



Digicel Foundation

ANNUAL REPORT

2023 - 2024



**"IT IS BETTER TO LIGHT A
SINGLE CANDLE THAN IT IS TO
SIT AND CURSE THE DARKNESS."**

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Denis O'Brien

Founder



After 12 years, the Digicel TT Foundation continues to drive profound change across the country in its focus areas of community development, special needs and digital citizenship.

Having invested \$7.4million in 604 projects, impacting 253,726 lives to date, the work done by the Foundation’s CEO, Penny Gomez and her team, guided by Chairwoman, Desha Clifford, exemplifies our belief that as Digicel grows, so too must the communities we serve.” -Denis O'Brien, Founder





Desha Clifford

Chairperson



“This has been another eventful year for the Foundation, and in terms of the Board, we had a strong focus on governance and compliance, as we seek to continuously improve the way we operate, to maximise the outputs of the Foundation. Our programmes very much took centre-stage during the period and there’s nothing like seeing them come to life, after going through the robust screening by the Foundation. The year was also a lesson in partnerships with the advent of Shell Trinidad and Tobago and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints on board and of course our greatest partners to date – the staff of the Digicel Trinidad & Tobago.

I want to commend the Foundation’s operational team for the outstanding work they did this year and I want to thank my fellow Directors for the keen oversight they gave on the projects and the support they showed to the Foundation and our partners. Trinidad & Tobago is all the better for your efforts.”

-Desha Clifford, Chairperson



Penny Gomez

CEO



It never fails to escape us that we are in the enviable and super grateful position for 12 years and counting to make differences big and small in communities that feel overlooked and unheard.

In all three areas of our investment: special needs; community development and digitalisation, the biggest compliment our beneficiaries and partners pay to us, is just taking advantage of the improved infrastructure, utilizing the equipment or participating in the programmes, so that in turn they make their communities the kind of places that they wish to have wholesome lives.” -Penny Gomez, CEO

Penny Gomez





**“WHEN FACED WITH AN
OPPORTUNITY TO DO SOMETHING
OR DO NOTHING,
CHOOSE TO ACT.”**

MEET OUR TEAM

2023 - 2024

OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Maria Mulcahy
Global Chairperson



Desha Clifford
Chairperson



Penny Gomez
CEO



Sacha Thompson
Secretary



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Director



Romona Boisselle-Romano
Director



La Toya Gopaul
Director



Guy Small
Director

MEET OUR TEAM

2023 - 2024

THE FOUNDATION TEAM



**Cindyann
Currency**
Head of
Operations

**Diana
Mathura-
Hobson**
Project Officer

Penny Gomez
CEO

**Misha
Jackman**
Finance
Accountant

**Natalie-Anne
De Silva**
Project
Consultant

OUR VISION AND MISSION



Our Mission We aim to partner with public, private and the non-profit sectors, to implement programmes that transform communities, encourage digital citizenship and improve opportunities for persons with disabilities.

Our Vision At the Digicel Foundation we aim to invest in sustainable development programmes for the sole purpose of building stronger more resilient communities in the countries where we operate.

OUR PILLARS



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



SPECIAL NEEDS



STAFF ENGAGEMENT



DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP

IMPACT OVERVIEW

7.4 Million USD
SPENT ON INITIATIVES TO DATE

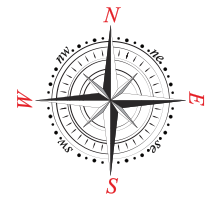


253,726
PERSONS IMPACTED



604
PROJECTS





PROJECT OVERVIEW

POS
MG 15K
IL 31K
ZF 57.6K
AQ 11K
CK 98K
TB 93.5K
WG 262K
AFT 7.2K
PP 130K
SE 50K
BIL 5.4K
EP 137K
BT 7K
COE 37K
GPT 29K
CY 267K
ST 97K
PY 180K
SOTT 285K
2.35M

