

Digicel
Foundation

annual report

2018-2019

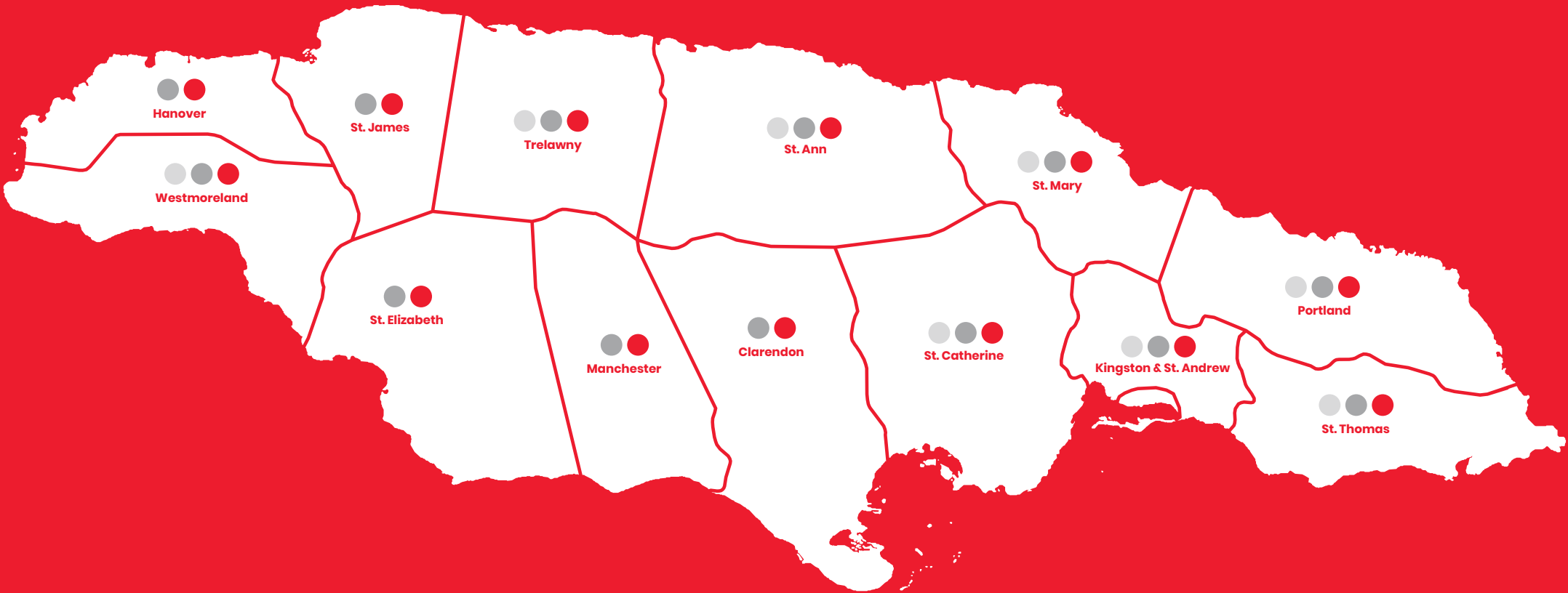


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mapping progress

completed projects



current stats		projects	
Total Projects	1,226	Education	550
Total Investment	US \$36.1M	Community Development	597
Lives Impacted	661,747	Special Needs	79

patron's message



The Foundation takes pride in innovating and has been working on finding new ways to make an impact in the Special Needs community. This is why we decided to provide, for the first time, two literacy labs for the Deaf – May Pen Unit for the Deaf in Clarendon and St. Christopher's in St. Ann. Traditionally, rural communities have less access to these kinds of resources which makes this groundbreaking project even more special.

As the world changes, so do the skills needed for in-demand careers. More and more we see the importance of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) in education and from that need we saw fit to complete science labs at Central High School in Clarendon, Holland High School in Trelawny and St. Catherine High School in St. Catherine.

We created the Digicel Jamaica Foundation in 2004, after the passing of Hurricane Ivan, because we saw a need and felt compelled to fill that gap. Fifteen years later, this continues to be our mandate within the frame of our three areas of focus: Special Needs, Education and Community Development.

