



TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO CHESS ASSOCIATION

APPENDIX D-REPORT ON FUNDING

Planning and Development Commission

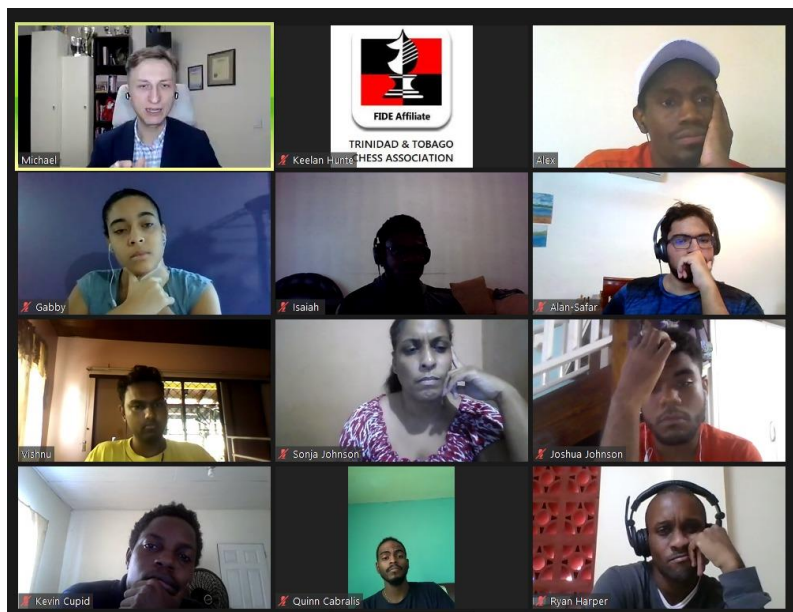
Period: Jan 2021-December 31, 2021

Background

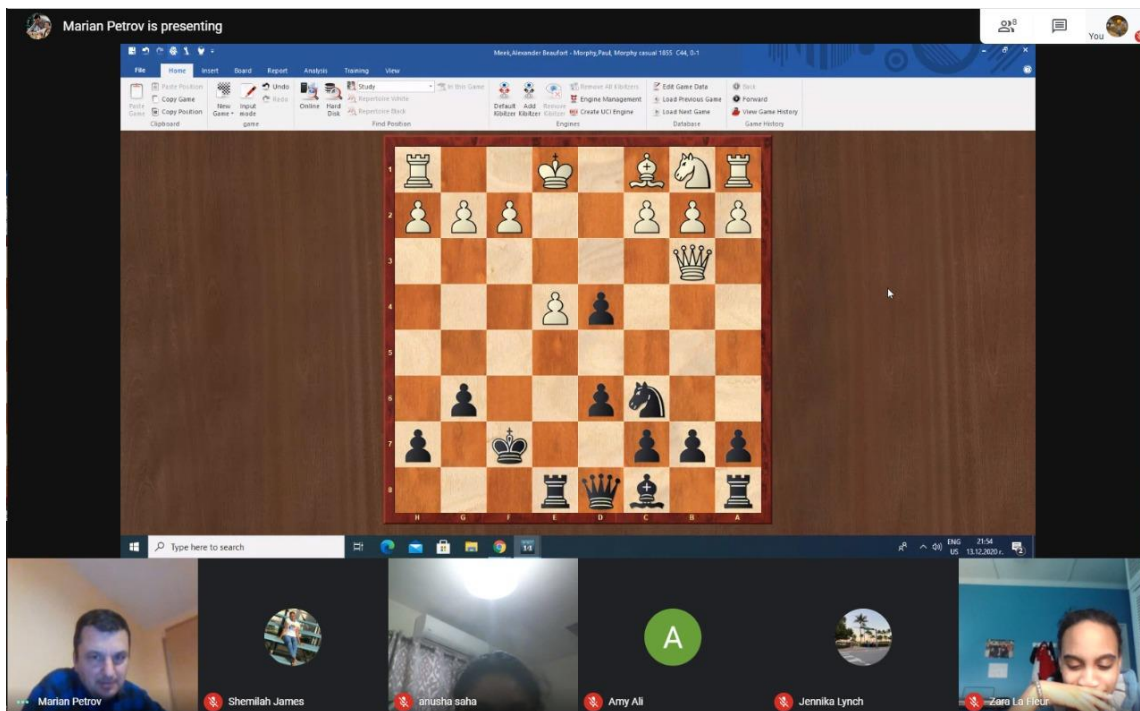
2020 was a year that provided unique challenges and opportunities for the TTCA. 2021 began with a return to over the board activities, however these were suspended due to the exponential increase in COVID cases. Despite this scenario, the TTCA is still able to engage in activities within the community which develop chess as well as develop capacity for further propagation of the sport of chess. Please find below the interim report for the period January 2021- Present.