WOODBROOK
KAL 52K
EP 5K
57K

ST. GEORGE EAST
ZF 42.6K
EP 28.8K
BT 16K
COE 78K
165.4K

CHASE VILLAGE
BIL 8.4K

GASPARILLO
EP 10.2K
COE 96.4K
IL 31K
137.6K

NORTH WEST
ZF 32.6K
EP 62K
119.6K

NORTH EAST
ZF 28.6K
EP 30K
58.6K

BRASSO SECO
BA 5.7K

MATURA
NS 21K
EP 6.5K
27.5K

ARIMA
AQ 5.3K
CK 13K
BIL 5.4K
23.7K

TUNAPUNA
CE 22K
IL 31K
CK 26.8K
EP 10K
89.8K

SANTA CRUZ
HT 29K

TOCO
SD 4K

MAYARO
SD 4K
CC 11k
15k

RIO CLARO
TB 53K
COE 93.3K
EP 10K
156.3K

VICTORIA
ZF 28.6K
EP 62K
90.6K

PALO SECO
AQ 55K

ST. PATRICK
TC 26K
ZF 25.6K
EP 25K
76.6K

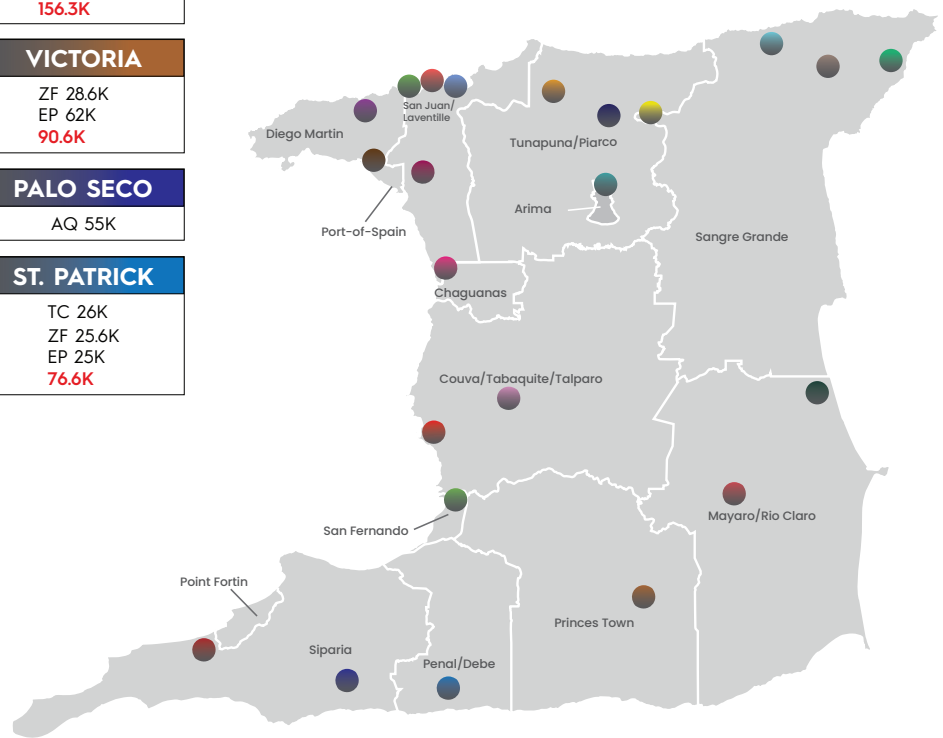
BON ACCORD
AQ 8.1K
AA 27.9K
BIL 7.4K
CY 55K
EP 47K
145.4K

MT. ST. GEORGE
EP 10K

MT. IRVINE
IL 31K
CK 45K
76K

ROXBOROUGH
EP 53K

CHARLOTTEVILLE
EP 15k



MARAVAL
CK 25.2K
EP 20K
45.2K

CHAGUARAMAS
KAL 31.2K
EP 14K
45.2K

COCORITE
AQ 7.7K
TB 52.5K
COE 9.3K
69.5K

CARONI
ZF 30.6K
EP 20K
50.6K

SAN'DO
SOTT 69K
AQ 15K
PY 150K
CK 25K
TB 52.5K
BIL 5.4K
EP 22K
SD 4K
BT 15K
CE 9.3K
367.2K

LEGEND

AQ	Aquaphonics	PY	Preparing You	SE	Social Entrepreneur	COE	Center of Excellence
ZF	Zippy's	KAL	Kaleidodash	HT	Hippotherapy	GPT	Girls Power Tech
CK	CKFTO	AA	Arts Alive	BA	Bee Apiary	BT	Better Together
TB	Therapy Based	AFT	AFETT	SD	SIDC	CY	Connecting You
NS	Nature Seekers	BIL	Billboards	EP	EPIC	SOTT	Special Olympics
WG	World Games	PP	Playpark	CE	Community Engagement	SE	Staff Engagement
IL	Innovation Labs	TC	Tech Centres	CC	Caribbean Code	MG	Media Grants

