

Board of Rapid Response Team Foundation

To President Ms A.E. Voorn

Per email to contact@responseteam.ch

Sint Maarten, 17 December 2020

Dear members of the board of Rapid Response Team,

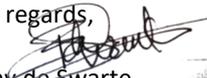
With this letter, I would like to thank you for assisting our partner K1 Britannia Foundation on Sint Maarten.

The Caribbean islands have been heavily impacted by the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic. Within the Kingdom of the Netherlands, the Netherlands Red Cross (hereinafter "NLRC") has by Kingdom law an auxiliary role to the governments of the Kingdom with regards to disaster response and humanitarian aid. In April 2020, NLRC received a large donation from the Dutch Ministry of Interior Affairs and Kingdom Relations to coordinate and implement a large-scale food assistance programme on Aruba, Curacao and Sint Maarten. The economies of these three islands are heavily dependent on tourism. With the worldwide lockdowns and travel restrictions, the tourism sector has been impacted tremendously. At the moment, NLRC with the assistance of various partners are providing assistance to 55.000 most vulnerable people on the three islands.

On Sint Maarten, the decision was made to work together with multiple partners. It was a lesson learned from the NLRC Irma recovery programme to better cooperate with other NGO's. In addition, we hope that the cooperation would also enable us and our partners to learn together for any future disaster. On Sint Maarten, K1 Britannia was a likely partner for the food assistance programme due to role they have played in providing relief to the island since Irma. Since June 2020, K1 Britannia has been a valued partner of the collective of NGO's, 6 in total, implementing the food assistance on Sint Maarten - providing assistance to a little under 15.000 of the most vulnerable.

I have been informed that Rapid Response Team is providing free advice and administrative capacity to K1 to enable them to focus more on operations. Thank you for providing them assistance and thus assisting with the delivery of aid to the 1500 households they have been caring for.

Kind regards,



Fanny de Swarte

Head of Mission

NLRC Irma Recovery Programme