TRAINING OF TOP PLAYERS

The TTCA engaged the services of two coaches to provide training to top male and female players. These are:



- Absolute: GM Mykhaylo Oleksiyenko (Ukraine). There are 8 players in this programme.



- Females: GM Marian Petrov (Bulgaria). There are 5 players in this programme.

The training began on **13th December 2020** and concluded on February 28, 2021.

CAPACITY BUILDING

The TTCA has used this period to engage in a few capacity building activities for its officials. These include:

- Various officials participated in the training provided by the Tornelo team on the use of the online platform which will be used from several FIDE events going forward due to its enhanced fair-play features and functionality.
- FIDE ARBITER Seminar for Online/Hybrid Events: The TTCA had 2 participants in the inaugural seminar for arbiters for hybrid/online events in **April 2021**. Chess is one of the few sports that can continue almost in the same way virtually. However, there are additional requirements for online supervision which was shared with participants across the globe.

NATIONAL YOUTH AND JUNIOR CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS 2021



The National Youth Chess Championships 2021 were held ‘in person’ and attracted 66 participants and was held at Preysal Secondary School from **February 13, 14, 20 and 21, 2021**. To engage a wider group, the TTCA also hosted a ‘Return to the Board’ Open Chess Event for adults during the same period as the Youth event. The event was quite successful without any incidents. The **Director of Sport and Physical Education, Mr. Gabre Mc Tair**, as well as the liaison officer, **Delisa Blizzard**, were gracious to spend time with the TTCA during these events. The National Junior Championships took place over the period **March 13, 14, 20, 21, 2021** and attracted 28 players. These were the first FIDE-rated events held in over a year by the TTCA.

Results of the various events can be found on chess-results.com/TTO.

National Junior Open/Female: <http://chess-results.com/tnr552409.aspx?lan=1&art=4>

Return to the Board: <http://chess-results.com/tnr549169.aspx?lan=1&art=4>

National Youth: <http://chess-results.com/tnr549176.aspx?lan=1>

The National Prize-giving was held on **March 21, 2021**. Photos can be found on the TTCA’s Facebook Page or at

<https://www.facebook.com/ttcachess/photos/pcb.4047772148578235/4047736358581814/>

COVID Regulations

The TTCA was able to successfully host the Over the Board events by ensuring adherence to the national COVID regulations as well as following guidelines by the International Chess Federation. These efforts included:

- Development of COVID guidelines for TTCA events
- Development of Self Declaration Questionnaire for players to complete prior to participation in Over the Board Events
- Sanitisation of chess boards, sets and clocks before every round of play
- Appointment of 'COVID arbiter' who will ensure all players sanitise and wear their masks before entering the playing venue.
- Enforcement of the wearing of masks.
- Temperature testing of all attendees at the event including parents and other spectators.
- Separate area outside playing hall for spectators set up to allow for social distancing among families.
- Maintenance of a daily list of all attendees with contact information and temperature readings for each day of the tournaments.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY ONLINE CHESS EVENT

This year, to celebrate, the Trinidad and Tobago Chess Association partnered with the Southern Chess Club (SCC) on **March 6th, 2021**, to host the inaugural International Women's Day Online Rapid Chess Tournament.

The winners of this event are as follows:

- 1st place- WIM Gabriella Johnson
- 2nd place- WCM Shemilah James
- 3rd place- Zara La Fleur

- Best U-14 female- Vandina Maharaj

This tournament was held in commemoration of Mrs. Loraine Winchester-Hall (August 19, 1961 to April 16, 2016).

