people. The Digicel Foundation is committed to supporting initiatives that benefit the youth.

Computer lab for La Horquetta youth

A NEW COMPUTER LAB has been established for the youth of La Horquetta. The lab is equipped with computers and internet access, providing the youth with the skills they need to succeed in the digital world. The Digicel Foundation is committed to supporting initiatives that improve the lives of young people.



Digicel chairman visits Special Olympics team

THE DIGICEL FOUNDATION'S CHAIRMAN has visited the Special Olympics team. The chairman expressed his appreciation for the athletes' hard work and dedication. The Digicel Foundation is committed to supporting initiatives that provide opportunities for people with disabilities.

Communities unite for Delhi Road grounds upgrade

COMMUNITIES ACROSS THE ISLAND have united to support the upgrade of the grounds at Delhi Road. The project aims to improve the appearance and functionality of the grounds, providing a better environment for the community. The Digicel Foundation is committed to supporting initiatives that improve the lives of people in the community.

Digicel sponsors homework centre in La Horquetta

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Boost for agriculture and reforestation in Moruga

THE DIGICEL FOUNDATION has provided a boost for agriculture and reforestation in Moruga. The foundation has supported various initiatives that aim to improve the livelihoods of people in the community and promote environmental sustainability. The Digicel Foundation is committed to supporting initiatives that benefit the community.



Creating safe spaces for vulnerable women in T&T

THE DIGICEL FOUNDATION is committed to creating safe spaces for vulnerable women in Trinidad and Tobago. The foundation has supported various initiatives that aim to provide women with the resources and support they need to rebuild their lives. The Digicel Foundation is committed to supporting initiatives that improve the lives of women.

Tech help for migrant children

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Foundation helps in prisoner rehab

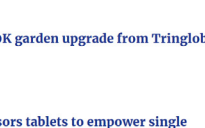
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Beausejour Village opens dirt oven bakery

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Digicel staffer gets \$10,000 grant; gifts 15 lamps, items for Home

A DIGICEL staffer has received a \$10,000 grant and gifts of 15 lamps and other items for their home. The grant and gifts are a result of the Digicel Foundation's support for the staffer. The Digicel Foundation is committed to supporting initiatives that improve the lives of its staff.

Digicel staff receive Christmas grants to invest in social projects

DIGICEL STAFF have received Christmas grants to invest in social projects. The grants provide staff with the resources and support they need to support their social projects. The Digicel Foundation is committed to supporting initiatives that improve the lives of its staff.

Digicel Team Spotlight #CommunityEverything for Christmas 2022

THE DIGICEL FOUNDATION has spotlighted its community projects for Christmas 2022. The spotlight highlights the foundation's commitment to supporting initiatives that improve the lives of people in the community. The Digicel Foundation is committed to supporting initiatives that benefit the community.

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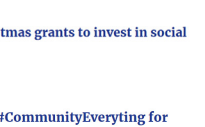
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New home for Special Olympics Trinidad and Tobago

A NEW HOME has been built for the Special Olympics Trinidad and Tobago. The home provides a safe and comfortable living space for athletes, and is a key part of the foundation's commitment to supporting initiatives that improve the lives of people with disabilities. The Digicel Foundation is committed to supporting initiatives that benefit people with disabilities.



Safe houses for women and children in Tobago

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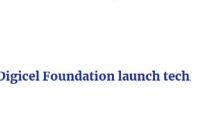
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THE TOBAGO PAN THEATRE and DIGICEL FOUNDATION have launched a tech space for youth. The space provides young people with the resources and support they need to succeed in the digital world. The Digicel Foundation is committed to supporting initiatives that improve the lives of young people.



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**BUILDING FUTURE
RELATIONSHIPS**

DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP

CARIBBEAN CODE+



In partnership with **We CODE Caribbean**, the Caribbean Code + Programme was created to introduce and teach coding and programming skills to 300 primary school students in Trinidad and Tobago.

The 24 participating schools were situated in rural areas of Trinidad and Tobago. The coding camp was definitely a highlight for the participants and proof that more investment is needed for youth to develop these very relevant digital skills.



DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP

USING TECHNOLOGY IN EDUCATION



One of the gaps highlighted during the COVID-19 pandemic was the ongoing disparity between those who have access to broadband technology and those without. The Foundation sought to bridge this gap in the under-served areas with its four (4) Technology in Education Centres (TIE) across Trinidad and Tobago. Each space has been furnished with: five (5) computers, a printer, furniture; one year free internet service courtesy of Digicel+ and refurbishment works undertaken as needed. Persons in these communities can now unlock the potential that having access to the internet and online technology allows:

- **Bunsee Trace** – Penal, South Trinidad
- **La Costena** – Penal, South Trinidad
- **La Horguetta** – East Trinidad
- **Tobago Panthers Panyard** – Golden Lane, Tobago



STAFF ENGAGEMENT

THE HEART OF DIGICEL



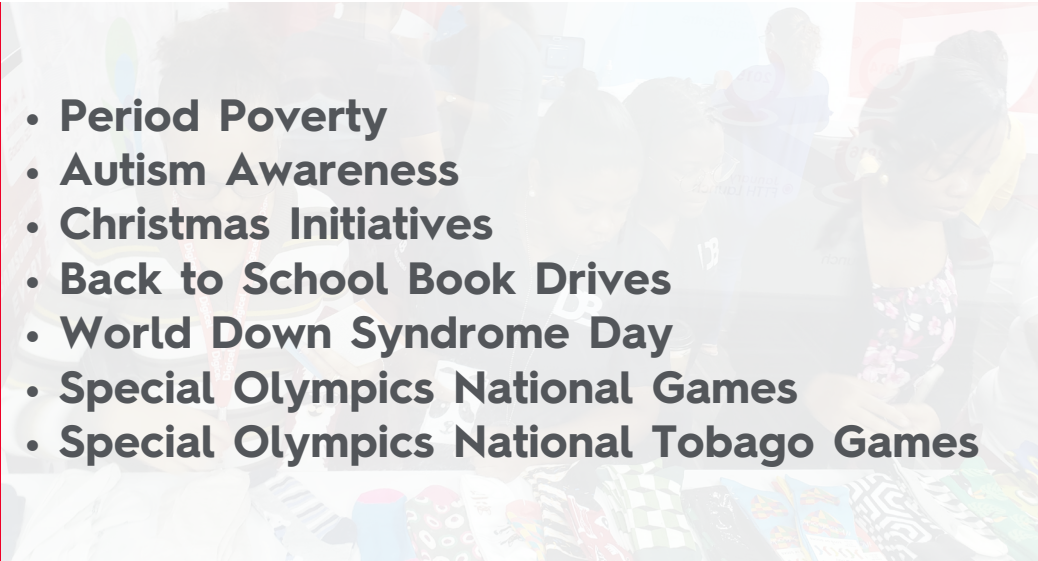
The Foundation’s volunteer programme has been relaunched and is now led by an army - the **‘Red Army’**. The ‘Red Army’ made its presence felt over the period by going above and beyond to support projects and varying causes.

Through donations of clothes and household items, volunteering their time and supporting days of international significance they proved that they are indeed an “army” to be reckoned with. At Christmas, four (4) team members got the opportunity to complete #communityeverything projects in their communities with **US\$1,493** each. They were sure to capture the precious moments in stories and share them via social media.



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THE HEART OF DIGICEL



- **Period Poverty**
- **Autism Awareness**
- **Christmas Initiatives**
- **Back to School Book Drives**
- **World Down Syndrome Day**
- **Special Olympics National Games**
- **Special Olympics National Tobago Games**



Red Army Chant

Red army are you ready?
 Who are we? D Army
 Who are we? D Red Army

Many lives impacted,
 and here's to many more,
 6.5 mil invested,
 commitment for sure

10 years in TNT
 Who are we? D Army
 Who are we? D Red Army

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Transforming communities
 Who are we? D Army
 Who are we? D Red Army

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Supporting Special Needs
 Who are we? D Army
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**Special
Olympics**
TRINIDAD & TOBAGO
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FAMILY

2022-2023

AUDITED FINANCIAL

STATEMENTS

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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 & Tobago Foundation, ('the Foundation') which comprise the statement of financial position as at 31 March 2023 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.



