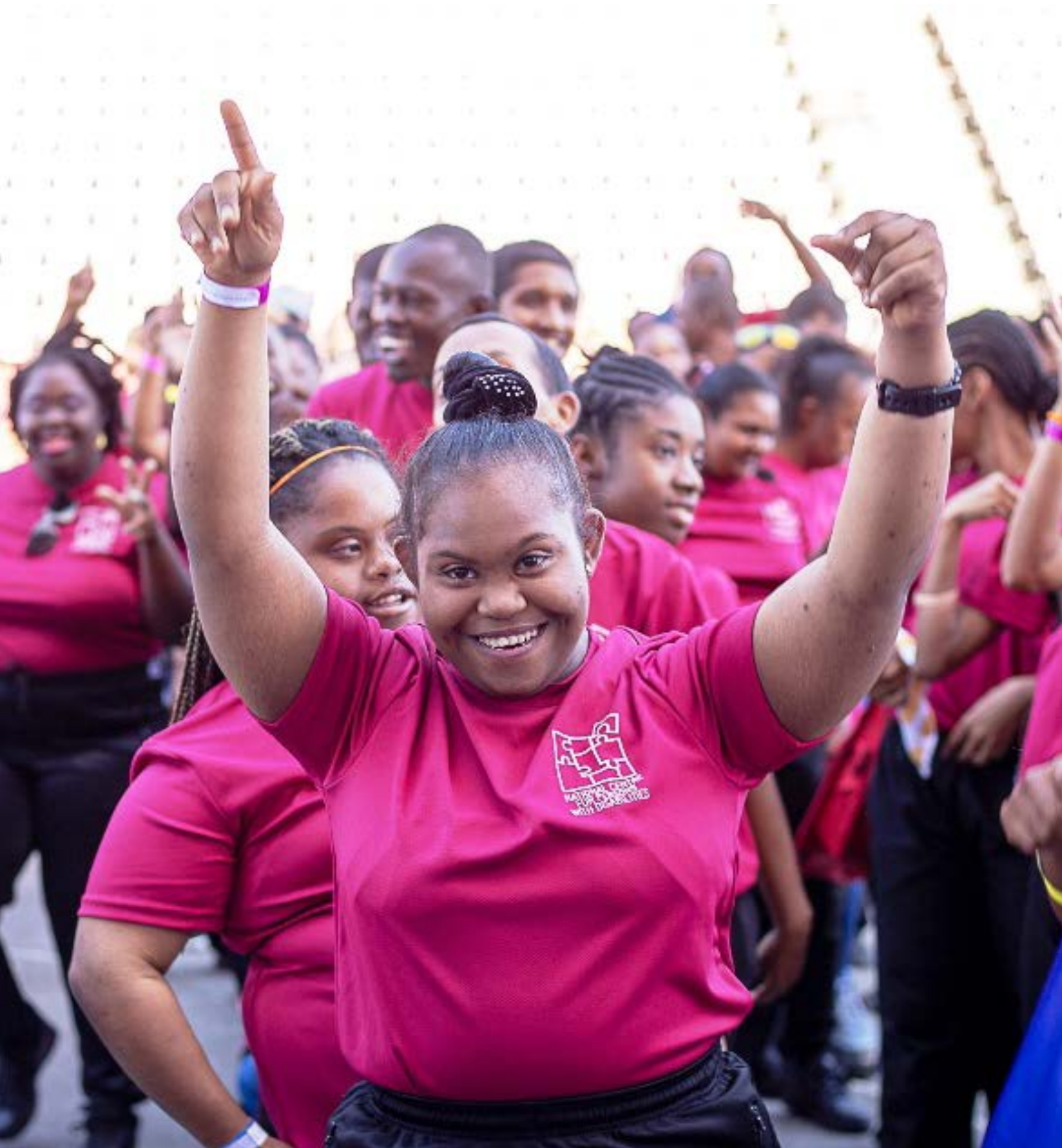


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annual report
2019-2020



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Brothers Road Empowerment Group, EPIC Project 2019

patron's message
denis o'brien



Digicel Trinidad and Tobago Foundation is committed to empowering and transforming the lives of vulnerable persons and communities with the aim of creating a world where no one gets left behind. To date, the Foundation has made an indelible mark in the lives of over 143,000 persons in the twin isle. Through an investment of US\$4.42 million, we have implemented 477 projects that are sustainable and built strategic partnerships in the process.

Collaborating with the special needs community continues to play a prominent role in our work. Our partnership with the Special Olympics Trinidad and Tobago (SOTT), building out 'Centres of Excellence', preparing for disasters with the 'Preparing You' programme, advocating for inclusion through our annual Carnival event – 'Kiddie Pump' and our staff engagement '#PlayUnified' sports day, has made FY19/20 phenomenal. All of these initiatives are geared towards providing life-changing opportunities for persons with special needs. These programmes demonstrate the genuine focus of the Foundation to create change and instill hope.

Under community development, technology-based projects such as 'Digital Citizenship' and 'Girls Power Tech' continue to create a buzz of excitement among our young participants. They position the Foundation as partners to the UN's Sustainable Development Goals. Our EPIC (Extraordinary Projects Impacting Communities) initiative continues to encourage the development of community spaces and has benefited over 31,000 persons since its launch in 2015. Working with community groups on this transformative intervention, is proof that real development cannot happen without key stakeholders, passion and community drivers. Other unique projects such as 'Moments are Better Shared' which was in conjunction with the Digicel group, spread joy last Christmas to 63 needy families who received food hampers, furniture and appliances that contributed to making their lives a bit easier.