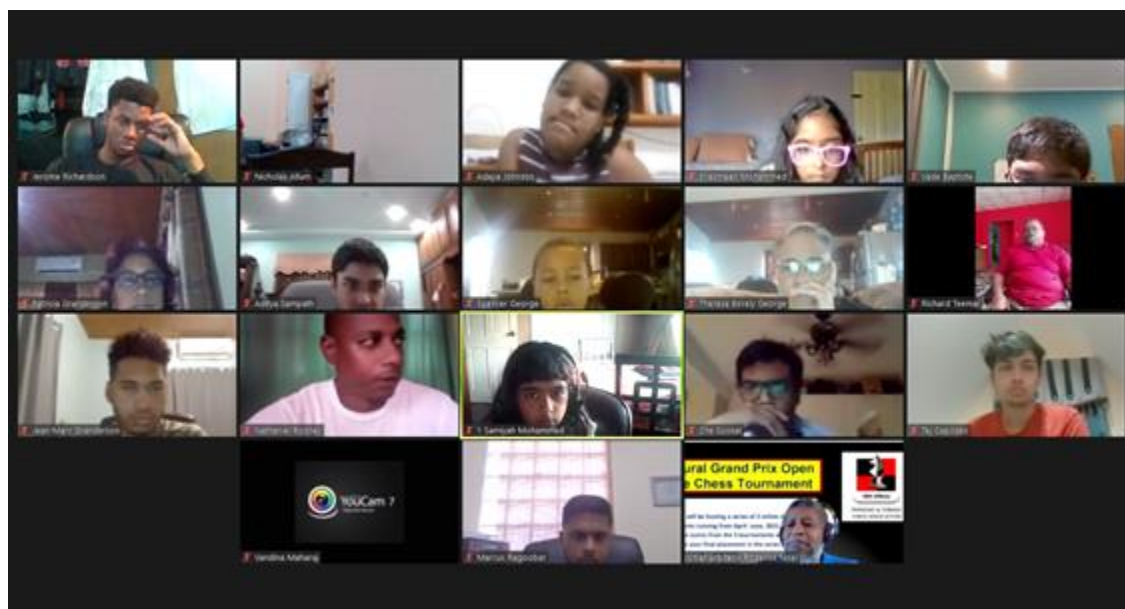
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FIRST CITIZENS SPORTS FOUNDATION AWARDS

The Trinidad and Tobago Chess Association placed in the top 3 of the Jeffrey Stollmeyer Award for Top Sporting Organisation for 2020 at the First Citizens Sports Foundation Awards, for 2019 after winning awards for 2015, 2016, 2018 and 2019. Once again, the award ceremony was a virtual event that was aired in April 2021. The Tennis Association won the award for 2020. The other NSO shortlisted was Volleyball.

Two of our chess athletes, Zara La Fleur and Alan-Safar Ramoutar placed in the **top 7 Youth athletes for 2020**.

INAUGURAL ONLINE CHESS GRAND PRIX



The TTCA hosted its inaugural Online Chess Grand Prix beginning on **April 17, 2021**. The event had 2 categories, Open Unrated for those players who did not have an international FIDE rating and OPEN. There were 59 participants. In the unrated section there were 2 mother and son pairs and a father and son. There were also several siblings who participated which speaks to the family nature of the sport.

The other 2 stages of the event took place on **May 15, 2021, and June 19, 2021**. In the end, the Open section was won by FM Joshua Johnson who scored 90 points and the Open Unrated section was won by Richard Teemal who came tied with Aditya Sampath with a score of 81 but won on tiebreak.

Details can be found at:

<https://tornelo.com/chess/orgs/trinidad-tobago-chess-association/events/669f4a01-83ad-4e3b-a2a3-1ee6f7a0f4d1>

<https://chesstt.org/home/online-grand-prix-2021/>

QUALIFICATION EVENTS-AMERICAN CHESS WORLD CUP

Ten (10) players took part in the Online prequalification event for the America World Cup. Three players qualified for the Knock-Out Stage. These were:

- Joshua Johnson
- Frank Sears
- Hayden Lee

Games for the Knock-Out stage took place from **May 22-23, 2021**. These were played in a hybrid format at the Metro Hotel, Couva.

<https://chess-results.com/tnr558425.aspx?lan=1&art=14&turdet=YES&flag=30>

NATIONAL ONLINE PRIMARY SCHOOL CHESS TOURNAMENT 2021



On Saturday 17th July, the TTCA hosted its Inaugural National Individual Primary School Tournament online where 20 schools were represented by a total of 47 participants.

After 5 rounds, there was a 3-way tie for first place where all three individuals had a clean sweep of 5/5 points. After the tie break the results are as follows:

1st place (on tie break)-Kael Samuel Bisnath of Montrose Government Primary School

2nd place (on tie break)-Adrian Allum of Cedar Grove Private Primary

3rd place (on tie-break)-Adrian Lutawan of Felicity S.D.M.S Hindu School

The best female performance came from Raquel Laing of Cedar Grove Private Primary who scored 4/5 points.