**TOTAL INVESTED:
7.4 Million USD**



The Special Olympics Trinidad and Tobago (SOTT) National Athletes really did #blazethetrail at the 2023 Special Olympics World Games in Berlin.

The athletes participated in 42 events and brought home **20 medals - 7 Gold, 5 Silver, 8 Bronze, along with 13 ribbons for special achievement.**

We're so proud of our team and we're ready to support them on their next journey to **World Games; Italy in 2025.**



Annually, the Special Olympics Trinidad and Tobago (SOTT) hosts its National Games to promote inclusion, empowerment, and athletic excellence among persons with intellectual disabilities. The competitive events took place over a month at varying venues throughout Trinidad and Tobago. The athletes competed in 7 disciplines - football, basketball, equestrian, aquatics, athletics, bocce, and powerlifting.

As the athletes showcase their individual and team skills at the **National Games**, it presents an opportunity to shortlist the contingent to participate in the **Special Olympics World Games**, which takes place bi-annually.



SPECIAL NEEDS

NATIONAL THERAPEUTIC AND RESOURCE CENTRE



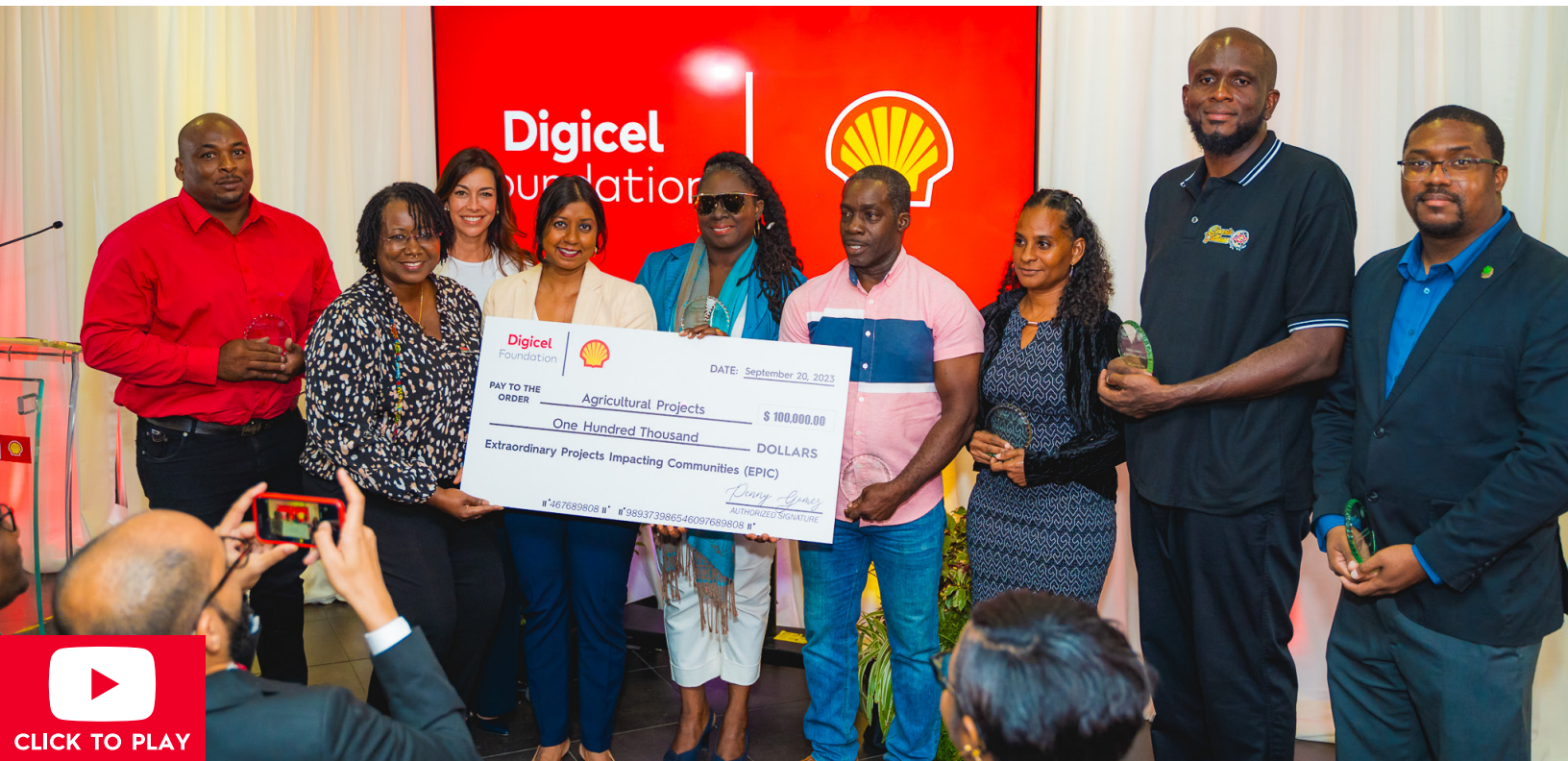
The National Therapeutic and Resource Centre (NTRC) is a multidisciplinary resource centre which offers therapy and rehabilitation for persons with disabilities. The Digicel Foundation joined forces with the Ministry of Social Development and Family Services, to fund equipment for physical therapy, occupational therapy, behavioural and speech therapy. These resources will outfit the Adult Therapy Gym and Paediatric Therapy Gym. The funding will also cover furniture for an Adult Daily Living suite and computer equipment and accessories for an **NGO Resource Room**.

