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# 2023 Draft Budget Sint Maarten

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Development & Labor*



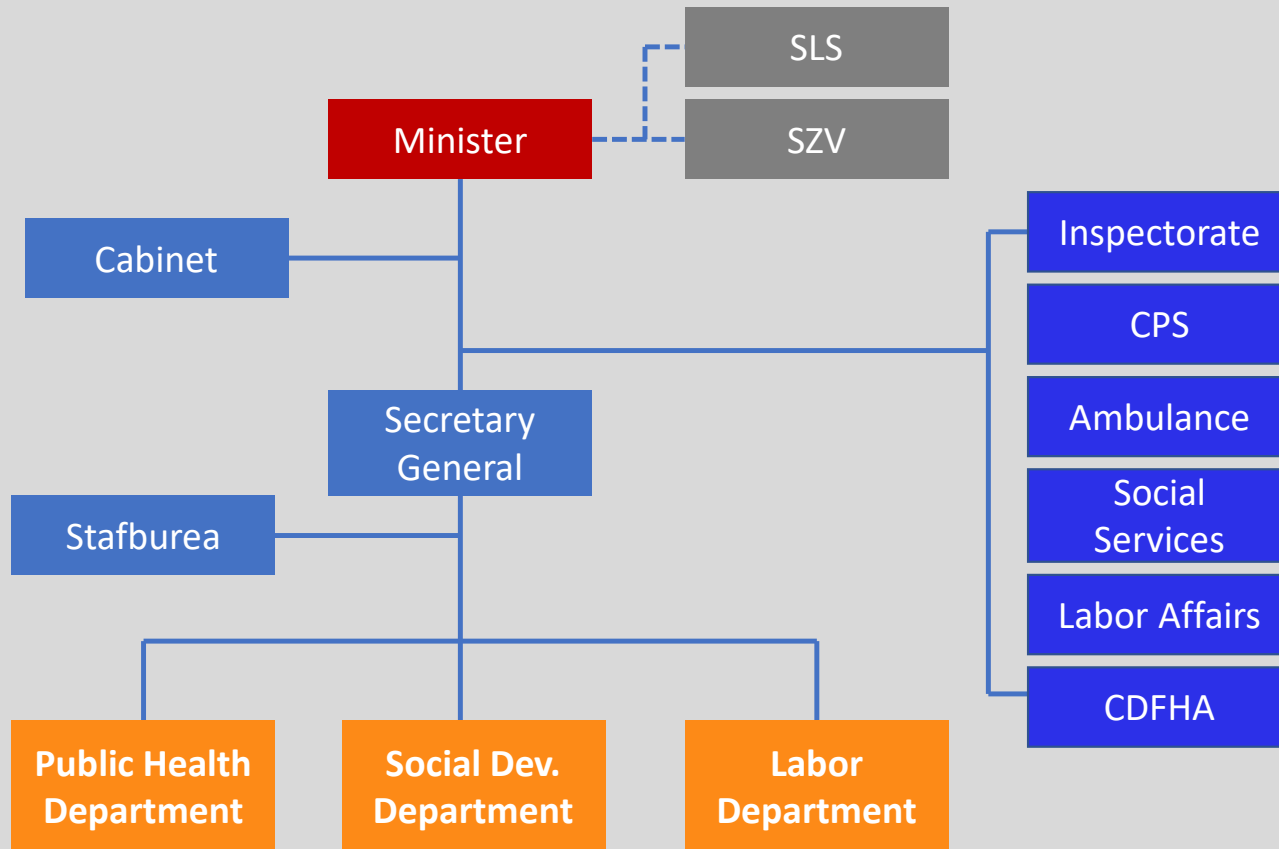


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# Ministry VSA Portfolio





# Vision and Mission Ministry of Public Health, Social Development & Labor

## Vision

To be a knowledge institute, which will result in being the recognized governmental authority for public health, social development, social security, labor related policy and service domains.

## Mission

- To promote a healthy and socially supportive community.
- Preventing unhealthy living conditions, protecting socially vulnerable groups, promoting employment and the general well-being of society on Sint Maarten.
- Promote the general well-being and quality of life of our population through services such as health protection, health promotion, job placement, employment and dismissal permits, emergency medical services, social security, community development and social work and counseling and supervision.
- To ensure access to health insurance and social security systems.