The TTCA held the prize-giving ceremony for the National Individual Primary School Tournament 2021 on October 9th at C3 Centre, San Fernando.

Trophies were awarded to the top 3 schools:

1st place-Cedar Grove Private Primary School

2nd place-Montrose government Primary School

3rd place-Maria Regina Grade School

Special thanks to our sponsor C3 Centre for enabling us to have this tournament for our primary school chess enthusiasts.

<https://chesstt.org/home/national-youth-chess-championships-2021/>

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This was held on **Saturday 26th June 2021** via zoom. There was participation from 14 out of 15 clubs and more than 50 participants were online. The President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer were reelected unopposed.

INTERNATIONAL CHESS DAY

In commemoration of International Chess Day, July 20th, 2021, the TTCA embarked upon a campaign to highlight its national youth and junior champions for 2021. A few of the vides can be found here:

<https://www.facebook.com/ttcachess/videos/494986888246292>

This campaign was very successful and extremely well received with a reach on Facebook of 48 000 with thousands of engagements. This campaign took place from July 13-20, 2021.

This was followed by **free** online chess classes on July 22 and 23rd delivered by FM Ryan Harper and FM Adrian Winter Atwell.

ONLINE RAPID YOUTH WORLD CUP

The FIDE Online Rapid Youth World Cup took place from **August 1-20, 2021**, with participation of 1600+ players from over 100 countries. The following players represented Trinidad and Tobago over the duration of this event:

Under 10 Female: Adaya Johnson

Under 10 Absolute: Kyan Muradali (CM pending)

Under 12 Female: Vandina Maharaj, Anasuriya Seeram-Maharaj

Under 12 Absolute: Zachary Murray, Kael Smauel-Bisnath

Under 14 Female: Aradhana Ramnarine-Singh

Under 14 Absolute: Chandresh Prabhakar, Joshua Medina, Juninho La Fleur

Under 16 Female: Zara La Fleur (WCM Pending)

Under 16 Absolute: Keagan Ragoobar

Under 18 Female: Keira Samuel-Bisnath

The format of this event was markedly different from 2020. The age groups were categorised in batches of 4 groups that played ten rounds over a five-day period for each group. The event took place from August 1-20, 2021.

The following were the top performances:

Absolute: Kyan Muradali -4 points; Joshua Medina-4 points; Keagan Ragoobar-4 points

Female: Zara La Fleur-5 points; Adaya Johnson -3 points

The players were captained by PRO WIM Gabriella Johnson. The coach for the team over the period was GM Marian Petrov.

All results can be found here:

<https://chess-results.com/tnr565788.aspx?lan=1&art=0&turdet=YES&flag=30>

FIDE ONLINE CHESS OLYMPIAD 2021

Team Trinidad and Tobago won 10 of its 11 matches, losing only to Puerto Rico in **Group-Division 4** of the FIDE Online Chess Olympiad which took place August 20-22, 2021. The other teams in the group were: Antigua & Barbuda, Togo, Mauritania, St. Lucia, Bermuda, Haiti (who ended in 3rd place), Guyana, Cayman Islands, Netherlands Antilles and the Bahamas. Trinidad and Tobago ended on 20 match points, 2 points behind the Group E winners, Puerto Rico.

We congratulate the efforts of the entire T&T team who really rallied through this weekend of 11 rounds to achieve the objective of moving on to the next level of competition.

We had some exceptional performances from FM Joshua Johnson who scored 9.5 out of 10 points and Jennika Lynch who scored 4 out of 4 points. Other top performances came from WCM Shemilah James with 8.5 out of 10 points, FM Adrian Winter Atwell who ended on 5 out of 7 points and Daenon Ramsumair with 4.5 out of 6 points.

These and other details can be found at:

<http://chess-results.com/tnr574334.aspx?lan=1&art=1&flag=30>

Online Chess Olympiad Division 3, Group D - Day 3

August 29th marked the end of the Division 3 games of the FIDE Online Chess Olympiad.

Team Trinidad and Tobago had a good day as it won all 3 of its matches against Cyprus, Aruba and Paraguay. Their performance of 14 match points was able to secure a tie for third place with Paraguay, but the tie break (game points) placed the team in 4th place. The team just missed advancing to Division 2, pending the fair play report.

