



COMMONWEALTH OF DOMINICA

MINISTRY OF YOUTH, SPORTS, CULTURE and CONSTITUENCY EMPOWERMENT

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Mr. Sam Maurer
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Dear Sir,

The Sports Division in the Ministry of Youth, Sports, Culture and Constituency Empowerment of Dominica wishes to thank your organisation for its support for the programmes of the Division.

Over the years, the Sports Division in Dominica has benefited from several of your organisation's initiatives. More recently, we received support for the preparation of our National U-15 Cricket Team that was preparing for the Windward Islands Under 15 Cricket Tournament which is currently underway in St. Vincent.

Post Hurricane Maria, a decision had to be taken to have the training of the team done in Portsmouth, which meant the transportation of the students from Roseau three (3) days a week.

Your support went a long way in ensuring that the boys attended the training sessions.

It is common knowledge that Dominica was severely impacted by Hurricane Maria which struck on September 18, 2017. The Sports Programmes of the Sports Division were also affected. As part of the rebuilding exercise, the Government has decided to prioritize its programming which resulted in the cancellation of a number of activities as a cost cutting measure.

Given the importance placed on our youth programmes, the Sports Division is on a drive to seek the necessary funding from Non-Government Organisations to ensure the continuity of the programmes post Hurricane Mara.

The programmes which have been identified for support are:

- Training of the National Under 16 Netball Team
- Preparation of Dominica's team to participate in the 2018 Windward Islands Schools Games
- Secondary and Primary Schools Table Tennis Championships
- Primary Schools Mini-Basketball for Boys and Girls (the Girls aspect is being implemented for the first time)
- Primary Schools Mini Volleyball for Boys and Girls
- Secondary Schools Under 15 Beach Volleyball Festival
- Primary Schools Cricket Championship
- Primary Schools Netball Championships; to include the construction of netball poles.

The full cost of running these programmes is estimated at EC\$50,000.00.

The Sports Division views these as important aspects to our country's sports development agenda with the main focus at this time being creating a healthy citizenry and lifting the spirits of our people post Hurricane Maria.

We look forward to your favourable consideration of our request and stand ready to continue our collaborative efforts in moving Dominica's sports forward.

Sincerely,

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SPORTS COORDINATOR