The Digicel Foundation invested over TT\$400,000 (US\$59,259) in this phase of the public-private sector partnership.



“WE ARE NOT PUT ON
THIS EARTH FOR OURSELVES,
BUT ARE PLACED HERE
FOR EACH OTHER.”

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT EXTRAORDINARY PROJECTS IMPACTING COMMUNITIES



What an EPIC year for new partnerships!

The Digicel Foundation teamed up with Shell Trinidad and Tobago to offer TT\$1 million (US\$148,148) in grant funding to 10 NGOs. Partners used the funding to implement EPIC projects which fell within three focus areas – Agriculture, Environment and Renewable Energy. After nine years, there are now 150 EPIC projects in T&T with an investment of **TT\$7.2 million (US\$1.1 million)** directly impacting **88,000 persons**.



PARTNER	PROJECT	COMMUNITY
Barataria Community Council	Drip-to-waste Hydroponics System	Barataria
Brazil Village Farmers' Group	Agro-Processing and Packaging House	Brazil Village
Canaan Bon Accord Sports Club	Crab Farm	Canaan, Tobago
Caribbean Agricultural Research and Development Institute (CARDI)	Bird Squawker Sound-Deterrent System	Goldsborough, Tobago
Deltones Institute for Steel Drums and Music	Drip-to-waste Hydroponics System	Siparia
Naparima College Interact Club	Solar Ponics	San Fernando
One Seed for Change	Rabbit Husbandry and animal feed pelletization	Heights of Guanapo & Aripo
Original Trinitario Cocoa Education Foundation	Solar-Powered Cocoa Storage Unit	Mt. Hope
St. Mary's Police Youth Club	Solar Powered Drip-to-waste Hydroponics System	Moruga
T&T Chapter of the Association for Energy Engineers & Soroptimist International, Esperance	Solar Powered Drip-to-waste Hydroponics System	Barrackpore



At the Digicel Foundation we remain committed to supporting and empowering women and youth in vulnerable situations. Through a partnership with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, we provided TT875,000 (US\$129,630) in funding to install tech labs at New Life Ministries Rehabilitation Centre for women, Tabitha’s Home for Women and Children and Is There Not a Cause (ITNAC). The collaboration will also fund upgrades to residential suites at **Tabitha’s Home in Tobago and the development of an Outreach Centre in downtown Port of Spain for ITNAC**. The project - **HER** - is meant to Help Empower Reinvent women and youth in vulnerable situations. These projects are essentially developing safe and supportive environments while creating opportunities for women and youth as they navigate through life’s challenges.