Bolivia topped the group with 16 match points and Uruguay, which also scored 16 match points, came in second due to the tie-break.

Congratulations to all teams who participated and especially those who have advanced to the next Division.

We want to thank all members of Team Trinidad and Tobago whose concerted efforts and tremendous team spirit allowed the team to achieve such success in this event.

The top performers for the team in Division 3 were FM Joshua Johnson who scored 7 out of 8 points, and the 3 females: WCM Shemilah James who scored 7 out of 9 points, WIM Gabriella Johnson who scored 6 out of 9 points and (WCM pending) Zara La Fleur who also scored 6 out of 9 points. Special recognition also goes out to the team captain, Roderick Noel, and his deputy, Keelan Hunte, for their unwavering support for these players and the positive roles they played in the team's success.

We celebrate this young talented team. You did the country proud!

PANAMERICAN YOUTH CHESS FESTIVAL-HYBRID EVENT



Bmobile box, OVAL



Naparima College, San Fernando

The Trinidad and Tobago Chess Association was one of 15 Federations that participated in the first ever Pan American Youth Chess Festival which was held in a hybrid format. This event was organized by the Brazilian Chess Federation and allowed players to participate from neutral venues across the Americas using their laptops/computers to compete against other players in the age groups Under 6 to Under 18.

The event consisted of 9 rounds of play during the period **September 4-10, 2021**. Two venues were provided: the bmobile box, Queen's Park Oval, St. Clair and Naparima College, San Fernando.

Trinidad and Tobago fielded 24 players in the following categories:

Under 6: Jahymes Grant

Under 8: Ne'yah Martin, Adrian Allum

Under 10: Adaya Johnson

Under 12: Vandina Maharaj, Raquel Laing, Zachary Murray, Luke Gillette, Kael Samuel Bisnath, Christopher Sammy

Under 14: Aradhana Ramnarine-Singh, Chandresh Prabhakar, Joshua Medina, Yuri Mahabir, Syon Mano,
James Gillette, Joshua Martin, Juninho La Fleur

Under 16: Zara La Fleur, Keagan Ragoobar, Keshav Maharaj; Jonathan Ramdass

Under 18: Keira Samuel Bisnath, Kayla Martin

Top Performances came from:

Under 12 Open: Kael Samuel Bisnath- 4.5 pts.

Under 14 Open: Juninho La Fleur- 4.5 pts.

Under 12 Open: Zachary Murray- 4 pts.

Under 8 Female: Ne'yah Martin- 4 pts.

Under 14 Open: Jonathan Ramdass- 4 pts.

Under 16 Female: Zara La Fleur- 4 pts.

A few players also participated in Online Rapid and Blitz events which took place fully online on September 11 and 12, 2021.

UWI/TTCA OPEN RAPID CHESS TOURNAMENT

UWI Chess club in collaboration with the TTCA hosted its Open Rapid Chess tournament on 24th September 2021.

There were 40 participants. The eventual winner was FM Isaiah Mc Intosh, a UWI student!. He was followed by fellow UWI student, Daenon Ramsumair who came in second on tie break with FM Ryan Harper who placed 3rd.

INTERCONTINENTAL ONLINE CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP FOR PRISONERS

This event took place over the period **October 13-14, 2021.**

In the build up to this event there were qualifying events and training of selected team players by certified chess coaches.

This event really encompassed a very national approach. It involved the Ministry of National Security, the TTO, Ministry of Communications, Prison Administration, igovTT and the TTCA.

The Ministry of Communications assisted in the production of a promotional video as a pre-cursor to the actual event. It received extensive media coverage locally and globally (FIDE) every step of the way from the qualifiers, sponsor support and eventual event participation.

There was participation by 30 countries with 40 teams and Team Trinidad and Tobago was one of only 4 countries that was able to boast participation by 3 teams and only 1 of 4 that had a female team.