These are just a few of the projects done by the Foundation led by Penny Gomez and governed by a Board of Directors chaired by Desha Clifford. I would like to thank them and all our committed Staff volunteers. The impact cannot be truly measured. It directly and indirectly makes a difference in thousands of lives, creating lasting change. I am continually proud to be a part of their journey.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Denis O'Brien". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial 'D'.

chairperson's message
desha clifford



It has been my pleasure to serve as Chairman of the Board of Directors for another year. I continue to feel a deep sense of appreciation to be given this opportunity of being part of the process that delivers such meaningful small interventions in the lives of those who so desperately need it.

The special needs community continues to receive significant support through our strategic partnerships and financial investments in; *Centres of Excellence; Play Unified; Kiddie Pump and the Special Olympics Trinidad and Tobago (SOTT) Sports and Community Training Programme*. Our *Preparing You* programme is now four years old and with the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) as a new financial partner, this initiative has taken learning to new virtual heights inside and outside the classroom.

Our reach in communities continue to be impactful as our *Extraordinary Projects Impacting Communities (EPIC)* small grant initiative continues to positively transform communities. A total of US\$89,222 was invested in 2019 in 19 community groups that have implemented innovative initiatives that sought to empower and transform the lives of individuals in their neighbourhoods. Our *Digital Citizenship Programme*, and *Girls Power Tech* created a huge buzz of excitement for the participants as we utilised and introduced technology as a disruptive but exhilarating tool that ought to be embraced responsibly, and incorporated as part of our everyday lives. We recognize and acknowledge that we can't do it alone. As a result, we continue to build and strengthen the partnerships we have with governmental, non-governmental organisations and international organisations such as the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) and CISCO.

We could not celebrate our achievements without the continued support of our compassionate patron Denis O'Brien, and the watchful and enlightened stewardship of our Global Chairperson, Maria Mulcahy.

I look forward with excitement to see what new partnerships and new bridges the next year will unearth. I commend the dedicated Board of Directors for their support and guidance throughout the past year. To Penny and her team you have our unwavering commitment, as you continue to create a world where people are helped, their lives empowered and where no one gets left behind.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'DC', written on a white background.

ceo's message

penny gomez



Penny Gomez

As the CEO of Digicel Foundation, I continue to celebrate our achievements to create a world where no one is left behind. Empowering organizations, improving opportunities for those most vulnerable. Transforming lives across Trinidad and Tobago sit at the core of everything we do. In the past seven years, our partnerships have resulted in the completion of 477 projects, impacting over 143,000 persons at an investment of over US\$4.42 million.

We continue to excel in the work done for persons with disabilities and their teachers through programmes such as *'Preparing You'*. This disaster-preparedness and emergency-evacuation training programme for teachers and students resulted in a stir of excitement with the new development of a Virtual Reality (VR) component. Other initiatives such as our annual *Carnival Kiddie Pump*, *#PlayUnified* and the continued support we provide to Special Olympics athletes and coaches for their sports and community training programme, demonstrate our commitment to advocacy and inclusion.

The progress we have made through the Community development programmes has been phenomenal. *Extraordinary Projects Impacting Communities (EPIC)*, *Community Engagement's - 'Moments are Better Shared'* Christmas campaign, *Digital Citizenship* and the *Girls Power Tech* Projects really fired things up this year. All these projects are unique and transformational in nature. They were responsible for touching hearts and connecting communities creating, heart-warming memories that gained the support of civil society organisations and government agencies.

We continue to value our partnerships with *CISCO*, the *Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)*, the *Office of Disaster Preparedness and Management (ODPM)*, The *Trinidad and Tobago Fire Service*, the *University of the Southern Caribbean (USC)*, and the numerous government entities that we have worked with over the years. The contribution each partner has made to the work we do has helped us to beat insurmountable odds at times.

You will be intrigued by our projects highlighted in the Annual Report. These projects represent our passion for creating opportunities for persons with disabilities and engaging in sustainable community development for Trinidad and Tobago. I am extremely proud and thankful to be supported by our Board of Directors, led by Chairperson - Desha Clifford; the Foundation Team and all our volunteers, whose unswerving commitment to the work we do tends to surpass my expectations.

meet the
board



Desha Clifford
Chairperson



Sacha Thompson
Secretary



Jabbor Kayumov
Director



Bibi Mohammed Singh
Director



Anil Sieukumar
Director



Georgina Peterkin
Director



Guy Small
Director



Laura Dowrich-Phillips
Director



Marvin Mc Barnette
Director



Tom Carson
Director

meet the
team

(from L- R)- Natalie-Anne De Silva, Lynelle Callender, Alicia Hospedales, Nazmin Khan, Cindy Ann Currency, Diana Mathura-Hobson, Penny Gomez, CEO of Digicel Foundation.