Chief Executive Officer
23 May 2023



Accountant
23 May 2023



Independent auditor's report

To the Board of Directors of Digicel Trinidad & Tobago Foundation

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 2023;
- 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.

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*.

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.

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.

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
23 May 2023

Digicel Trinidad & Tobago Foundation

Statement of Financial Position

(Expressed in Trinidad and Tobago dollars)


	Note	2023 \$	As at 31 March 2022 \$
Asset			
<i>Current asset</i>			
Cash at bank and at hand		<u>609,946</u>	<u>1,066,880</u>
Total asset		<u><u>609,946</u></u>	<u><u>1,066,880</u></u>
Accumulated fund and liability			
Accumulated surplus		<u>288,719</u>	<u>767,580</u>
Current liability			
Sundry payables	3	<u>321,227</u>	<u>299,300</u>
Total accumulated fund and liability		<u><u>609,946</u></u>	<u><u>1,066,880</u></u>

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

On 23 May 2023, 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	2023 \$	2022 \$
Donations	4	<u>5,062,500</u>	<u>5,178,070</u>
Expenses			
Project expenses		(3,518,066)	(3,074,464)
Salaries		(1,813,641)	(1,939,047)
Other operating expenses		<u>(209,654)</u>	<u>(135,913)</u>
Total expenses	5	<u>(5,541,361)</u>	<u>(5,149,424)</u>
Net (loss)/income for the year		<u>(478,861)</u>	<u>28,646</u>

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Digicel Trinidad & Tobago Foundation

Statement of Changes in Equity (Expressed in Trinidad and Tobago Dollars)

	Accumulated fund \$
Year ended 31 March 2023	
Balance at beginning of year	767,580
Net loss for the year	<u>(478,861)</u>
Balance at 31 March 2023	<u><u>288,719</u></u>
Year ended 31 March 2022	
Balance at beginning of year	738,934
Net income for the year	<u>28,646</u>
Balance at 31 March 2022	<u><u>767,580</u></u>

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Digicel Trinidad & Tobago Foundation

Statement of Cash Flows

(Expressed in Trinidad and Tobago Dollars)

	Year ended 31 March	
	2023 \$	2022 \$
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net (loss)/income for the year	(478,861)	28,646
Changes in operating liability		
Increase in sundry payables	<u>21,927</u>	<u>292,214</u>
Net cash (used in)/generated from operating activities	<u>(456,934)</u>	<u>320,860</u>
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents	(456,934)	320,860
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	<u>1,066,880</u>	<u>746,020</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	<u><u>609,946</u></u>	<u><u>1,066,880</u></u>
Represented by:		
Cash at bank and at hand	<u><u>609,946</u></u>	<u><u>1,066,880</u></u>

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Digicel Trinidad & Tobago Foundation

Notes to the Special Purpose Financial Statements

31 March 2023

(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 and at hand.

Digicel Trinidad & Tobago Foundation

Notes to the Special Purpose Financial Statements (continued)

31 March 2023

(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 payables

	2023 \$	2022 \$
Amount payable to Staff	<u>321,227</u>	<u>299,300</u>

4 Donations

Digicel (Trinidad & Tobago) Limited	5,062,500	4,876,732
International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies	--	131,858
Inter-American Development Bank	--	104,480
Shell Trinidad & Tobago Limited	--	65,000
	<u>5,062,500</u>	<u>5,178,070</u>

Digicel Trinidad & Tobago Foundation

Notes to the Special Purpose Financial Statements (continued)

31 March 2023

(Expressed in Trinidad and Tobago dollars)

5 Expenses by nature

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Salaries	1,831,641	1,939,047
Community development	1,481,562	1,992,381
Other operating expenses	1,133,079	973,630
Special needs	<u>1,113,079</u>	<u>244,366</u>
	<u>5,541,361</u>	<u>5,149,424</u>

6 Subsequent events

There are no subsequent events for the year ended 31 March 2023.

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