Results: <https://chess-results.com/tnr583437.aspx?lan=1&art=0>

Other articles:

<https://www.facebook.com/1549615285283227/posts/3007019739542767/?app=fbl>

<https://www.ttt.live/feel-good-moment-22-inmates-to-participate-at-international-chess-competition/>

<https://www.facebook.com/1549615285283227/posts/3020241298220611/?app=fbl>

<https://www.ttt.live/prison-rehab-through-the-game-of-chess/>

TTCA PRESIDENT VISIT TO THE NETHERLANDS



From left: Jeroen van den Berg-Tournament Director Tata Steel, Sonja Johnson-TTCA President, Bianca Muhren-Royal Dutch Federation President, Hans Pees- CEO DGT Gaming Technology

Upon an invitation by TATA Steel Chess Tournament Director Jeroen van den Berg, in collaboration with the Royal Dutch Federation, the TTCA President embarked on an official visit to the Netherlands from October 18-25, 2021. The primary objective of the visit was to meet various chess stakeholders and to initiate the discussions for a framework for ongoing collaboration with a developed chess federation. The proposed framework has been discussed internally, and some Dutch stakeholders have been engaged with an official framework to be agreed with the Federation.

PINK REIGN CAMPAIGN

The TTCA actively participated in the Pink Reign Campaign by the Ministry of Sport and Community Development. The involvement included:

TTCA President, Sonja Johnson, being a panelist on the YOU GO+ Girl Panel Series as part of the Pink Reign Campaign.



The TTCA recorded a chess lesson taught by only females on August 7, which will form part of the MSCD campaign. The Minister of Sport requested the Under 14 Female Champion be a part of this campaign after she heard her contribution during the TTCA's Youth Campaign for International Chess Day. The link to the video is below.

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=261353006018298>

HIGHLIGHTING OF TOP YOUTH TALENT

Zara La Fleur in the Express as part of their Spotlight series

https://trinidadexpress.com/sports/yss/zara-la-fleur/article_cdf1ec5c-fc49-11eb-86da-2b62a31db132.html

Alan-Safar Ramoutar- Highest rated chess player in the English-speaking Caribbean.

Trinbagonian Chess Player reaches 2400 rating!

Eighteen-year-old International Master (IM) Alan-Safar Ramoutar left T&T five months ago seeking European chess experience and to earn a second Grand Master (GM) norm. He has been playing in Serbia, and Bosnia and Herzegovina.

<https://www.guardian.co.tt/sports/ramoutar-highest-rated-chess-player-in-englishspeaking-caribbean-6.2.1393998.c228ebd8bf>

<https://tt.loopnews.com/content/tt-chess-player-tops-caribbean-rankings>

SUBZONAL 2.3.5

Two players from Trinidad and Tobago participated in the Sub zonal 2.3.5 held in the Dominican Republic over the period November 8-13, 2021.

FM Joshua Johnson after an initial ranking of 17 (out of 70+ players), tied for 5th (12th on tie break) with 6 out of 9 points and was therefore eligible for part of the prize fund.

Results: <http://chess-results.com/tnr590107.aspx?lan=1>

CAC YOUTH CHESS FESTIVAL 2021

5 players participated in the hybrid event which was rescheduled from October and took place from 26th November- 1st December 2021 at the UTT Campus, Point Lisas. This was the third such hybrid event executed by the TTCA which proves to be a very flexible option for future events.

Results can be found at: <http://chess-results.com/tnr593585.aspx?lan=1>

ANNUAL CHESS TOURNAMENT IN COLLABORATION WITH TTPS



The TTCA collaborated with the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service Community Service Division to organize the second annual chess tournament on December 14th, 2021. This event had participation from members from various Police Youth Clubs as well as Police officers!

ARBITER SEMINAR

TTCA has 4 persons (including 2 women) scheduled to participate in an arbiter seminar over the period December 11, 12, 18, 19, 2021. This was organized by the Continental body, FIDE America.

USAGE OF FUNDS

The following is a breakdown of the use of the US\$5000 funding received from FIDE:

• Training-Inmates/Chess Equipment clearance	\$ 2200
• Player Training	\$ 1000
• Event participation	\$1800
TOTAL	\$ 5000

LEARNINGS

- The Hybrid option presented a good opportunity for the TTCA to engage players that may be abroad studying or participating in international events.
- A great deal of know-how was built in managing an in-person event during covid including enforcing appropriate protocols
- Increased competence was also built around online event management.

CONCLUDING REMARKS

Despite the challenges, the TTCA is one of the few national sporting bodies that has successfully been able to deliver on an extensive and meaningful programme of activities and will continue to improve its operations as it strives towards increased relevance and sustainability.



Sonja Johnson
President, TTCA



APPENDIX C - KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

NATIONAL CHESS FEDERATION (NCF):

CONTINENT:

DEVELOPMENT LEVEL:

PERIOD:

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS (KPIs)¹ are the critical (key) indicators of progress toward an intended result.