overview

our work



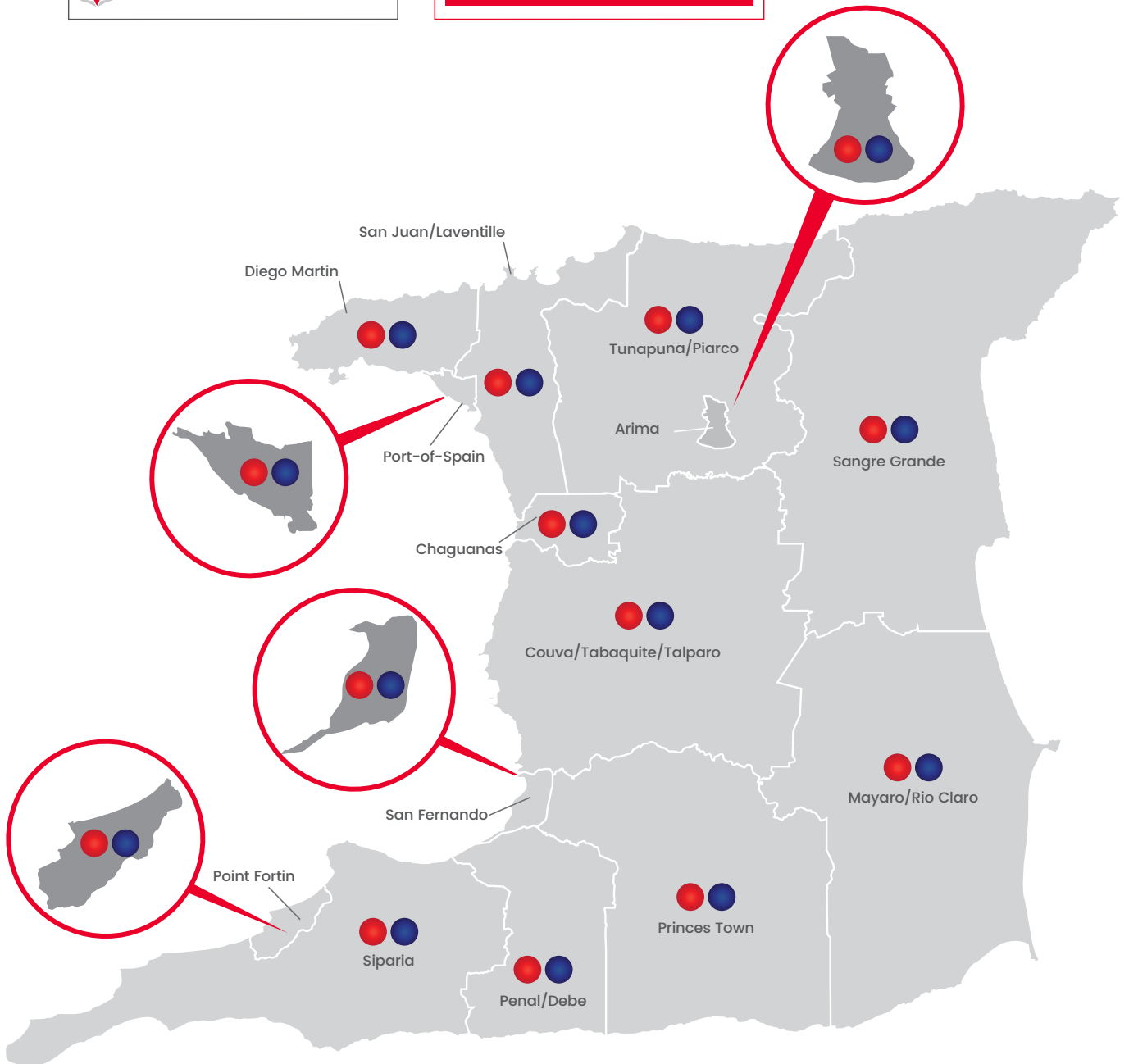
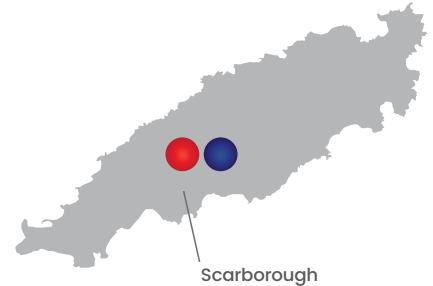
project mapping

completed projects

project legend

 community development • 54,956
 special needs • 88,246

total projects	477
total invested	US\$4.42M
lives impacted	143,202





click play to experience preparing you

special needs

'preparing you' goes virtual

Are you prepared? Building a culture of safety and resilience is an ongoing process and integral to disaster risk reduction. After four years of building capacity, infrastructural upgrades and strategic partnerships, the Preparing You programme has taken on new leaps and bounds.

"We are extremely grateful to the Digicel Foundation for including us in their Preparing You Project. It would not have been possible for us to upgrade or equip our school with fire extinguishers or smoke alarms if we were not selected for this project. The First Aid training was also greatly appreciated as we've had financial constraints which hindered us from providing this type of training that is necessary for our teachers. We look forward to a continued partnership with the Foundation and the very outstanding, versatile, enthusiastic, and professional team members."

Ms. Phyllis Griffith,
Principal, New Beginnings Learning Centre



A US\$150,000 financial partnership with the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) allowed the programme to include ten new special needs schools to its list of beneficiaries. Preparing You, has also incorporated new technology to increase the learning potential of persons with special needs. A Virtual Reality (VR) game called Masters of Prep was designed to ensure that students with special needs can actively participate and understand core concepts in disaster management and emergency evacuation.





special needs

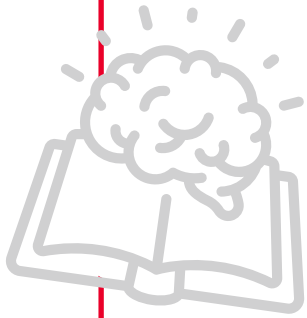
building centres of excellence

The journey to developing Centres of Excellence that impact the development and welfare of persons with disabilities continues to be at the forefront of our development initiatives. For persons with disabilities, this can range from ergonomic classrooms, accessible bathrooms, and a general learning environment that moves beyond academics.

"The collaborative efforts with the Foundation has only just begun. This initiative will have a far-reaching impact on educators and students focused on working with the special needs community."

