



## UP-DATE FOR MEMBERS - 6<sup>th</sup> December 2018

### **FUNDING AND ACCOUNTABILITY**

- Having the required two years of Audited Financial Statements (31<sup>st</sup> May 2018) and other requirements we applied to the Board of Inland Revenue for tax status as a Charitable organisation. This is an exacting process which can take considerable time. This is necessary to be able to raise funds for charitable purposes through Deeds of Covenants and other instruments. This will allow us to expand the “seed capital” of \$ 800,000 (which has been allotted but not yet spent) by attracting Donations and Grants for Programmes and Projects.
- The Financial Report for the six months ending 30<sup>th</sup> November 2018 shows that we have enough of our own funds to meet budgeted overhead expenses to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019 (Year-end). The financial statement for the Six Months will be posted on the website as soon as it is approved by the Directors.
- From 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019 we will be using an on-line accounting service which will allow us to meet, at an economic cost, the high standards of accountability and transparency necessary for a modern Charitable organisation. This will be managed by a professional accountant. Early in 2019 we will also have Membership Management software and a dedicated website which will facilitate dialogue both with and among members. This will allow us to operate at minimal monthly over-head cost since we will not have office expenses or significant staff.

### **PROGRAMMES AND PROJECTS**

- We raised \$ 54,947 for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Year of the Matelot Project of which \$ 41,921 was spent for the first six months. We need to raise \$ 40,000 to fund the budget for meals from January 2019. There is a “Donate” page on the new website for this specific project.
- A Needs Survey is being conducted by professionals to guide development and execution of programmes and projects in the East coast area which will utilise the funds allotted to these programmes and projects.



- A discussion has started with specialist Psychologists to determine the most effective ways of delivering Psychological Counselling to assist children in coping with challenges, especially trauma, in their unique environment. The main objective is to enhance coping and learning skills to improve interest and performance in our demanding education system.
- We plan to bring Members together to discuss execution of Programmes and Projects as soon as we complete a “Consultation” process with the initial Grantor of the “seed capital” funds. We are waiting for a response to the General Plan (June 2018) which is on the website.

### **MEMBERS**

- We need Members to join the Committee dealing with the Educational and Vocational Fund as described on the website. This covers a range of development initiatives for children in the target areas. We have begun to develop Partnership relationships with charitable organisations whose Missions inter-sect with ours especially regarding learning skills, vocational education and development of interest and skills in arts and music.
- We need members with appropriate skills for the Marketing & Communications Committee. This Committee will oversee membership services and manage publications and events such as public discussion workshops.
- Our telephone number is 868-312-0221 which receives voice messages you leave. We answer as soon as we can.
- Please send us your comments and suggestions at [exec@trinitydomus.org](mailto:exec@trinitydomus.org). You can also send comments and suggestions through the website [www.trinitydomus.org](http://www.trinitydomus.org).