This year saw us sponsoring the largest ever Jamaican Special Olympics contingent to the World Games in Abu Dhabi with participants from 23 of our markets. The team did us proud and returned with 14 gold medals, 10 silver and eight bronze.

As we continue to grow in Jamaica, and look forward to celebrating our 15th anniversary as a Foundation, it is important that our communities grow with us and, after another successful year of giving back, I want to thank the Foundation, led by Chairperson, Jean Lowrie-Chin and CEO, Karlene Dawson, for the work they do, and inspire us all to do, to create a world in which no one gets left behind.

Thank you.

Denis O'Brien, OJ (HON)

chairperson's message



funding a new building at Jerusalem in Spanish Town.

Our Digicel 5K Run for Special Needs continues to attract thousands of generous and fun-loving participants and it was an honour to partner with UNICEF for the "I Am Able" campaign.

In the area of education, the Digicel Jamaica Foundation continues to expand and equip science labs at schools throughout Jamaica.

We have partnered with the Queen's Young Leaders project, to assist micro-enterprises in a variety of initiatives which promote protection of the environment and include manufacturing, farming and marketing, resulting in job creation.

None of our accomplishments would have been possible without the generosity of our Patron, Hon. Denis O'Brien and the intrepid leadership of our Global Chair, Maria Mulcahy.

Our partnerships with the Queen's Young Leaders, UNICEF, Ministries and Agencies of the Jamaican Government have enabled us to serve our citizens. We have been supported every step of the way by our Board of Directors and the dedicated Digicel Jamaica Foundation staff, led by CEO Karlene Dawson.

We continue to be heartened by the diligence of our partners as we work towards our goal of no one being left behind.

Jean Lowrie-Chin, CD, JP

This was a milestone year for the Digicel Jamaica Foundation with the commencement of our '15 Strong' Anniversary celebrations. We reflect with gratitude that the Foundation has made life better for 661,747 Jamaicans in the areas of Special Needs, Education and Community Development.

We continue to be lead advocates for the Special Needs community, building ramps in schools and supporting the largest ever contingent of Jamaica's Special Olympians for the World Games. We continue to support the ten Special Needs Centres of Excellence, extended or built by the Digicel Jamaica Foundation island-wide, and have created and upgraded Special Needs Assessment Centres. We continue to support the Mustard Seed Communities,

I ceo's message



Fifteen years ago, the Digicel Jamaica Foundation began its mission to build a Jamaica where no one gets left behind. We have made great strides since then, and we can say with pride that our commitment to improving Jamaicans' lives is stronger than ever.

We have invested US\$36.1 million in the advancement of Jamaica through our three major pillars: Special Needs, Education and Community Development. Thus far, we have implemented 1,226 projects island-wide.

We have remained dedicated to designing more accessible schools and creating educational opportunities for all students. In 2018, we built 29 ramps in nine schools, providing a sense of independence to students with disabilities. We continue to

support the Jamaica Council for Persons with Disabilities as it works towards the implementation of the Disabilities Act. We are confident that this goal will be realised in the short term.

The Digicel Jamaica Foundation has worked with basic schools to help them meet the necessary requirements to be certified by the Early Childhood Commission. In addition to renovating schools, we have added 231 enrichment rooms to primary schools in our 15 years. These facilities have impacted over 100,000 persons.

Our commitment to Community Development has continued through our support of 106 community businesses and social enterprises. With the assistance provided through our Build Jamaica and Mek A Muckle grant programmes, these businesses have been able to create 1,750 jobs, particularly for persons in rural and inner city communities.

In our fifteenth year, the Digicel Jamaica Foundation will take a major step towards achieving our goal of supporting community projects in all 14 parishes. Our team members are grateful to our Patron, Denis O'Brien, who has seen the need in Jamaica and empowered us to create sustainable solutions, and to our Chairperson, Jean Lowrie-Chin, our Board of Directors and our staff volunteers who continue to guide and support our efforts.

We look forward to the years ahead.