# Key achievements in 2022

- Pharmaceutical Cost Containment Program
- Dutch Caribbean Health Alliance
- Indexation of the hourly Minimum Wage 2023
- Home Repair Project
- Elderly Programs



# Overall Comparison Budget 2023 vs 2022

	Budget 2022	Actuals 2022	Budget 2023
Expenses	92,530,958	86,928,292	88,461,918
Income	1,271,180	938,347	1,481,524



## Revenue

Category	Budget 2022	Actuals 2022	Budget 2023
Fees	64,000	41,826	75,000
Miscellaneous other Income	29,000	1,850	17,000
Work Permits	1,133,180	894,671	1,349,524
Ambulance Fees	45,000	0	40,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,271,180</b>	<b>938,347</b>	<b>1,481,524</b>



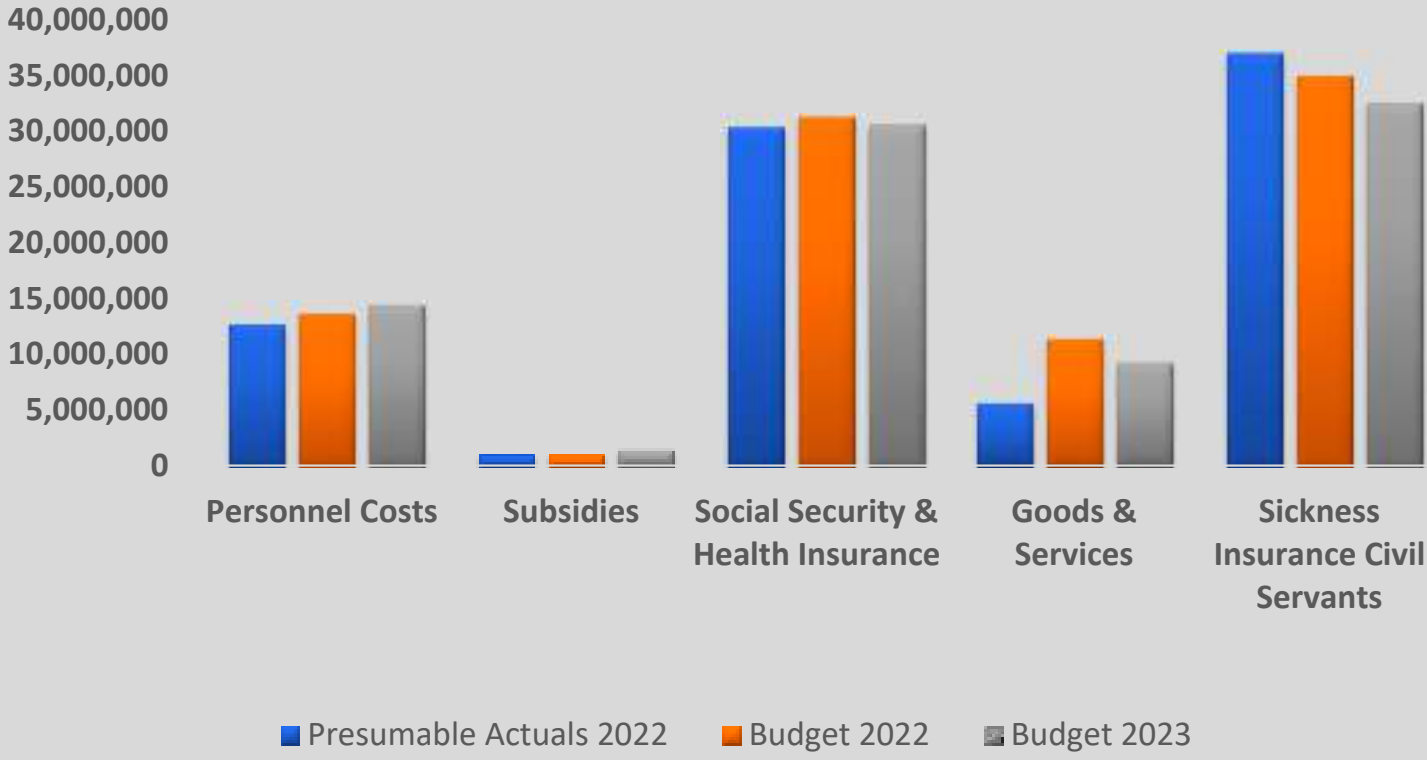
## Expenses per Economic Category

	Presumable Actuals 2022	Budget 2022	Budget 2023
Personnel Costs	12,773,552	13,637,502	14,537,855
Subsidies	1,107,800	1,126,800	1,516,800
Social Security & Health Insurance	30,307,592	31,265,000	30,565,000
Goods & Services	5,739,348	11,501,656	9,342,263
