

## 2022: Yearly report of the activities of Vincy Table Tennis Foundation

*For year 2022, the VTTF - Vincy Table Tennis Foundation - has committed itself and resources towards the grassroots development of Table Tennis across St Vincent and the Grenadines. The targets for this would be schools and community centers, during school and outside of school programmes/coaching sessions. The ultimate goal for the Foundation is “active table tennis programmes everywhere” and although that’s easily said, it’s not easily done. Set backs came from all areas - Fundings, Locations, Timing, not enough people with the drive to do the work, getting outside sources to see the value of our goals and assist us with them and that was just short list of the set backs.*



Picture of lunch time coaching session at the Fair Hall Primary School



### Some figures on the activities in 2022

- For the year 2022, the VTTF programmes reached **5559** boys and **3046** across SVG, averaging **463.25** boys with **253.8** Girls monthly in the coaching sessions.
- The average of kids in attendance per month for 2022 was **717.1** and that number covers both genders - boys and girls.
- 2022 saw five months with attendance under 500 kids, three months with 500 – 1'000 attendance and the other four months in that year had more than 1'000 kids in attendance per month.
- We had our lowest attendance of **135** kids in **3** active locations for the month of August (summer holidays) and our highest attendance of **1'279** kids in **12** active locations for the month of May of which the numbers speak for themselves.
- In running the sessions we award an hourly stipend, depending on the level of the coaches, which will be paid monthly, upon handing in a report,,:
  - **Level 2:** ITTF Certified Coach (**VTTF has 2 level 2 coaches**): EC\$ 14.-- / hour
  - **Level 1:** ITTF Certified Coach (**VTTF has 3 level 1 coaches**): EC\$ 12.-- / hour
  - **Uncertified Level 1:** Still completing the coaching hours to get certified or have not received their certificate as yet. (**VTTF has 3 uncertified level 1 coaches**): EC\$ 10.-- / hour
  - **Assistant to Coach:** this individual is being directly instructed by the Head Coach of the VTTF and/or is an active table tennis athlete or player. (**VTTF has 2 assistant to Coaches**): EC \$ 8.-- / hour
  - **Program Time Keeper (PTK)** - not certified in coaching table tennis but may have the skills of playing, can take control of a location, manage the equipment usage and document attendance/dates. (**VTTF has 6 PTKs**): EC \$ 5.-- / hour.
- The 2022 overall stipend payout reached **\$21,273.95 ECD**: averaging at around **\$2,000.00 ECD** payout monthly ( 1 USD is equal to 2.71 EC\$).

- Within those programme controllers categories listed in the previous point, we have: teachers, retired workers, athletes, former students, etc. Those are a range of individuals that benefit from our programme by using their skills gain from being part of table tennis in some way or the other.
- Last by not least, we contribute to the increase attendance of the St Vincent and the Grenadines Inter Schools table tennis competitions, by having programmes in over 18 schools across SVG. From the capital of Kingstown to the far Leeward side Chateaubelair village and to the far Windward side Fancy village, even on the Grenadine island of Bequia.

Statement of the head coach / administrator of VTTF, Romano Spencer, a former National Table Tennis Player, now Coach with 17+ years experience:

*This was not a bad job by the VTTF at all. I have never seen a programme aim towards the development of table tennis at the grassroots level with this magnitude done for years since I have been in table tennis. And, still the VTTF's goal with myself is to do more!!! For 2023 we plan on doing just that.*



Head Coach: **Romano Spencer**, running weekend coaching sessions on the Grenadine Island of Bequia at the NDP Office building in Bequia harbour, assisted by PTK - **Ebony Arrindell**

### Collaboration with Mustique Charitable Trust:

MCT - Mustique Charitable Trust

<https://mustiquecharitabletrust.com/about-the-mustique-charitable-trust/>

UKFMCT - UK Friends of the Mustique Charitable Trust

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*The VTTF in collaboration with the MCT (UKFMCT) started a table tennis coaching programme project in the far Leeward and far Windward side of St. Vincent. This involved three Primary Schools: Fancy Government School, Troumaca Government School, Chateaubelair Methodist School and one Secondary School: Troumaca Ontario Secondary School. Respectively speaking these are schools that in normal cases would not be privilege to the joy of learning or playing table tennis. One of the main goal of this project was to reach those less fortunate kids in these rural areas and create a sustainable programme that functions even after the project is finished.*



Head Coach **Romano Spencer** in LIEBHERR shirt of German National Team after completing Summer Camp at Troumaca Secondary School with ITTF certified Level 1 Coach **Leighton Adams** (blue shirt) and some of the camp's participants