Karlene Dawson

I our board of directors



Denis O'Brien
patron



Maria Mulcahy
global chairperson



Jean Lowrie-Chin
chairperson



Karlene Dawson
ceo



Charmaine Daniels
vice chairperson



Pauline Murphy
treasurer



Monique McLeod



Heather Moyston



Antonia Graham



Marlene Wilson

I our team



From left to right: Miguel ‘Steppa’ Williams, Jennifer Spence-Silvera, Annmarie James, Jeneard Williamson, Tiffany Grey



I who we are

Our vision is to create a world where no one gets left behind. Over the last 15 years, we have completed 1,226 projects and supported 661,747 individuals. We have been able to do that thanks to the amazing loyalty of our customers, partners and staff. To all of them, we say thank you.

Focusing on the areas of Special Needs, Education and Community Development, we work with our communities and partners to develop sustainable programmes. We are delighted to have invested over US\$36.1 million in Jamaica. And we’re just getting started.



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achievements to date

42

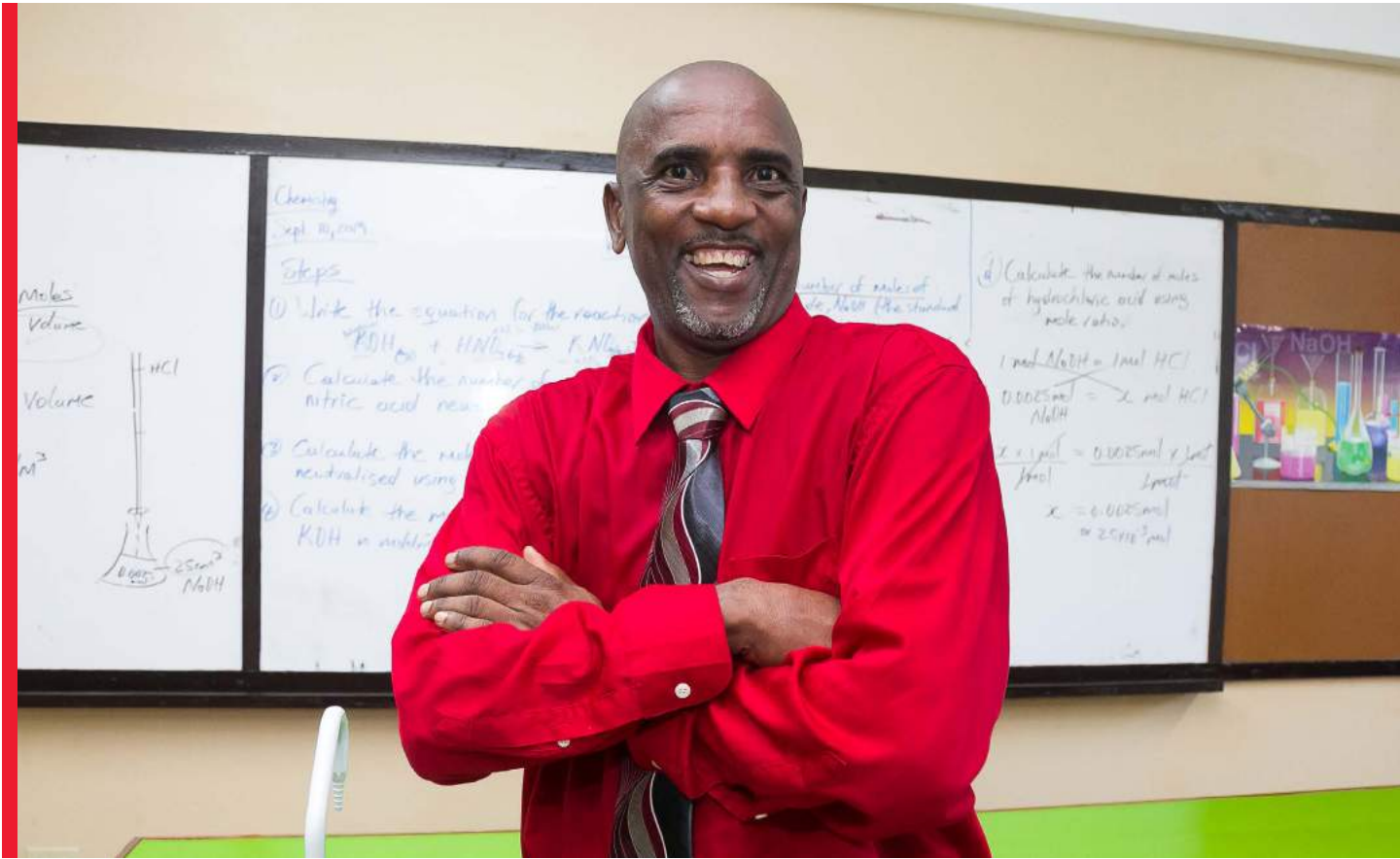
| Mobile Science Labs Donated

11

| Science Labs Renovated

231

| Enrichment Rooms in Primary Schools



science is booming

Investing in quality science education is a key commitment for us and for the Ministry of Education. Science results have taken a giant leap forward at St. Catherine High School, thanks to the opening of an expanded and equipped science lab.

The updated chemistry lab has had an impact on the science department as a whole. This bustling school in the heart of Spanish Town is seeing more interest in science, technology, engineering and mathematics than ever before. They are teaching critical, in-demand subjects for tomorrow's workforce.

“Before the Digicel Foundation came on board, we were struggling. After we received this wonderful gift, almost instantly our passes were booming!”

Conrad Moore
Head of the Science Department
St. Catherine High School

advancing our nation

With three science labs in high schools across the island renovated and equipped this year, we are keeping our word on advancing STEM education in Jamaica. Students have already begun to show an increased interest in science courses, participating in the St. Catherine High School science programme. We have also seen positive results at Central High School and Holland High School, which also received renovated science labs.





a win-win

Apart from the fun aspects of the play area, the layout has a natural theme, allowing the children to be comfortable with the shapes of rocks and other landscape features. These are all created from recycled plastic bottles and Styrofoam. The youngsters are learning to appreciate the environment while enjoying their new playground equipment.