<b>Total costs VSA</b>	<b>49,928,292</b>	<b>57,530,958</b>	<b>55,961,918</b>
Sickness Insurance Civil Servants	37,000,000	35,000,000	32,500,000
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>86,928,292</b>	<b>92,530,958</b>	<b>88,461,918</b>



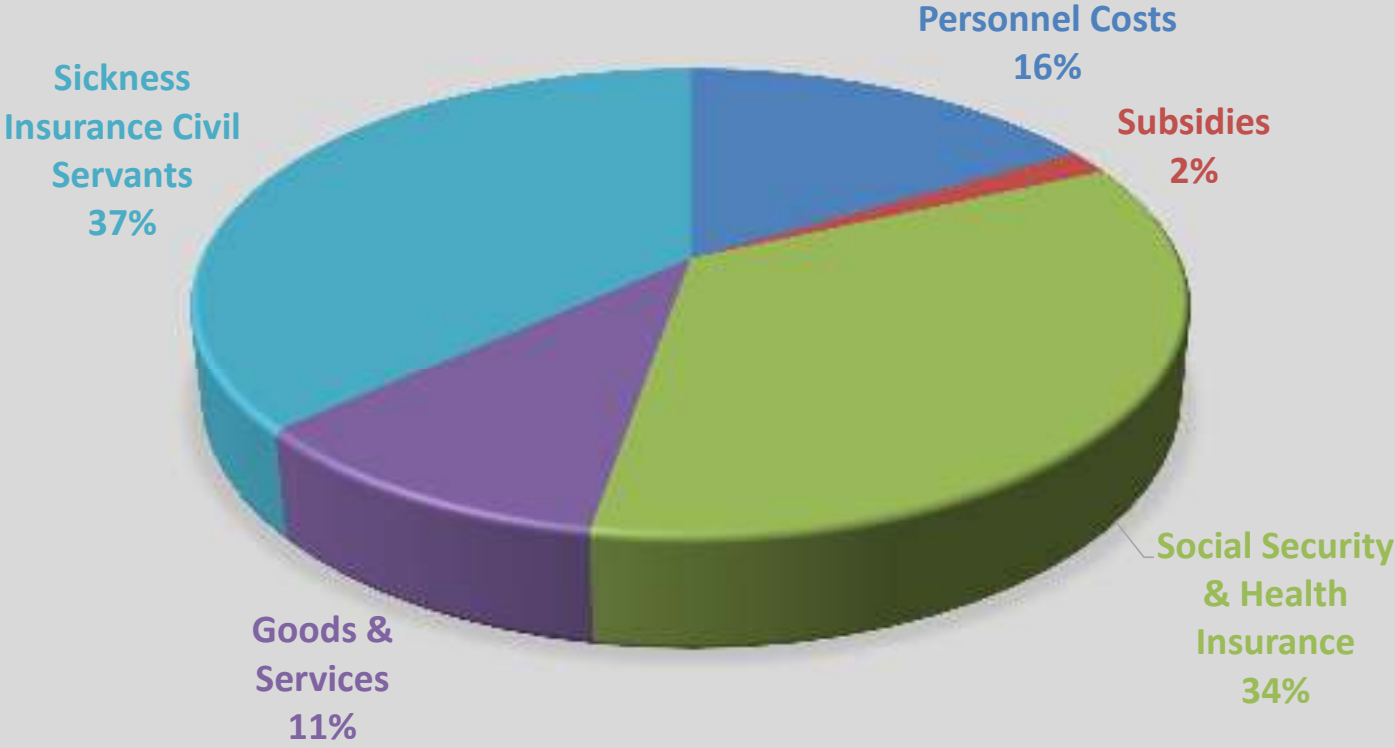


## Expenses per Economic Category Comparison





# ALLOCATION 2023 BUDGET



Ministry of Public Health, Social Development & Labor



## Highlights in Expected Expenses (I)

- ANG 400,000 for the establishment of Port Health Services
- ANG 470,000 for hiring of 4 key essential personnel for the Social Registry System
- ANG 194,000 NCD Implementation Plan
- ANG 300,000 for the establishment and staffing of a registration system for health care professionals
- ANG 200,000 for improving the legislation, policy and regulations for Mental Health Care
- ANG 100,000 for improving the legislation, policy and regulations for the Medical Waste Policy