Dr. Wanda Chesney,

Associate Provost of University of the Southern Caribbean



impact story:

In 2019, upgrades to the woodwork and craft shed at the Lady Hochoy Training Centre in Cocorite helped transform the way the students learn in the vocational classes. Additionally, through a partnership with the Children's Ark, we facilitated the relocation and reconstruction of the surgical ward and operating theatre at the Princess Elizabeth Centre in Port of Spain. This project ensures that children with disabilities have access to a world class facility that will help them lead healthy, happy lives in a space that is designed with their specific needs in mind.



Students of the Lady Hochoy Vocational Centre, Cocorite enjoy creating craft in their newly refurbished woodwork and craft shed.



special needs

Special Olympics Trinidad and Tobago building brave athletes

"Let me win, but if I cannot win, let me be brave in my attempt" such is the motto for all Special Olympic athletes. The Special Olympics Trinidad and Tobago (SOTT) remains steadfast in their advocacy to use sport as development for children with special needs. Throughout the year, the students are trained in aquatics, basketball, bocce, cricket, equestrian, floor hockey, football,

"It is our greatest hope that the SOTT and the athletes have the ongoing support they so badly need to continue their journey in the sporting world. Let's play our part – as a cheerleader, a funder, a volunteer or as a supportive teacher, caregiver or family member."

Sacha Thompson,
Secretary of Digicel Foundation



gymnastics, powerlifting, track & field and volleyball, all in preparation for the annual National Games.

The programme comprises regular training sessions and key community caravans throughout the year. Over 1,095 athletes participate in these sporting activities which include a Sports Camp, Beach Games, and the National Games. Digicel Foundation realizes its mandate to create a world where no one gets left behind.

impact story:

Damien Marquis' main sport is powerlifting. He has an intellectual disability but despite the challenges he experiences academically, he channels his energy into powerlifting and represented Trinidad and Tobago at the Special Olympics International World Games and Winter Games. He won four gold medals at the last Special Olympics World Games in Abu Dhabi.



Damien Marquis (centre) and his peers display their medals won at Special Olympics World Games in Abu Dhabi.





special needs

an inclusive carnival

It's all fun! Carnival Kiddie Pump is part of an outreach to promote inclusion among persons with disabilities, while having fun during our biggest cultural holiday, Carnival.

This year, hundreds of children showed up at the St. James Police Academy for the three-hour long fun-affair. The SOFit Athletes from the Lady Hochoy School, Gasparillo took control of the

Every year, the Foundation's Kiddie Pump event is held during the Carnival season to promote inclusion through fun and to encourage camaraderie among children with special needs and those without."



entertainment with a dance warm up routine. Children were also treated to bouncy castles, face-painting, mask-making, novelty games and refreshments. The day climaxed with live performances from Lyndsey Hay and two of Digicel's Soca Avengers - Preedy and Nailah Blackman.

Kiddie Pump 2020 was held in partnership with Blue Waters, Holiday Foods, Kiss, SM Jaleel, Hadco, Pizza Hut, Nestle, Trinidad and Tobago Defence Force Reserves, and the Trinidad and Tobago Police Sports Club.

impact story:

“This is what it should always be like, now we’re on the same page. Thank you for giving my children the opportunity to be on stage and showcase our SoFit workout” Ms. Claudia Francis, Teacher at the Lady Hochoy School, Gasparillo and SOTT Coach.



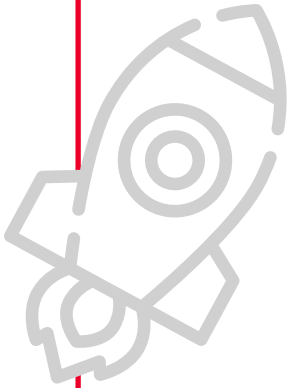


special needs

unified play as an equalizer

Unified play is the bridge to social inclusion. As advocates for inclusion hosting #PlayUnified games for staff and persons with special needs helps to build understanding in the spirit of fair play and fun. In 2019 over 100 Digicel team members teamed up with 380 persons with special needs for the 'Games We Used to Play'.

The Foundation has given its full support to the Special Olympics Trinidad and Tobago International inclusion campaign #PlayUnified, to raise awareness of the Special Olympics brand and inspire attitudes that lead to activity WITH our athletes rather than an approach of doing things FOR our athletes.



The throw back theme included long time hits such as Moral, Hop Scotch, Ludo, Snakes and Ladders, and Pac Man. The event also featured novelty races and culminated with a dance off.

#PlayUnified is just one way to support and inspire attitudes that encourage inclusion.

impact story:

“I truly enjoyed being at PlayUnified this year...especially the dance competition...I truly had fun. The children were excited to go, and when they got there...they were fascinated by all the games and participated in most of them. The atmosphere this year was really great...I can't wait for next year! Thanks to the Digicel Foundation for creating an inclusive game environment for our students.” Mrs. Kellyann Pascall, Principal, Rio Claro Learning and Development Centre for Special Children.



A Year of Highlights media wall

Digicel Foundation helps people with special needs Training in disaster

Planning for disaster - emergency in schools

Computer gifts for two schools

MARABELLA NORTH and Monaga Secondary School received two desktop computers each, as part of their participation in the Digicel Foundation's Digital Literacy Program.



