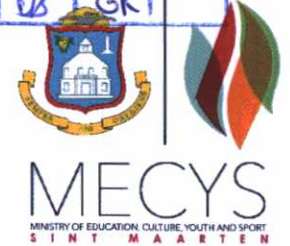


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# Vision and Mission Ministry Education, Culture, Youth and Sport

## Vision (2016-2026)

We meet demands and support the people of Sint Maarten to become self-confident, resilient, lifelong learners, creative and critical thinkers.

## Mission

- Our youth will thrive and reach their full potential to become active citizens with a sense of shared responsibility.
- We will ensure that there are ample opportunities for the people of Sint Maarten to be life-long learners.
- We will safeguard our cultural identity by protecting and promoting our tangible and intangible heritage.
- Our citizens, will actively participate in sports and other physical activities.



# Department of Education

## Key achievements in 2022

- Development and Implementation of the National Summer School Policy and Framework for funding
- The Development and implementation of the Professional Development Program and Framework for Funding
- Execution of Labor Market Research towards the establishment of the Study Finance Priority List
- Finalization of the Draft Law on Education Supervision
- Situational Analysis to inform the Special Needs Education Policy
- Finalization of the Draft National Decree for Study Financing
- Finalization of the Mandate associated with the Supervision of the Compulsory Education Law
- The Draft Law on Higher Education was approved by the COM and presented to the Parliament for ratification
- The introduction of policy and implementation Framework for (international) standardized assessments in Primary and Secondary Education.



# Department of Culture

## Key achievements in 2022

- 4th Annual Culture Creative Industry Forum- CCIF
- The Sage Cultural Awards
- Government decision to use the St. Martin Unity Flag as a Joint Cultural symbol of the affirmation of the Unity and Identity of the people of our island
- A work in progress within the dance department and stemming from the motion presented in parliament by MP Wescot-Williams was the Promotion of Dance for Youth (Bevordering Danskunst Jeugd).



# Department of Youth

## Key achievements in 2022

- Improved the professional environment for the development of Early Childhood Development Caregivers working with children under the age of 4 years;
- Increased the awareness and participation of youth in the community:
- Increased responsibility of young people with regard to their own development



# Department of Sport

## Key achievements in 2022

- Sport Scholarships
- Provided funding for Facility Maintenance and Repairs
- Invested NAf. 222,000.00 for the development of sport facilities and the purchase of sport equipment
- Subsidized event participation including local, regional and international sporting events
- Highlighted athletes , sporting organizations, events and achievements on Government's social media platform
- Hosted a successful Health, Sport and Culture Expo
- Highlighted legends in basketball and awarded persons in 11 different categories during our annual Brown Pelican Sport Awards.



# Division for Educational Innovation

## Key achievements in 2022

- Coordinated the initial start up of the Professional Development Program for educators enrolled in public and government subsidized schools, who were not meeting the minimal qualifications. The PDP is for Bachelors' degree in Primary education and Teaching Certificate in Secondary education.
- Coordinated the logistics for the pilot National School Summer Program which ran in July 2022 with two school boards, namely the Foundation for Protestant Christian Education (Hillside Christian schools) and Division Public Education for the public primary schools
- Represented the Ministry of Education, Culture, Youth and Sport with the execution of the TRUST Fund projects with Emergency Repair Program (ERP1) and the Fostering Resilience Learning Project (FRLP). Last year we saw (3) schools being repaired via the ERP1 project namely Milton Peters College (MPC), St. Dominic High School and MAC - Compressive Secondary Education (CSE) school





# Division Study Financing

## Key achievements in 2022

- Facilitating the issuance of study financing and NIPA study allowances to 350 recipients which yielded 50+ graduates.
- Improved the management of study financing through the upgrading of the study financing application and administration portal.
- Execution of the 2021-2022 Studying in the Region Project under which 22 recipients were assisted.



# Division Public Education Key Achievements in 2022

- **Digitalization of Education Projects**
  - Fully Implemented a Student Information Management System.
  - Ongoing implementation of Learning Management System.
  - Bandwidth upgrades at all public schools
  - Increase Wi-Fi coverage
- **Implemented STEAM in Special Education**
- **Largest Investment in ICT in Education**
  - Purchased a Digital Board for every classroom in public-school.
  - Laptop for each teacher in public education.
- **Upgrade of Breakfast Program**
  - Will now included fresh fruits, yogurt, and milks.
- **Reimplementation of Remedial Teaching**
  - Each public elementary school now has a Remedial Teacher.