**"AT THE DIGICEL FOUNDATION
WE ARE MORE THAN A SPONSOR
WE ARE A PARTNER."**



“The Technology in Education Centres is another way of lighting up our panyards. It is a way to empower and unearth new talent in our youth which aligns to the Katzenjammers 20-year-old vision statement ‘Pan out your fullest Potential’. If we pour positive ideas into our children, we will see the changes we want to see in our communities,”
Beverley Ramsey-Moore, President of PanTrinbago.





In Trinidad and Tobago, we celebrated World Steel Pan Day with a bang! The Digicel Foundation announced to the media and stakeholders that an investment of TT\$540,000 (US\$80,000) will go toward the development of tech centres at eight pan yards - Pandemonium, Trinidad All Stars, Valley Harps, NLCB Fonclaire, Curepe Scherzando, T&TEC Tropical Angel Harps, NGC Couva Joylanders and Katzenjammers in Tobago. Each pan yard received five computers, a printer, desks, chairs and 1 year free high speed broadband internet from Digicel+.

This intervention brings us one step closer to our objective to bridge the digital divide and increase access to the internet and technology, for youth and marginalised communities.





The DigiKids Tech Incubator camp was designed by NGO partner - Restore a Sense of I Can (RSC), to empower youth to become digital creators. Campers were exposed to coding, cyber security, artificial intelligence, web development, robotics, augmented reality, video editing and virtual reality. Initiatives such as these allow enthusiastic youth to learn functional digital literacy and gain marketable skills, giving them a solid foundation to successfully participate in the digital world.





Team Digicel is at the heart of our operations.

Our staff engagement strategy aims to encourage volunteerism, connect staff to social causes and empower our teams to create an impact in the communities we serve. This year, through our #RedArmy we had representation at the Down Syndrome Family Networks' Buddy Walk, got our hands dirty at the International Coastal Clean-up, donated disposable diapers to commemorate 6 months of Cerebral Palsy, donated books and devices to orphanages and spread Christmas cheer to those in need.

One of the key highlights this year was our story time at the park to commemorate World Literacy Day. Team Digicel read stories and made craft with students with special needs, at the city park along with the **Mayor of Port of Spain**.





MEDIA WALL

Importance of Special Olympics

A Special Olympics (SO) event was held at the Tobago Sports Centre on Tuesday, 13th March, to mark the 50th anniversary of the Special Olympics. The event was attended by the Hon. Prime Minister, Hon. Deputy Prime Minister, Hon. Ministers of Education, Health, and Labour, and other officials. The Special Olympics is a global organization that provides sports, recreation, and leadership training for people with intellectual disabilities. The event was a success, with participants showing great spirit and determination. The Special Olympics is a testament to the power of sports and the importance of inclusion for all.

Tobago school for deaf gets \$112,000 grant for agro project

KINNSHA GEORGE-HARRY
More than \$100,000 has been donated to an agro-science project launched last Wednesday at the Tobago School for the Deaf, Speech and Language Impaired in Dunrobert.

The project was a beneficiary of funding provided by the Digicel Foundation under its extraordinary projects impacting community grant. The Tobago School for the Deaf, Speech and Language Impaired has invested in a sustainable agro project which aims to educate the school's pupils to become self-sufficient, productive individuals in society.

The school's principal, Mrs. Daphne Williams, said the school is grateful for the support from the Digicel Foundation. She said the school is committed to providing a quality education for its pupils and to preparing them for the future. The agro project is a key part of the school's curriculum and will help to develop the pupils' skills and confidence.

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25k Digicel grants to five influencers

Five social media influencers have been awarded a total of \$25,000 each by the Digicel Foundation to use a personal position that will ignite positive change in their communities.

The grants were awarded to five influencers who were selected through a public competition. The influencers are: **Justina James**, **Michelle Williams**, **Michelle Williams**, **Michelle Williams**, and **Michelle Williams**.

The Digicel Foundation is committed to supporting community development and social impact projects. The grants will be used to fund various initiatives that will benefit the communities where the influencers live and work.