Digicel Foundation invests US\$3.4 million

THE Digicel Foundation invested US\$3.4 million over the last five years to help people and communities throughout TX. Foundation CEO Penny Gomez made the announcement at the foundation's annual general meeting, which was held at Digicel's Hospitality Suite at the Queen's Park Oval in Port of Spain yesterday.



includes initiatives which focus on therapy-based education, literacy management and people with special needs. Gomez praised the collaboration of the foundation with parliamentarians, service organisations and private-sector organisations in undertaking these projects.

EPIC continues community impact

REPRESENTATIVE from the Government of Trinidad and Tobago, Minister of Education and Skills Development, Dr. Ramon Ramphal, announced that the Digicel Foundation's EPIC (Empowering People in Communities) program is making a significant impact on the lives of many people in the community.



ALTA gets US\$5,000 donation from EPIC

ALTA is a proud recipient of a grant from the Digicel Foundation's Extraordinary Projects Impacting Communities (EPIC) Program 2019 and looks forward to expressing its thanks at their ALTA Community at the NALS Library, Port of Spain.



Hampers for residents at centre for socially displaced

Residents at a centre for socially displaced people were treated to a special Christmas dinner and hampers. The Digicel Foundation, in partnership with the Centre for Socially Displaced People, provided the hampers.



Plea for help for Special Olympians

Special Olympians in Trinidad and Tobago are seeking help from the community to support their participation in the Special Olympics. The athletes are currently training for the upcoming games.



Christmas treat for over 250 Marabella children

OVER 250 children and their families were treated to a special Christmas dinner and gifts at the Marabella Children's Centre. The Digicel Foundation supported the event.



Cultivating Young Mindz

YOUNG MINDZ at the Digicel Foundation is focused on providing educational and training opportunities for young people in the community. The program aims to equip them with the skills needed for the workforce.



Community computer lab for Quarry Drive

A new community computer lab has been established at Quarry Drive. The lab provides a space for residents to learn digital literacy skills and access the internet.



Pan room unveiled

A new pan room has been unveiled at the Digicel Foundation's Hospitality Suite. The room provides a space for staff and guests to enjoy a meal.



Children enjoy new SangreGrande play park

Children in the SangreGrande area are enjoying a new play park. The park features a variety of play equipment and is a safe space for children to play and socialize.



Coaching Caravan Sports Camp is a hit

A Coaching Caravan Sports Camp was held in the community, providing children with coaching and training in various sports. The camp was a success and received positive feedback from participants.





Mason Hall youth club to improve literacy



Mason Hall Youth Club has been successful in identifying... (Text continues with details of the literacy program and the club's efforts to improve reading skills among its members.)

Telephone nos for help 'unreachable'

Many people are unable to reach the telephone numbers for help... (Text discusses the challenges of contacting support services and the impact on the community.)



Special Olympics TT ready for World Games



The Special Olympics TT Athlete Team of 37 athletes... (Text provides information about the team's preparation and the upcoming World Games.)

Food for Life project launched

Tobago scouts, Digicel partner to fight hunger... (Text describes the 'Food for Life' initiative, a partnership between the Tobago Scouts and Digicel to provide food to those in need.)



Quarry Drive gets new computer lab

Quarry Drive Secondary School has received a new computer lab... (Text details the donation of computers and the school's plans to utilize the new facility.)



Preparing for disaster

Agency for disaster preparedness has been set up... (Text discusses the importance of disaster preparedness and the role of the newly established agency.)



Facelift for hospice kitchen

Hospice care has a beautiful, practical space to prepare meals... (Text highlights the renovation of the hospice kitchen to improve the dining experience for patients.)



Escort is a fighter

Yescorts SOTT athlete home... (Text mentions the support provided by SOTT athletes and escorts.)



A time for sharing

A time for sharing the moment... (Text describes a community event or gathering where people are encouraged to share their experiences.)



Mobac Foundation Mucurapo East Secondary gets anti-theft safe



A new safe has been purchased for Mucurapo East Secondary... (Text details the donation of the safe by the Mobac Foundation to enhance school security.)

Epic programme impacts communities



Epic programme impacts communities... (Text discusses the positive impact of the Epic programme on the local community.)

Digicel promotes STEM at Girls Power Tech

In an effort to encourage girls to consider careers in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM), Digicel... (Text describes the 'Girls Power Tech' event organized by Digicel to promote STEM education for young women.)





community development

grooming digital citizens

There is a technological movement that is revolutionizing the world. Learning how to use the internet and technology responsibly, is key for today's youth users, this is where The Digital Citizenship programme plays a crucial role. Last year, through a partnership with CISCO and UWI Open Campus IT Academy, 15 teachers successfully completed the 'CISCO IT Essentials' course.

"Today in our world where all things are digital, it is even more important that we give our youth the right tools to participate and excel at a global level, so that they're not left behind."

Jabbor Kayumov,
CEO of Digicel T&T Ltd

Additionally, seven schools established a Cisco Network Academy, where students can pursue internationally recognized courses in areas such as; cyber security, cyber-bullying, internet of things and entrepreneurship.

To ensure that schools are well equipped to participate in the initiative, 50 desktop computers were donated to the Moruga Secondary, Marabella North Secondary, South East POS Secondary in Trinidad and Mason Hall Secondary School and Speyside High School in Tobago. Four of the schools also received the gift of one year's free Digicel Home and Entertainment high-speed fibre broadband. Equipped with the knowledge and the tools the students and teachers have a starter kit to becoming responsible digital citizens.

impact story:

Anila Bartholomew (Student) – “I love I.T. (Information Technology) and was not able to choose I.T. as a subject for CSEC because it didn't go with the subject combinations for our class. I was glad to be able to do an I.T. course and get a certificate. It was nice that we could do the course online at school during our free time.”





click play to experience girls power tech

community development

girls power tech

Picture this! A room filled with web developers, ICT consultants, animators, coders, programmers and they're all women. This is the vision for the Girls Power Tech hosted by Digicel Foundation for the first time in 2019. Over 100 teenaged girls attended the tech event which featured live demonstrations, mentoring from local ICT professionals, hands-on practical projects and tele-conferencing with mentors from around the world.