# Division Inspection ECYS

## Key achievements in 2022

- Presented the Final Report Sint Maarten Education Review (Landspakket)
- Sint Maarten hosted the 1<sup>st</sup> face to face Conference since the pandemic which is the cooperation agreement between the Inspectorates of the Netherlands, Curacao, Aruba and Sint Maarten (CASt Conference).



# Student Support Services Division

## Key achievements in 2022

- The hosting of the Caribbean Safe School Initiative (CSSI) which consists of a Ministerial Forum and Youth Forum
- The General Care Management Meetings (GCMM)
- The Speech Screening Program



# UNESCO ST. MAARTEN

## Key achievements in 2022

- Expanding the UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH) Wire Bending Program, now offered in four (4) afterschool programs.
- Initiating the introduction of the teaching of St. Maarten folklore songs and dance in the Art Save Lives Summer program.
- Contributing to the development of the St. Martin History and Cultural Heritage Course at the University of St. Martin
- Providing resources for the introduction of the subject History & Geography of St. Maarten at the Methodist Agogic Center-Comprehensive Secondary Education (MAC-CSE).
- Chairing of the 4-landen overleg immaterieel erfgoed meetings.
- Contributing and participating in National Development Vision launch.



# Policy Priorities 2023

- To improve a qualitative and sustainable educational system; the development of legal and policy frameworks is prioritized, as included in the governing program and the Country reform package for the Education joint action plan.
- To restore access to safe and adequate education, sport, and cultural facilities, and enhancement of the infrastructure, through Trust Fund financed projects.
- To enhance the resilience for vulnerable youth, students, and staff in the various sectors, through the Trust Fund financed projects of the Fostering Resilience Learning Project (FRLP) and Child Resilience and Protection Project (CRPP).
- To protect and promote the natural, tangible, and intangible cultural heritage and a strong shared cultural identity.



# Overall Comparison ECYS Budget 2023 vs 2022 *(or more years)*

	Budget 2022	Actuals 2022	Budget 2023
Expenses	122,257,006	111,794,206	113,992,037
Income	122,184	76,808	122,184
Investments	9,700,282	3,679,588	7,208,607



# Revenue

Category	Budget 2022	Actuals 2022	Budget 2023
Examination Fees	122,184	76,808	122,184
<b>Total</b>	<b>122,184</b>	<b>76,808</b>	<b>122,184</b>





## Expenses per Economic Category

	Budget 2022	Amended Budget 2022	Actuals 2022	Budget 2023
Personnel Expenses	26,747,631	27,777,355	24,837,383	27,729,096
Goods and Services	22,705,371	18,241,523	10,759,446 2,435,556 (accruals)	16,448,898
Subsidies	68,441,332	68,337,181	73,299,864	66,487,371
Study Financing	4,362,672	3,326,672	2,897,514	3,326,672
<b>Total</b>	<b>122,257,006</b>	<b>117,682,731</b>	<b>111,794,207</b>	<b>113,992,037</b>



## Capital Investments 2023

Description	2023
Coverage of the Dr. Martin Luther King School Playground	350,000
ICT Hardware and software for Education	766,242
Expansion/renovation John Larmonie Center	2,000,000
Upgrading Raoul Illidge Sports Field	2,242,365
Completion of construction of the Prins Willem Alexander School – Phase I	1,350,000
NIPA addition to building	500,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,208,607.00</b>



# Capital Investments Income

Type	2023
Student Loan Repayment	315,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>315,000</b>



## Other Matters

### Trust Fund Projects

- The Rebuilding of inclusive Schools
- The Rebuilding the Philipsburg Jubilee Library
- Building the Ministry's Management Information System (MMIS)



# Other Matters

## Ministerial Four Country Consultation (M4LO) on Education, Culture, and Science

Our ministry continues to collaborate in education, culture, and research under the Four Country Platform known as the “Vierlanden overleg”.



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# Other Matters

## Education Review

In 2023, the Ministry of Education, Culture, Youth and Sport will review its current plans against the priority areas identified in the Final Report of the Education Review and will draft a Plan of Action towards the realization of the Ministry's priorities for the improvement of the education System.



# Conclusion

**Thank you for your attention and I  
look forward to your questions.**

**GOVERNMENT OF SINT MAARTEN**

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