

Annual Report: 2020

1. Administrative Details

1.1 - Name of National Committee: Stichting Nationaal Comite Blue Shield Curacao

1.2 - Date Report Completed: March 2021

1.3 - Reporting period covered: January 1, 2020 – December 31, 2020

1.4 - Names, positions and emails of all those who were the governing body/ trustees / principal officers on the date the report was approved or who served during in the reporting period:

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1.7 – Email the Blue Shield email should forward to: max.scriwanek@gmail.com

2. Income:

What is the total income of your committee? What are the primary sources? (Donations, grants, etc?)

We do not have an income. We have applied for a grant for funding for specific projects, f.e. the production, printing and presentation of a “Calamity Guide”.

3. Report of Activities: Achievements & Performance

Explain the activities & projects carried out over the year under the Areas of Activity

We did not have projects in 2020 other than presentations in forums about the mission of Blue Shield (Curacao). For example: 27 October 2020: virtual presentation for the UNESCO “Virtual Policy Dialogue on Documentary Heritage at Risk: Policy Gaps in Digital Preservation” in the 2th Global Policy Forum (Paris). Regional: presentation on the CARBICA webinar: November 12, 2020 together with CDEMA (the Caribbean Disaster Emergency Agency) and CHEN (Caribbean Heritage emergency Network). Local: distribution of our “Calamity Guide” to local heritage management organizations.

3.1 - Law, policy development and implementation:

National Heritage is now incorporated in the National Disaster Preparedness Plan of Curacao as an “area of interest”. We tried to incorporate “Cultural Heritage” as an ESF (Emergency Support Function) but therefore the law needed to be adopted – a long road. Instead, the national coordinator (Mr. Lesley Fer) included “Cultural Heritage” as an area of interest with Blue Shield Curacao as a stakeholder in the ‘explanatory memorandum to the law’.

3.2 - Education, training, and capacity building:

The National Committee Blue Shield Curacao has launched an “Emergency Guide”: a “What-to-do-if” guide, in case of several emergencies to protect heritage collections and buildings. We applied for a grant at a local Cultural Fund: “Prins Bernhard Cultuurfonds Caribisch gebied” to produce and print this guide, which was approved. This guide was presented to stakeholders in a Presentation / workshop (2017) with app. 30 participants. The guide was distributed at the “National Museum Day” (2018) as well.

We have presented the Blue Shield initiative in a Caribbean Workshop held at St. Maarten in July-August 2018, right after Hurricanes Irma and Maria (2017). Blue Shield Netherlands also

presented at this meeting. Audience app. 100 persons.

During these Hurricanes (2017) we activated the network via Blue Shield Netherlands – Blue Shield France to help St. Maarten / San Martin. The National Archivist of French St Martin was in contact with Blue Shield the day after the Hurricane struck.

Together with CARBICA (Caribbean Branch of the International Council on Archives) we have launched an initiative to establish a regional emergency group: the Caribbean Heritage Emergency Network (CHEN) – established March 2019. CARBICA is in negotiation with CDEMA (Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency – www.cdema.org) to liaise with them to get a Cultural Heritage representative in the CDEMA organization (the Caribbean area is divided in 4 sub areas- each sub region should have a CHEN representative in these plans). CHEN is recruiting professionals (conservators, museum specialist, build heritage specialist etc) to be included in a Dbase. These professionals can help in the Disaster Preparedness Cycle to do trainings or missions in case of Preparedness, Response, Recovery or Mitigation. Blue Shield Curacao is a partner for local experts on Curacao, but the Dbase does have experts from 6 Caribbean countries so far. CHEN looks at the examples of the “Alliance for Response Groups (AfR)” in the USA. The president of Blue Shield Curacao was present at the occasion of the establishment of the AfR New Orleans (2018) and the New Orleans Mutual Aid Agreement (MAA) served as example for CHEN’s MAA. CARBICA / CHEN had a virtual meeting with Blue Shield International (May 12th 2020) to discuss the possibility of creating a Caribbean Blue Shield Network..

3.3 - Proactive protection and risk preparedness:

See plans to liaise with regional and international networks and our printed version of the “Calamity Guide” (Calamiteitenklapper)

3.4 - Emergency response in disaster, domestic emergencies, and armed conflict:

Blue Shield Curacao is establishing a Dbase of experts willing to help in case of an emergency. This Dbase is part of a regional network. (CHEN). Hopefully this regional network will be part of the CDEMA network in the future. The Curacao experts are available for domestic emergencies. F.e. the conservator of the National Archives Curacao helped the Tax Collectors Office when the records of this office were damaged by arson-attack (August 2019). The Conservator did Fact-Finding Missions at St. Maarten (2017), Dominica (2018) and the British Virgin Islands (2018) after the Hurricanes Irma, Maria and Jose (2017). She also gave Hands on trainings and Workshops on these Islands as well as Guiana and Suriname (2020).

3.5 - Stabilisation, post-disaster recovery, and long-term/ongoing support:

See under 3.2 and 3.4

3.6 - Co-ordination (of Blue Shield and with other relevant organisations):

See under 3.2 and 3.4

4. Main issues faced:

What are the main issues faced by your committee?

- Finances;
- Time. We are all volunteers and have other jobs;
- We hope to have more frequent contact with the international community.

5. Future goals

Describe future plans to achieve strategic goals.

- Launch a website with possibilities to reach out (via tutorials) to local people on Curacao
- launch an educational package (educational information letter with Q&A's) to get young people involved in the awareness on the value of cultural heritage and the protection of cultural heritage.

We hope to liaise with the regional initiatives as described above. We hope to have more contact with the international community (Blue Shield International, UNESCO etc.). Possibly creating a Blue Shield Caribbean, after consultation with representatives of the entire Heritage Spectrum the upcoming period.. (virtual meetings this year, and a Caribbean Workshop next year)..

Other

Through its connection to Newcastle University, BSI is sometimes able to access funding that can be shared with research institutions to further the work of Blue Shield. Does your national committee have any connections with research institutions interested in its work (e.g. in risk management, heritage protection, etc.). If yes, please supply the names and contact details here.

Via CARBICA and ICA we are in contact with Emilie Leumas (ICA-expert on Disaster Preparedness) Emilie Gagnet Leumas, PhD, CA, CRM

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