*The coaching project started in March of 2022 and it aimed to finish in April 2023. However, the project saw it's downs before it even began: with the Covid 19 Pandemic affecting the world and a Volcano Eruption affecting the island plus the initial start time of the project - January 2022. Even so, the VTTF along with the UKFMCT didn't let up and found the best possible way to start and move forward with the project. This was no easy task, since the schools air marked for the project are located extremely close to the La Soufrière Volcano in SVG which erupted April 2021.*



Happy kids after completing Summer Table Tennis Training camp at the Fancy Government School with certified Coach and Teacher **Ms. Clyornique Durrant**

### **Project details**

- Project Coordinator : Mr. Romano Spencer - Head Coach / Administrator of the VTTF.
- Facilitators:
  - Ms. Clyornique Durrant **Fancy Government School** - Teacher & ITTF Level 1 Table Tennis coach.



- Mr. Mikael Hazelwood **Fancy Government School** - as Coach's Assistant.
- Mr. Leighton Adams **Troumaca Ontario Secondary School** - Teacher & ITTF Level 1 Table Tennis coach.
- Mr. Tykel Pierre **Chateaubelair Methodist School** - as Coach's Assistant.
- Ms. Clea Westfield **Troumaca Government School** - as Teacher & PTK.
- A financial report along with a project report was presented by the VTTF to the UKFMCT every quarter of the project period.
- Project reach:
  - **1<sup>st</sup> Quarter:** March to May 2022 - we reached 1,244 kids.
  - **2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter:** June to August 2022 - we reached 462 kids.
  - **3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter:** September to November 2022 - we reached 1,334 kids.
  - **4<sup>th</sup> Quarter:** December 2022 to February 2023 - we reached 1,623 kids.
- The project was budgeted at **EC\$ 25'675**, to be used over the period of one year.
- Over the project period we had two major training camps both in July 2022, one at the Troumaca area secondary school and the other at the Fancy village government school. There after we did a number of weekend mini (two days) camps at the Fancy Government School and run regular coaching programmes at the Troumaca Ontario Secondary School.
- From feedbacks, the UKFMCT was very satisfied with the reports given, the overall handling of the project and of course the outcome, with many happy kids participating.

**The cooperation with UKFMCT, was a mile-stone for VTTF. Of course, the two projects in Fancy and Chateaubelair could only be carried out thanks to the support of UKFMCT. Almost more important, especially for the future, was the fact that VTTF was able to fully meet UKFMCT's very strict criterias to get support - in project planning, implementation and reporting! Hopefully this will have a positive impact on future donors - VTTF has proven that with minimal administrative costs it can get a lot of young people involved in sport and instil values far beyond technical skills.**

**Goals for 2023:**

1. Since we are a non-profit organization, the VTTF will need to recruit as much donors as possible to maintain and improve on our current path. **To fulfilling our goal of having enough equipment and using almost all donations to finance the stipends of the coaches, assistants and PTKs that work with us.**
2. Romano Spencer as Head Coach / Administrator of the VTTF currently benefit from being fully financed by a donor coming from Switzerland. **The target here is to help donors create this opportunity for Coaches, Projects or Schools through the VTTF, also.**



*Picture of some man-made, ecological table tennis barriers for use during coaching sessions done by the VTTF for the **Fancy Government School***

3. We want to increase the overall attendance rate per session, which in turn will highlight the monthly activities for 2023. **The target is having an average of 1,500 participants per month, consistently.**
4. We want to increase the amount of schools involved in the VTTF coaching programmes across SVG, especially in the Grenadine Islands. **The target is having at least 20 schools across SVG running regular programmes.**
5. We would like to recruit more individuals, Coaches and PTKs to run sessions at the locations.



6. We want to attract more girls to the sport of table tennis by spreading the availability of coaching programmes across SVG.
7. We want from our PTK pool to get more certified coaches when the next ITTF coaching course become available. **The target is to have at least 10 certified ITTF level 1 coaches after the next official course is organized and completed in SVG.**
8. We hope to be a source of income for the athletes of table tennis (in becoming Coach's Assistant) giving them a more flexible timing to train to represent their country.
9. We are labelled as a source for the SVGTTA - St Vincent and the Grenadines Table Tennis Association - to recruit potential athletes. **In 2023 we hope to identify and highlight more potential athletes for national representation through our grassroots programmes.**
10. Create more sustainability with the coaching programmes. **The target is weekly continuity of all programmes.**
11. Create new ideas and approach to the dynamic of the coaching programmes / sessions.
12. April 2023 will mark the end of the successful MCT (UKFMCT) collaboration coaching project.





St Vincent and the Grenadines Inter Schools Table Tennis Competition, winners circle with 90 to 95% of the participants coming through school programmes done by the VTTF

For further information about the programs, goals, updates and other information, please visit regularly our website, [www.vincytabletennis.org](http://www.vincytabletennis.org)

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