Teenaged girls from Trinidad and Tobago were introduced to the latest technology as they explored jobs as web developers, information and communications technology (ICT) consultants, animators and other opportunities in the field of Information Technology.

The young women were challenged to use an ICT tool to raise awareness about, or provide a solution to one of four social issues in Trinidad and Tobago. They used animation, web development, mobile App development and digital art/digital video to suggest solutions to social issues such as; 'Violence against women', 'Human trafficking', 'Creating/promoting an inclusive school environment' and 'Enhancing school safety'. Girls Power Tech had representation, from Waterloo Government Secondary, Success Laventille Secondary, El Dorado West Secondary, El Dorado East Secondary, Bon Air Secondary and Gasparillo Secondary in Trinidad and Scarborough Secondary, Goodwood High School, Bishops High School and Pentecostal Light of Life School in Tobago.

impact story:

The girls were introduced to the latest technology and exposed to live demonstrations from Tech Clubs: RSC - Restore a Sense of I Can, Wepala Mobile & Data Technology Solutions, Startl Augmented and Virtual Reality Solutions Ltd and Coded Arts. They also used CISCO Webex technology, which facilitated mentoring from women across the globe using video conferencing.





community development

impacting communities

In continuing our mandate "to create a world where no one gets left behind" and to support local community initiatives, 19 additional sustainable EPIC projects were implemented in various communities throughout Trinidad and Tobago. These new partnerships now take the count to 80 implemented EPIC projects, impacting 31,759 beneficiaries.

The small-grant programme continues to partner with Members of Parliament, Regional Corporations, Government Agencies, Private Sector entities, Community Based, Faith Based and Non-Governmental Organisations to positively transform communities throughout Trinidad and Tobago.



Table 1 – 2019-2020 EPIC Project

PROJECT PARTNER	PROJECT NAME/TYPE	COMMUNITY
Hillside Community Club	Curepe Community Centre Enhancement	Curepe
The Immortelle Children's Centre for Special Education	Creation of Pan Room	St. Ann's
Pan Jammers Steel Orchestra	Operation Renovate and Refurbish Pan Theatre	Santa Cruz
Office of the Councillor for Sangre Grande North East	Play Park at Mar cay Oval	Sangre Grande
Tobago Council for Handicapped Children	Upgrade of Play Park	Tobago
Purple Pine Foundation	Zero Waste and Community Garden and Composting Project	Petite Valley
Ryu Dan Dojo	Ryu Dan Dojo Sports + Model	Chaguanas
Hillside Community Club	Quarry Drive Community Centre Computer Lab	Valsayn
Brothers Road Empowerment Group	After School Youth Activity Centre	New Grant
Morvant Central Community Council	Refurbishment of the Old Health Centre to be used as a Community Centre	Morvant
Mobak Foundation	Gym equipment for the IMPACT Gym for young at risk males	St. Madeleine
Beausejour Community Council	Creation of a Reading Room	Diego Martin
Vitas House Hospice	Building Refurbishment	St. James
Intense City Gym	Upgrade Equipment	San Fernando
Farm Road Development Foundation	Basketball Court Renovation and Upgrade	St. Joseph
Rotaract Club of Diego Martin	Illuminating the path to a Sporting Oasis	Diego Martin
Deaf Pioneers	Technical Support for Academic Programs for the Deaf/Hearing Impaired	D'Abadie
ALTA	Printing of Student Workbook	POS
Women of Worth	Domestic Violence Centre	Tobago





community development

engaging communities

Meeting communities where they are is key to our corporate responsibility. This can sometimes mean partnering with groups for back to school drives, supporting those affected by heavy rainfalls or floods, and providing food hampers for the socially displaced. In 2019, there were 13 new community groups that applied for the US\$1,500 grant to engage communities in dire



need. They included: Success Laventille Parent Teacher Association, Wepala and Work, Talent Dedication, Youth, Art, Sports and Cultural Foundation (WTDF).

impact story:

Wayne and Junie Jordan have dedicated their lives to the Beetham Gardens Community, ensuring that every child gets the start they deserve. With so many negative influences around, they choose to be positive. Wayne and Junie have spent the past 19 years moulding minds and hearts, preparing them for a future so many say they don't have. "When no one else would take them in, we do." "Thanks to the Digicel Foundation the children now have a place to sit and eat together. An experience not many of them share with their own family."



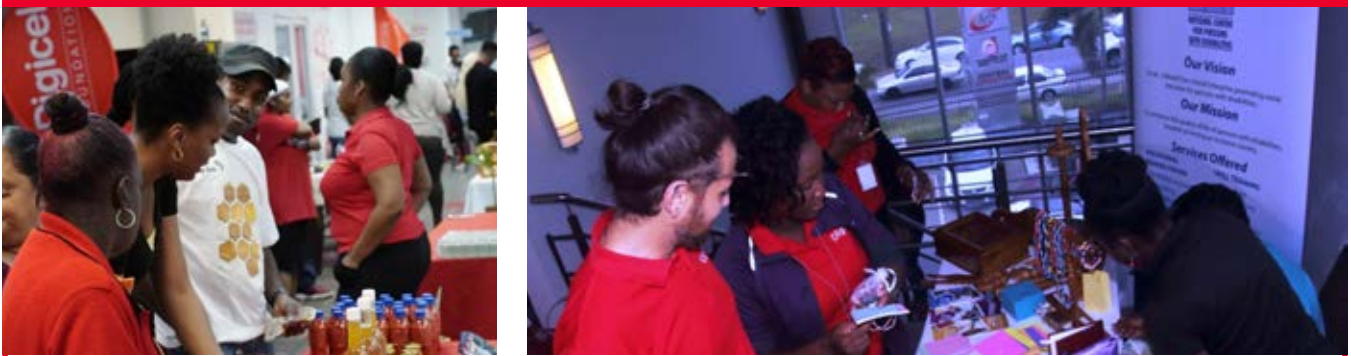


team digicel foundation

volunteerism: the key to building bridges and transforming lives!