learning from play

Children need play! That's why we invest in the improvement of playgrounds in basic schools. We want to foster imagination and social skills, while promoting physical activity in a safe environment.

Eighty-eight little ones from Holy Infant Primary, aged three to five years, are enjoying the benefits of this eco-friendly playground installed in partnership with 360 Recycle, who previously received a Queen's Young Leaders grant from the Foundation.

"The playground includes elements resembling nature. There will also be boulders, rocks and landscaping. We want the children to understand the environmental meaning behind our work."

Scheed Cole
Founder and Managing Director
360 Recycle





creating impact

Our Education and Special Needs programmes help to boost the participation and performance of students and positively impacts some of our nation's most vulnerable. We are ensuring that students across the island have the equipment and tools they need to build an affinity for science.



educate to innovate

Our Education portfolio supports projects and initiatives that use innovative techniques to enhance learning environments and improve the overall learning experience.

The push for STEM education is a major focus for Jamaica's 2030 Sustainable Development Goals. Since 2018, our team has been leading the charge to support STEM education and investing in science and mathematics labs across the island.

"STEM programmes inspire children, boost creativity and work to create the next generation of scientists, engineers and computer programmers. We want to ensure that high school students in Jamaica have equal opportunities for success by investing in STEM."

Jennifer Spence-Silvera
Education and Special Needs Programme Officer
Digicel Foundation



let's
build
bridges

achievements to date

10 | Centres of Excellence

7 | Special Education Units Supported

639 | Children Registered with JCPD
via UNICEF Partnership



■ extraordinary partnerships

Early Stimulation Plus is an early intervention programme for young children with various types of developmental disabilities – it is also one of our ten Centres of Excellence. Executive Director, Antonica Gunter-Gayle, has spent over 30 years fighting for the acceptance of children with Special Needs.

The Special Needs community in Jamaica is underserved and outside of the capital city, there are very few facilities specialising in educational options for children with multiple disabilities. By forging an extraordinary partnership between Early Stimulation Plus and the Jamaica Association for Intellectual Disabilities, families in Portland, Kingston and Western Jamaica have been able to gain access to services at Early Stimulation Plus.

