



# Parliament of Sint Maarten

## Staten van Sint Maarten

To the Hon. Minister of Public Health, Social Development and Labor  
Mr. R.J.J. Panneflek  
Government Administration Building  
**Philipsburg**

UV/023/2020-2021

Philipsburg, October 13, 2020

Re: Questions from MP M.D. Gumbs and MP R.A. Peterson regarding food security situation facing our population

Hon. Minister Panneflek,

Herewith I submit to you questions posed by Members of Parliament, Ms. M.D. Gumbs and Mr. R.A. Peterson pursuant to article 62 of the Constitution and article 69 of the Rules of Order of the Parliament of Sint Maarten.

The letter is self-explanatory.

Yours truly,

R. Brison  
President of Parliament



## PFP Faction

# Members of the Parliament of Sint Maarten

Sint Maarten, 1 October 2020

President of Parliament  
Parliament of St. Maarten  
Wilhelminastraat 1  
Philipsburg, St. Maarten

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Subject: Faction Questions to Minister VSA

Dear Honorable President of Parliament:

Pursuant to article 69 of the Rules of Order of Parliament, we hereby request that you forward the attached letter with questions to the Minister of Health, Labor & Social Affairs, the Honorable Minister Richard Panneflek. Thank you in advance.

Respectfully,

Melissa Gumbs, MIB  
Member of Parliament  
PFP Faction Leader

Raeyhon A. Peterson, LL.M  
Member of Parliament



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# Members of the Parliament of Sint Maarten

Sint Maarten, 30 September 2020

Ministry of Health, Labor & Social Affairs  
Minister Richard Panneflek  
Soualiga Road 1  
Philipsburg, St. Maarten

Honorable Minister Panneflek:

As COVID-19 continues to economically impact our population, we have seen a marked increase in the number of households requiring food assistance. Individual efforts, as well as the existing food distribution program of the Red Cross. We have prepared the below questions for your response, to receive a clearer picture of the food security situation facing our population in these difficult economic times.

1. How many households are currently being assisted by the Red Cross food distribution program?
2. Which organizations have been assisting with the distribution of food to these households?
3. What controls has the Ministry of VSA put in place, in collaboration with these organizations, to ensure that each participating household is fairly and adequately serviced?
4. What is the remaining duration of this program?
5. Has the Ministry of VSA developed contingency plans to continue/expand support for these households, in the event the program reaches maturity?

We look forward to receiving your responses and request that they be forwarded within one week.

Respectfully,

Melissa D. Gumbs, M.I.B.  
Member of Parliament  
Faction Leader, Party for Progress

Raeynon Peterson  
Member of Parliament