Are you a volunteer? Volunteering helps build bridges to understand the needs of different communities. It can also stimulate a sense of purpose for the giver and the receiver. Digicel team members are crucial to connecting individuals with technology. As a Foundation, we can provide opportunities for our extended team to see the social benefits of connecting communities in a people-oriented and impact-driven way.





Staff members are given opportunities to bond with our partners through volunteering at various events throughout the year. We are convinced that employee volunteerism boosts team morale and productivity. The opportunity to give back presents a renewed appreciation, increases self-confidence and builds empathy.

impact story:

“The need to be needed is always a great feeling for me. Knowing that I can assist the Digicel Foundation in whatever way makes me feel fulfilled. I especially enjoy volunteering at National Games and Kiddie Pump. Seeing the look on a child’s face after I have painted it is priceless.” - Safiya Kellar, Volunteer and Volunteer Champion 2016 – 2017.

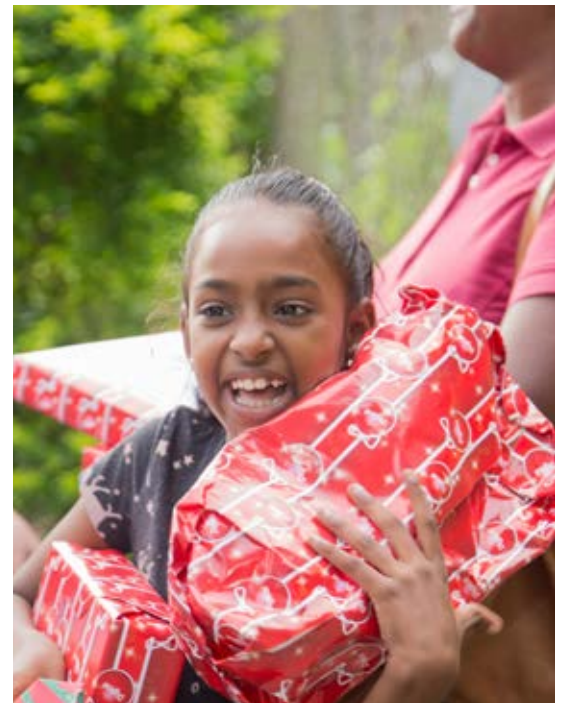
the moment



team digicel foundation
**moments are
better shared**

Christmas is a time for giving and making hearts merry. Last Christmas, we urged persons to nominate family members, co-workers, friends, neighbours and even strangers to share special moments, in the Christmas spirit.

As a result, 63 families were gifted with grocery vouchers, household appliances, furniture, toys and even a Christmas tree.





Selflessly reaching out to others to help during a time of need is a gift in its own right. Most times that and those moments are definitely better shared.

impact story:

“Meet Suresh L., he’s a qualified Microsoft System Engineer who was diagnosed with stage 4 Kidney Failure in 2015. His only hope of recovery is a kidney transplant from a B+ donor. The company he worked for has since closed its door leaving him with no medical insurance. He and his wife V, live with his brother after selling his share of his childhood home to cover his medical expenses, the aspects that are not covered by the government.

They had a two-burner stove which recently stopped working. Suresh sleeps on the bed while his wife sleeps on a mattress on the floor. They can’t share a bed as it puts him at risk of the catheter shifting and becoming infected. V, who says Suresh is her ‘life’, takes care of her husband on a full time basis as he requires a specialized diet and care. Throughout our talk, he smiles and shares their story. V doesn't say much but you can see the stress in her face from sleepless nights and back and forth trips to the hospital, with little to no financial support. As we leave one member of the Foundation team says to her, “Keep the Faith”, she replies and points to Suresh, “That's what he says...”



Digicel Foundation

'together we
create a world
where no one
gets left behind.'



SOTT Athletes at Beach Games, 2019

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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 and Tobago Foundation, ('the Foundation') which comprise the statement of financial position as at 31 March 2020, the statement of income and expenditure, statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of 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 financial statements, management utilised the Special Purpose Framework. Where this framework presented alternative accounting treatments, management chose those considered most appropriate in the circumstances.

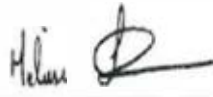
Nothing has come to the attention of management to indicate that the Foundation will not remain a going concern for the next twelve months from the reporting date; or up to the date; the accompanying financial statements have been authorised for issue, if later.

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



Chief Executive Officer

28th October 2020



Accountant

28th October 2020

Independent Auditor's Report

To the Members of Digicel Trinidad & Tobago Foundation

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying special purpose financial statements of Digicel Trinidad & Tobago Foundation, which comprise the statement of financial position as at 31 March 2020, and the statement of income and expenditure, statement of cash flows and statement of changes in equity for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The special purpose financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the basis set out in Note 2.