“It’s not just about assisting a child – it’s about the opportunity. It’s about quality of life, it’s about inclusion and it’s about changing lives!”

Antonica Gunter-Gayle
Executive Director
Early Stimulation Plus

■ putting children first

Early Stimulation Plus trains its Special Needs teachers to use a child-centred approach that starts with play to stimulate development. The teachers are challenged to use things within the children’s environments to help with teaching and improve the overall learning experience.





the right resources

A lack of early stimulation was among the issues leading to low pass rates from almost 200 students at Chetolah Park Primary School – many of whom were found to have Special Needs. Since the assessment, the school has been equipped with a Special Needs Unit that offers books, learning tools, multimedia projectors and the latest technology to enhance learning. Specially trained teachers are lending support and providing the stimulation required for the students to expand their learning horizons.

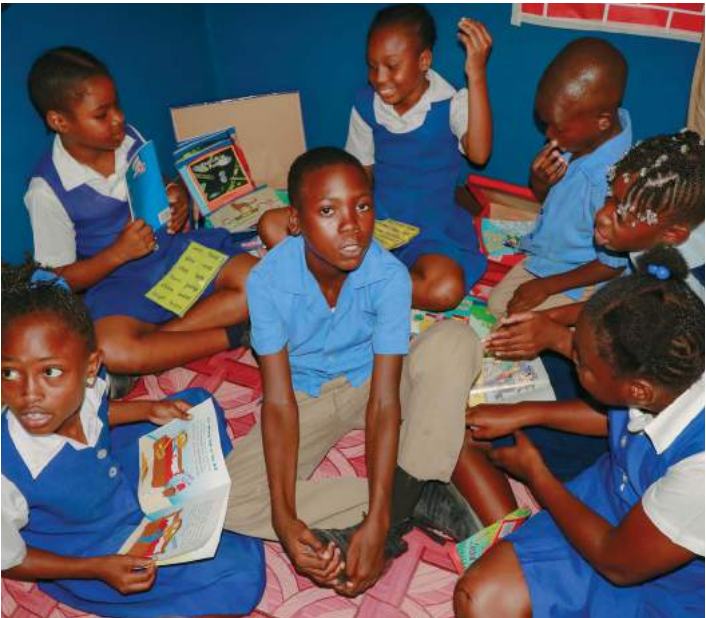
Chetolah Park now also serves as an Assessment Centre to aid in determining the needs of students and to ensure that all students receive the resources needed to help them learn.

“Every single Jamaican deserves a seat at the same table. We want to put an end to stigma and let all Jamaicans know that we live in an inclusive society. Each Jamaican should be treated with equality and have the right resources for growth.”

Hon. Alando Terrelonge, MP
Minister of State
Ministry of Education, Youth and Information

assessing needs

Students at Chetolah Park Primary School are ready to overcome any obstacle having been equipped with the right tools to promote education and inclusion for all. The first cohort of students has happily settled into the newly renovated, spacious Special Needs Unit at the school, located in Hannah Town, Kingston.





expanding horizons

When we promote inclusion, we build a nation that is better for all. For 15 years, we have been empowering persons with Special Needs and promoting education, employment and business opportunities for otherwise excluded groups.

Projects, such as those executed by Education & Special Needs Project Officer Jeneard Williamson, have aided thousands in the Special Needs community. This includes establishing two literacy labs in Deaf schools and building 29 ramps in nine schools.

“Children with disabilities get defined and judged by what they ‘lack’, but we are uplifting them by showing Jamaica what they have. We give them the opportunity to live with dignity, be proud of their individuality and feel included.”

Jeneard Williamson
Education & Special Needs Project Officer
Digicel Foundation

no one left behind

Our Education & Special Needs programmes work assiduously to contribute to a nation where no one gets left behind. Inclusion is about the dignity and worth of every person, and this is the backbone of all human rights. We were the first corporate foundation to focus on Special Needs in Jamaica and we will continue to pave the way for persons with disabilities.