INFLUENCER JUSTINA JAMES was one of the five social media influencers who received a Digicel Foundation grant worth \$25,000 each. She will use the grant to create a series of short but powerful educational videos on the topic of **CLIMATE CHANGE**. **DIGICEL FOUNDATION** company's 7,000 employees will donate work together to make this pledge a powerful reality day in, day out.



The Digicel Foundation enlisted Santa to help make this little one's Christmas special.

Digicel Foundation making Christmas wishes come true

This year, the Digicel Foundation is investing social media influencers to apply for a \$25,000 grant to make Christmas wishes come true. Media personalities and social media influencers with over 20K followers on Instagram are eligible to register for the opportunity to fund a passion project of their choice.

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This lucky customer celebrates her Christmas wishes coming true, cheered on by Digicel Foundation CEO Penny Gomez.



Solar-powered bird wailers to help Tobago farmers

After two years of discussions and about three solar-powered bird wailer projects, the Digicel Foundation has funded a project to provide solar-powered bird wailers to Tobago farmers.

The project is a beneficiary of funding provided by the Digicel Foundation under its extraordinary projects impacting community grant. The project will help to reduce the damage caused by birds to crops and to improve the livelihoods of farmers.



Katzenjammers rock with technology

The Katzenjammers Steel Orchestra is a group of women who play steel drums. They are a testament to the power of music and the importance of inclusion for all.

The orchestra was founded in 2010 and has since become a popular attraction at various events. The members of the orchestra are committed to providing a high-quality performance and to promoting the art of steel drumming.



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Digicel Foundation, Shell fund Barataria agri-iniative

The Digicel Foundation and Shell have funded an agro initiative in Barataria, Tobago. The project is a beneficiary of funding provided by the Digicel Foundation under its extraordinary projects impacting community grant.

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Steelbands get funding to open tech centres

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Digicel TT donates US\$750k to Digicel Foundation

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Telecom company to create tech centres for eight pariyards

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Partnering to develop safe spaces for women, youth

The Digicel Foundation has partnered with the Church of Latter Day Saints to support vulnerable women and youth across TT through a joint venture. The project is a beneficiary of funding provided by the Digicel Foundation under its extraordinary projects impacting community grant.

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Digicel Foundation gifts Chaguana preschool with playground

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New IT labs for 4 more pariyards

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Schools get \$200,000 in aid

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Boysie's life retold as Marabella gets multi-purpose life skills centre

The Boysie Multi-Purpose Life Skills Centre has officially opened to serve the community by providing a space where young people can learn essential life skills, gain employment opportunities and foster careers.

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Homework centre for Marabella children

It's known as one of the most impoverished areas in the San Fernando region, yet when residents of the township in Marabella heard they were getting a multi-purpose life skills centre, they worked together to make it a reality.

The centre was the first of its kind in the area and was equipped with internet connectivity, desktop computers and printers. It is expected to be the first of its kind in the area.

Agro-processing, packaging plant opens for Brazil farmers

to be part of the national conversation and to help them improve their quality of life.

The group was created to assist rural farmers in achieving a comfortable quality of life and to promote agriculture as a viable profession for youth in the community.

Athletes hold centre stage at Special Olympics National Games

Some 500 athletes are currently participating in the Special Olympics 2023 National Games, which officially opened on May 12, following a three-year hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The National Games is a multi-sport event staged at various venues, showcasing the talents of Special Olympics athletes in athletics, basketball, boxing, equestrian, football, powerlifting, swimming and wheelchair tennis.

Occupational therapists get training to diagnose autism

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Tech centres for 8 panyards

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Steelbands get funding to open tech centres

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Christmas cheer at Aleisha's Home for the Aged

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Schools gets Innovation Lab

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Children's playhouse opens at Mandela Park

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Digicel brings Xmas cheer to children

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Young creatives produce short film courtesy Digicel Foundation grant

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Digicel Telesales team donates to senior citizens home

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Environmental and renewable energy projects receive 'EPIC' support

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Digicel keeping the Caribbean connected at Special Olympics

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HER CHEQUE

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Special Olympics gets \$330k boost from Digicel Foundation

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Digicel, Shell give support: New agro-processing facility for farmers

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Panyards get tech centres

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Multi-purpose life skills centre opens in Bayshore