In our opinion, the special purpose financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Digicel Trinidad & Tobago Foundation as at 31 March 2020, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with the basis set out in Note 2.

Basis of Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the Foundation in accordance with the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants ('IESBA Code'), and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Emphasis of Matter – Basis of Accounting and Restriction on Distribution and Use

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to Note 2 to the special purpose financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. These special purpose financial statements have been prepared to assist the members of the Foundation in meeting their reporting requirements under the Articles of Incorporation. As a result, the special purpose financial statements may not be suitable for another purpose. Our report is intended solely for the members and should not be distributed to or used by parties other than those stipulated.

Responsibility of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the special purpose financial statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these special purpose financial statements in accordance with the basis set out in Note 2, 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 financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Foundation's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Foundation or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Foundation's financial reporting process.

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Independent Auditors' Report (continued)

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Auditors' Responsibility

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' 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 International Standards on Auditing (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 financial statements.

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

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the 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 auditors' report to the related disclosures in the 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 auditors' report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Foundation to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieved fair presentation.



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29 October 2020

Digicel Trinidad & Tobago Foundation

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

	Notes	As at 31 March	
		2020	2019
		\$	\$
ASSETS			
Current asset			
Cash at bank and at hand		461,406	964,268
Total assets		461,406	964,268
ACCUMULATED FUND AND LIABILITY			
Accumulated surplus / (deficit)		461,406	(1,608,223)
Current liability			
Sundry payable	3	-	2,031,985
Deferred revenue	4	-	540,506
Total accumulated surplus and liability		461,406	964,268

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

On 28 October 2020, the Directors of Digicel Trinidad & Tobago Foundation approved these financial statements for issue.


_____ Director


_____ Director

Digicel Trinidad & Tobago Foundation

Statement of Income and Expenditure (Expressed in Trinidad and Tobago dollars)

	Notes	Year ended 31 March	
		2020	2019
		\$	\$
Donations	5	5,510,252	2,788,651
Expenses			
Special needs		(884,686)	(856,498)
Community development		(1,363,902)	(1,322,687)
Other operating		<u>(1,192,035)</u>	<u>(862,390)</u>
Total expenses		<u>(3,440,623)</u>	<u>(3,041,575)</u>
Net income / (loss) for the year		2,069,629	(252,924)
Accumulated deficit at the beginning of the year		<u>(1,608,223)</u>	<u>(1,355,299)</u>
Accumulated surplus / (deficit) at the end of the year		<u>461,406</u>	<u>(1,608,223)</u>

Digicel Trinidad & Tobago Foundation

Statement of Cash Flows

(Expressed in Trinidad and Tobago dollars)

	Year ended 31 March	
	2020	2019
	\$	\$
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net income / (loss) for the year	2,069,629	(252,924)
Changes in operating assets / liabilities		
(Decrease) / increase in deferred revenue	(540,506)	540,506
Decrease in sundry payable	<u>(2,031,985)</u>	<u>(766,159)</u>
Net cash used in operating activities	<u>(502,862)</u>	<u>(478,577)</u>
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(502,862)	(478,577)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	<u>964,268</u>	<u>1,442,845</u>
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	<u>461,406</u>	<u>964,268</u>
Represented by:		
Bank and cash balances	<u>461,406</u>	<u>964,268</u>

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Statement of Changes in Equity

(Expressed in Trinidad and Tobago dollars)

	<u>\$</u>
Year ended 31 March 2020	
Balance at beginning of year	(1,608,223)
Total income for the year	<u>2,069,629</u>
Balance at 31 March 2020	<u>461,406</u>
Year ended 31 March 2019	
Balance at beginning of year	(1,355,299)
Total loss for the year	<u>(252,924)</u>
Balance at 31 March 2019	<u>(1,608,223)</u>

Digicel Trinidad & Tobago Foundation

Notes to the Special Purpose Financial Statements 31 March 2020

(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.

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.

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Notes to the Special Purpose Financial Statements 31 March 2020

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2. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

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 accrual's basis.

f. *Income*

Income from donations is recognised when the right to receive payment has been established.

g. *Expenditure*

Project and other operating expenses are accounted for on the accrual's basis.

3. Sundry payable

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
	\$	\$
Amount payable to Digicel (Trinidad & Tobago) Limited	-	2,027,319
Amount payable to other party	-	4,666
	<u>-</u>	<u>2,031,985</u>

This represents payments made by Digicel (Trinidad & Tobago) Limited on behalf of the Foundation.

4. Deferred revenue

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
	\$	\$
Funds received from International Development Bank	-	540,506
	<u>-</u>	<u>540,506</u>

5. Donations

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
	\$	\$
Funds received from International Development Bank	540,506	56,194
Funds received from Digicel (Trinidad & Tobago) Limited	4,937,752	2,700,000
Funds received from Unicomer Trinidad Ltd	15,274	26,250
Funds received – staff	16,720	6,207
	<u>5,510,252</u>	<u>2,788,651</u>

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6. Events after the reporting date

Management is currently evaluating the potential impact of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) that occurred subsequent to year end, particularly on the operations of the entity. This disease was declared a pandemic by the World Health Organisation on 11 March 2020. The extent of the impact on the financial position and performance of the Foundation depends on future developments, including but not limited to:

1. Duration and spread of the outbreak;
2. Extent of the restrictions and advisories; and
3. Effect on the total and global financial and economic markets, all of which are highly uncertain and cannot be predicted.

The continuation of these circumstances could have a negative impact on the Foundation's financial condition and results.

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