Digicel 5K Night Run 2018

In 2018, 12,000 participants ran, walked and wheeled with us to raise over US\$75,000 in support of eight Special Needs organisations.

thank you!

Eight Special Needs organisations benefited from the proceeds of the Night Run: Community Based Rehabilitation Jamaica, Early Stimulation Programme, Jamaica Association on Intellectual Disabilities, Jamaica Autism Support Association, Jamaica Down's Syndrome Foundation, Jamaica Society for the Blind, the Promise Learning Centre and Montego Bay Autism Centre.





making it happen

It's all about teamwork. The Special Olympics movement in Jamaica has been able to extend its reach and volunteer base right across the island. Thirty coaches have been trained island-wide, and the results can be seen in the quality of the athletes.

The provision of a proper training location adjoining the National Stadium in Kingston has made a great difference to the quality of training athletes receive; its smooth surface means the athletes receive fewer injuries and are much more confident in their performances.

“Our relationship with the Digicel Foundation is a love story and a marriage – their volunteers always come and help out.”

Roy Howell
Sports Programme Director
Special Olympics Jamaica

way to go team!

Jamaica's athletes scored big at the 2019 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Abu Dhabi, with a stunning 33 medals: 15 gold, 10 silver and eight bronze. This was their best performance to date – it can only get better from here!





let's
build
communities

achievements to date

106 | Social Enterprises Assisted

597 | Community Development Projects

1750 | Jobs Created



■ a universal language

Music is “the universal language of mankind”, and according to one Queen’s Young Leader, it’s the best channel for building communities. That’s why Jahnoi Nunes has created a safe space to foster creativity in Vineyard Town, Kingston – promoting music, visual arts and craft skills.

Jah Ova Evil is the music label operated by Jahnoi and his team. The son of legendary dancer Patsy Ricketts, Jahnoi and his siblings are continuing the legacy of his brother Alty “Jah Ova Evil” Nunes, who died of an aneurysm at the young age of 24 in 2011.

Jah Ova Evil received studio, screen printing and homeschooling equipment in addition to funding for renovations. Jah Ova Evil is keen on providing a space in which new talents can develop their craft.

“We have always had a vision to use music as a bridge of hope for our community and the wider Jamaica. With the Digicel Foundation’s support, we are actually witnessing this reality – instead of gangs, we are making musical bands!”

Jahnoi Nunes
Founder
Jah Ova Evil (J.O.E.)

■ a safe place to create

Jahnoi Nunes believes that the safe space he has developed over the past ten years allows community members – especially the youth – to tap into their creativity. And it is not all about music: life skills training has also impacted dozens of young people, allowing them to better negotiate the hurdles of inner-city life.





farmers group grows

Freetown Farmers Group has a membership of around forty farmers in the Woodford District of St. Andrew, but until recently there was no store nearby to supply the needs of the farming community. Farmers had to travel over four miles, using public transportation, to get supplies – sometimes returning empty-handed.

The group retrofitted a container to open a farm store and social enterprise which uses profits to improve the community and offer agricultural training for its members. The store has been stocked with fertilisers and essential equipment for local farmers' needs. Since opening the store, their membership has been boosted.

“Big up the Digicel Foundation every time! We are getting great support and the store is really benefiting the community.”

Francine Manderson-Gordon
President
Freetown Farmers Group

a plan for growth

The Freetown Farm Store is a symbol of the farmers' commitment to each other and to the community. They've partnered with the Rural Agricultural Development Authority (RADA) and the Social Development Commission (SDC) to keep Woodford District and the Freetown Farmers moving forward. With a focus on community-run initiatives, the Freetown Farmers Group is working together to build Jamaica.





starting at the grassroots

Our Community Development programme starts at the grassroots level. We go from community to community, working with groups to create social value that is sustainable. Teachings from across the Caribbean and the world are used as valuable lessons for these social enterprises.



out of the box solutions

Community Development grants help rural and urban community projects to solve local development challenges and become sustainable enterprises using out of the box solutions.