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SOTT stages 'National' games

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Employment Opportunity

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Dass Trace Youth Empowerment Centre reopens

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Digicel Foundation marks 10 years

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Chagville gets a clean-up

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Digicel Foundation, Shell host open day for EPIC grant applications

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THE COMMUNITIES AROUND IT
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**2023 - 2024 AUDITED
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
EXPRESSED IN TTD**

Digicel Trinidad & Tobago Foundation

Special Purpose Financial Statements

31 March 2024

(Expressed in Trinidad and Tobago dollars)

Digicel Trinidad & Tobago Foundation

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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 2024 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
3 June 2024



Accountant
3 June 2024



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 2024;
- 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
3 June 2024

Digicel Trinidad & Tobago Foundation

Statement of Financial Position (Expressed in Trinidad and Tobago dollars)

	Note	As at 31 March	
		2024 \$	2023 \$
Asset			
<i>Current asset</i>			
Cash at bank and at hand		<u>1,879,103</u>	<u>609,946</u>
Total asset		<u><u>1,879,103</u></u>	<u><u>609,946</u></u>
Accumulated fund and liability			
Accumulated surplus		<u>1,523,108</u>	<u>288,719</u>
Current liability			
Sundry payables	3	<u>355,995</u>	<u>321,227</u>
Total accumulated fund and liability		<u><u>1,879,103</u></u>	<u><u>609,946</u></u>

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

On 3 June 2024, 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	2024 \$	2023 \$
Donations	4	<u>6,573,250</u>	<u>5,062,500</u>
Expenses			
Project expenses		(3,156,681)	(3,518,066)
Salaries		(1,912,539)	(1,813,641)
Other operating expenses		<u>(269,641)</u>	<u>(209,654)</u>
Total expenses	5	<u>(5,338,861)</u>	<u>(5,541,361)</u>
Net income/(loss) for the year		<u>1,234,389</u>	<u>(478,861)</u>

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

Digicel Trinidad & Tobago Foundation

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

	Accumulated fund \$
Year ended 31 March 2024	
Balance at beginning of year	288,719
Net income for the year	<u>1,234,389</u>
Balance at 31 March 2024	<u><u>1,523,108</u></u>
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>

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Digicel Trinidad & Tobago Foundation

Statement of Cash Flows

(Expressed in Trinidad and Tobago Dollars)

	Year ended 31 March	
	2024 \$	2023 \$
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net income/(loss) for the year	1,234,389	(478,861)
Changes in operating liability		
Increase in sundry payables	<u>34,769</u>	<u>21,927</u>
Net cash generated from/(used in) operating activities	<u>1,269,157</u>	<u>(456,934)</u>
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	1,269,157	(456,934)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	<u>609,946</u>	<u>1,066,880</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	<u><u>1,879,103</u></u>	<u><u>609,946</u></u>
Represented by:		
Cash at bank and at hand	<u><u>1,879,103</u></u>	<u><u>609,946</u></u>

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

Digicel Trinidad & Tobago Foundation

Notes to the Special Purpose Financial Statements

31 March 2024

(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 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.

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Notes to the Special Purpose Financial Statements (continued)

31 March 2024

(Expressed in Trinidad and Tobago dollars)

2 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

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Amount payable to Staff	<u>355,995</u>	<u>321,227</u>

4 Donations

Digicel (Trinidad & Tobago) Limited	5,670,000	5,062,500
Shell Trinidad & Tobago Limited	291,250	--
The Trinidad & Tobago Association of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints	<u>612,000</u>	<u>--</u>
	<u>6,573,250</u>	<u>5,062,500</u>

Digicel Trinidad & Tobago Foundation

Notes to the Special Purpose Financial Statements (continued) 31 March 2024

(Expressed in Trinidad and Tobago dollars)

5 Expenses by nature

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Salaries	1,912,539	1,813,641
Community development	1,196,685	1,481,562
Digital Citizenship	736,247	--
Special needs	563,182	1,113,079
Other Operating Expenses	<u>930,209</u>	<u>1,133,079</u>
	<u>5,338,862</u>	<u>5,541,361</u>

6 Subsequent events

There are no subsequent events for the year ended 31 March 2024.



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