## Highlights in Expected Expenses (2)

- ANG 250,000 for consultancy fee for the Non-communicable Diseases strategic plan
- ANG 205,000 for the Youth Vaccination and Dental Program
- ANG 200,000 for the creation of a disease database for the surveillance and following up on NCD's, CD's and mortality
- ANG 150,000 for developing a structured reporting mechanism for Communicable Diseases
- ANG 522,000 for Outbreak preparedness (PHEIC)
- ANG 700,000 for the Home Repair Program
- ANG 100,000 for ESF7 community-based trainings
- ANG 100,000 for the digitalization of the Crisis Care Process
- ANG 150,000 to update AOV legislation to include flanking measures



## Highlights in Expected Expenses (3)

- ANG 1,740,360 for the Transitional Shelter Program
- ANG 150,000 for the development of a legislation for the rental subsidy
- ANG 140,000 for the development of policy proposals in regards to the illegal employment of foreign workers
- ANG 150,000 to conduct various workshops to educate the public pertaining to their labor rights and to enhance their job seeking opportunities
- ANG 49,500,000 for civil servants and persons receiving medical aid (OZR)
- ANG 6,500,000 contribution towards the ZV insurance for the persons still insured but unemployed
- ANG 6,800,000 for Financial Aid



# Policy Priorities 2023

## ● Health Care

- Public awareness campaigns for Non Communicable Diseases, Communicable Diseases and healthy living
- Youth Vaccination and Dental Program
- Non Communicable Disease plan
- Developing a structured reporting mechanism for Communicable Diseases, which supports the International Health Regulations (IHR).
- The establishment and staffing of a registration system for health care professionals in line with international quality standards



## Health Care

- Digitalizing the Inspection application system
- DCHA: Cooperation between the hospitals within the Kingdom (CAS-BES) in the event of crisis and disasters.
- Mental Health Care Legislation CAS/BES
- The continuation of the Port Health services at the country's points of entries to ensure the public safety from outbreaks originating from abroad



- **Community & Comprehensive Social Care**
  - To develop community development programs through an integral and neighborhood-oriented approach
  - To carry out households assessments to identify the social economic needs of the population in order to better project and develop needed services
  - The establishment and staffing of a registration system for health care professionals in line with international quality standards
  - To continue with the Community Resilience Projects, funded via the EU, which are linked to measure A.5 of the Country's Package.





## Community & Comprehensive Social Care

- The implementation of the Social Registry System as outlined and approved in National Recovery Resilience Plan document
- The ministry will maintain the ongoing Transitional Shelter Program
- The development of legislation for Rental Subsidy
- The development of legislation for Unemployment Fund



- **Labor**
  - The development of policy proposals in regards to the illegal employment of foreign workers
  - The development of E-platforms
  - To reactivate the Council of Education and Labor (ROA)
  - To conduct various workshops to educate the public pertaining to their labor rights and to enhance their job seeking opportunities



## Top Priorities 2023

- Diabetic Foot Care Program
- After hours GP Care Clinic & Pharmacy
- Water collaboration w/ the French side
- Legalization of Cannabis
- Health Levy
- BIG- establishment of structure to widen the pool of medical professionals
- Amendment to the Civil Code: defining under what circumstances can short-term contracts be used
- Cost of living assessment from findings of the Census data



# LEGALIZATION CANNABIS

- According to Forbes, “Cannabis Tourism is Now A \$17 Billion Industry
- In 2021, out of \$25 billion in legal cannabis sales Forbes estimates \$4.5 billion was driven by tourists
- In Antigua, in the 1<sup>st</sup> half of 2022 they made 6 million in revenues and by the end of the year 23 million. By 2028 they are projected to make \$49 million
- St. Maarten’s RFP deadline was December 6, 2023



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**THE END**

I look forward to your  
questions.