Shepherded by Miguel Williams, who prefers the moniker ‘Steppa’, this portfolio aims to build a better Jamaica using home-grown ideas. With the Build Jamaica and Mek a Muckle grants, projects can receive financial support of US\$ 1,500 and more. The returns are great for many projects, and the investments range from skills training centres to irrigation systems for farming communities.

“Seeing the response, the gratitude expressed by community members and the impact is a breath of fresh air. Yeah man! We doing life works.”

Miguel ‘Steppa’ Williams
Community Development Programme Officer
Digicel Foundation





our staff: always making It happen

we visited wilmington basic school on labour day to do some renovations



taking a hands-on approach





lending a hand

International Coastal Clean-Up is about more than just beautifying beaches – it’s an opportunity to educate everyone about the impact we have on the earth. We pitched in to clean up the coastline in front of our Global Headquarters in downtown Kingston.





financial
statements



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 2019, 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 2019. We expressed an unmodified audit opinion on those financial statements in our report dated 26 November 2019. 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 (ISA) 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 2019 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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Chartered Accountants
26 November 2019
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Statement of Comprehensive Income

Year ended 31 March 2019

(Expressed in United States dollars unless otherwise indicated)

	Note	2019 \$'000	2018 \$'000
Income			
Grants from Digicel (Jamaica) Limited		1,860	2,293
Grants from USAID		4	20
Grant from Comic Relief		198	201
Grants from UNICEF		70	95
Donations		-	2
Foreign exchange losses		(10)	(7)
Interest income		-	2
		2,122	2,606
Expenditure			
Projects and donations	3	1,806	2,194
Administration expenses	4	308	344
		2,114	2,538
Net Surplus		8	68
Exchange differences on translating foreign balances		11	(7)
Total Comprehensive Income		19	61

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Balance Sheet

31 March 2019

(Expressed in United States dollars unless otherwise indicated)

	Note	2019 \$'000	2018 \$'000
ASSETS			
Non-Current Asset			
Property, plant and equipment	6	-	2
Current Assets			
Withholding tax recoverable		16	15
Other receivables		158	1
Cash and cash equivalents	7	539	512
		713	528
Total Assets		713	530
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES			
Equity			
Foreign exchange translation reserve		(135)	(146)
Accumulated surplus		329	321
		194	175
Current Liabilities			
Donations payable		315	269
Accounts payable and accrued charges	8	204	86
		519	355
Total Equity and Liabilities		713	530

Approved for issue by the Board of Directors on 26 November 2019 and signed on its behalf by:


Jean Lowrie-Chin Chairman


Karlene Dawson Executive Director/CEO

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Statement of Changes in Equity

Year ended 31 March 2019

(Expressed in United States dollars unless otherwise indicated)

	Foreign Exchange Translation Reserve \$'000	Accumulated Surplus \$'000	Total \$'000
Balance at 31 March 2017	(139)	253	114
Net surplus	-	68	68
Other comprehensive income	(7)	-	(7)
Total comprehensive income	(7)	68	61
Balance at 31 March 2018	(146)	321	175
Net surplus	-	8	8
Other comprehensive income	11	-	11
Total comprehensive income	11	8	19
Balance at 31 March 2019	(135)	329	194

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Statement of Cash Flows

Year ended 31 March 2019

(Expressed in United States dollars unless otherwise indicated)

	Note	2019 \$'000	2018 \$'000
Cash Flows from Operating Activities			
Net surplus for the year		8	68
Adjustments for:			
Depreciation	6	2	5
Foreign exchange gains		10	1
Interest income		-	(2)
		20	72
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:			
Other receivable		(157)	82
Withholding tax recoverable		(1)	(1)
Donations payable		46	25
Accounts payable and accrued charges		118	(268)
Cash generated from/(used in) from operations		26	(90)
Interest received		-	2
Cash provided by/(used in) operating activities		26	(88)
Increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		26	(88)
Effects of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents		1	(8)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of year		512	608
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF THE YEAR	7	539	512

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Notes to the Financial Statements

31 March 2019

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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.

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 2019 were authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on 26 November 2019. 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 26 November 2019, expressed an unmodified opinion in relation to those full financial statements.



**thank
you!**

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