The NCF is required to measure the effectiveness of its programmes using the KPIs listed below. At the beginning of the period, the NCF is expected to complete both the **Baseline** and **End of Period-target** values. It is possible that a Federation may not be able to report on a particular KPI and this will be taken into consideration at the end of the reporting period. NCFs can also make use of the '**Comments**' field as required. The NCF is also allowed to include any additional KPIs that it considers to be relevant for reporting purposes. When the NCF is preparing its final report for the end of the reporting period, the **Actual** values of the KPIs need to be completed for each KPI identified.

KPI STRUCTURE

The KPIs' shall be divided into 4 main categories as follows:

Core: These KPIs are related to the technical operations of the federation. It includes number of active players, number of tournaments, average player ratings as well as supporting 'infrastructure' e.g. number of arbiters, trainers ETC. Most of this information can be sourced from by FIDE via its website or from the Elista office. This KPI allows FIDE to ascertain the quality/quantity of the players, technical officials events, etc...

Social/Special: These examine the engagement in additional programmes related to the work of other FIDE Commissions and their priorities. These include: females, kids/chess in education, vulnerable groups (refugees, people with special needs, chess in prisons etc.). Federations are encouraged to engage in at least one such programme. This KPI allows federations to fulfil the horizontal goals of FIDE as chess impacts several aspects of society.

Promotion: This includes the focus on the dissemination and profiling of chess activities of the federation and FIDE support. This should include mainstream and social media. It is important that chess activities are highlighted so persons within the wider communities understand the value of chess and the role of FIDE which can increase the opportunities for support.

Partnerships: This includes sponsors, strategic partners whose objectives are aligned to the federation. Strategic partners can include other government agencies, NGOS, media outlets. This KPI tracks the efforts of federations to engage other partners in the support of their mandate so as to build increased sustainability.

Of course, Federations can also include any other KPIs they see as relevant to their operations. The KPIs are listed in the table below.

¹ <https://kpi.org/KPI-Basics>



APPENDIX C - KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)	Baseline-2021 ²	End of Period Target	End of Period Actual	Comments
CORE				
Active FIDE-rated players				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Female All 	16 114	16 116	10 88	Actual registered total of FIDE-Rated is 246 vs Baseline of 235 at the beginning of 2021 (Increase of 11) COVID restrictions/ Very little OTB play so players designated as active were reduced.
Active players on FIDE List				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Female All 	125 660	130 670	128 651	Actual registered females is 150 vs Baseline of 142 at beginning of 2021 (Increase of 8) Covid restrictions/Very little OTB play so players designated as active were reduced.
Certified Arbiters-Active				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Female All 	2 10	4 18	3 27	
Certified Trainers-Active				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Female All 	5 24	8 36	5 24	
Average rating of top 10 players				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Female All 	1442 2178	1445 2178	1295 2180	Top Female rated 1836 classified as inactive due to no OTD play but active online
FIDE-rated tournaments organised				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Classic Hybrid Blitz Rapid 	4 0 0 0	4 1 1 1	4 2 0 0	Events held first 3 months only COVID restrictions

² NCF to populate these fields with the current values of each KPI as at the beginning of the programme/project period.



APPENDIX C - KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Other tournaments-Participation				
• Online/Hybrid events	1	3	4	
• Local events	2	2	3	
• International chess tournaments	3	3	3	
Affiliated clubs	15	15	15	
SOCIAL/SPECIAL				
Programmes (Females, Education, Prisons, refugees etc...)	Police Youth clubs- 1	2	2	Police Youth Clubs Prisons
Participants in each programme	Police-20	Police-40 Library-20	Police-20 Prison-80	Library programme hampered by COVID
PROMOTION				
Positive or neutral coverage in:				
• Mainstream media	6	8	10+	
• Social Media/Websites	6	10	10+	
• Other	0	0		
PARTNERSHIPS				
Chess sponsors	3	3	4	Limitations due to COVID
Other Strategic Partners e.g. NOC, Media, government organisations, NGOs	4	4	5	Min. of Sport, TTOC, Prison Administration, T&T Police Service, Min. of Communications
OTHER				
Please feel free to specify any other KPI that may be important to the operations of the federation				

On behalf of FEDERATION

President
Trinidad and Tobago Chess Association
Date: 31st January 2022