



16. RATIONALIZE AND JUSTIFY IMMIGRATION LAW

We are currently subject to Dutch legislation; therefore, this is not appropriate for Bonaire alone. **To realize this goal, we work closely with the appropriate departments of the Netherlands and the central government.**



17. FIGHT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

We have organized a domestic violence prevention campaign as well as courses for social health workers. The Family Justice Center, a place for women to stay, is now under construction. **This center will be a safe shelter where victims of domestic violence will be able to find care, help, solace and support.**



18. FIGHT ANIMAL ABUSE

We really put in the work. **Currently, the awareness campaign "Mi Kacho Mi Responsibilidat," concerning the legislation for the protection and care of animals, is underway.** The budget for animal welfare has been doubled. In cooperation with police and the department of the District Attorney, we have now agreed that pet owners who allow their pets to roam freely beyond their premises without supervision or care, will be fined. Together with animal welfare organizations a program has been developed that will be taught at schools next year.



19. TAKE BACK CONTROL OF OUR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND THE DIRECTION OF BONAIRE'S DEVELOPMENT

We have improved governmental finances; key positions have been filled; and a relationship of mutual respect and understanding has been created between the Dutch governmental departments and Bonaire, with Bonaire determining its own priorities.

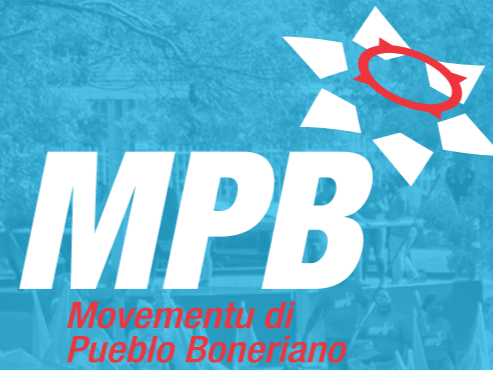


CRISIS ON BONAIRE

In addition to these 19 priorities, most of which have been achieved or are already in preparation, many other important objectives have been accomplished. Please keep an eye out for further notices.

This government has also reasonably well managed one of the biggest and most novel crises, in the history of our island, the Corona pandemic.

Due to the way in which the local government has dealt with the crisis, and the decisions taken, Bonaire has come through the crisis relatively well. **Early on, this executive council made preparations and took steps to ensure good health care and economic support for Bonaire.** Attention has also been paid to mental wellbeing. Accordingly, lockdowns have been kept to a minimum.



THIS IS WHAT MPB HAS ACCOMPLISHED FOR YOU

In 2019, MPB developed a plan of action, identifying 19 priorities for critical public policy action on Bonaire. **Here we report to you on the promises we've made, the goals we've met and the projects still underway**

19 POINTS OF PRIORITIES

4 YEARS IN A STABLE GOVERNMENT 2019 - 2023



1. CREATE A STABLE GOVERNMENT AND CONSISTENT, HIGH-QUALITY ADMINISTRATION

We are the first and only executive council since 2007, that has been operating throughout the entire governing period between elections. All key positions in Bonaire's governmental administration have been filled.



2. INCREASE SALARIES AND INTRODUCE A GENERAL SUPPLEMENTARY PENSION

In this governing period, we have increased the AOV pension by more than 60%. The minimum wage has been increased by 38%, and other social services have been greatly improved as well. Currently, this government is exploring introduction of a general pension system, in conjunction with the private sector.



3. REDUCE THE COST OF LIVING

We have reduced the cost of childcare to 75% per child, per month. The local government has subsidized energy rates, in addition to Dutch subsidies. **The tax-free annual income has been increased by 40%**, allowing our residents to save more of their income. Despite persistent, worldwide inflation, we continue to attempt to lower costs for the consumer with the introduction of a variety of local initiatives.

MPB HAS ALSO ACCOMPLISHED THIS FOR YOU



4. RENTAL SUBSIDY BASED ON INCOME

During the current governing period, we have established a rental subsidy, based on income. **A pilot program for rental subsidy is being held within private rentals.**



6. FREE HIGH QUALITY AFTERNOON CHILDCARE AND AFTER-SCHOOL CARE

We have set quality standards for childcare to adhere to, and the current government is well along toward the realization of free childcare. **The costs for parents have been enormously reduced for now.**



7. IMPROVED, SPECIALIZED EDUCATION ASSISTING PEOPLE TO EARN BETTER INCOMES

Together with FORMA and in collaboration with the private sector, **we offer courses (most of them without charge) to all of our residents to increase their earning abilities in the job market.**



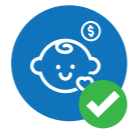
8. SUBSIDIZED PUBLIC TRANSPORT

We have budgeted money to develop more public transportation. **The Board of Space and Development has to begin implementing that plan now.**



10. INCREASE THE QUALITY OF OUR TOURISM AND CRUISE SHIP TAXES

We have established the vision for higher quality tourism on Bonaire. These plans have been updated as a result of the corona crisis and are now being implemented. **The room tax and car tax have become part of the new tourist tax which is collected on arrival at Bonaire airport. The head tax for cruise tourists has increased from \$3.50 to \$10 per person.** These taxations expand our revenues and will be a benefit to our island's quality infrastructure and nature.



5. HIGH QUALITY CHILD-CARE FOR CHILDREN 0-4 YEARS

We have markedly improved the quality of childcare over the last four years.



9. REPAIR OUR ROADS AND BUILD OUR INFRASTRUCTURE

We have renovated more of Bonaire's roads in the past four years than ever before.

Nevertheless, we much prefer our roads and supporting infrastructure to be renovated and repaired more quickly and appropriately for our increasing traffic of all kinds.



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11. PARKING SPACE IN THE CITY CENTER

The substantial site adjacent to the Post Office is now designated for public parking. In March 2023, we begin further development and paving of this area.



12. REDUCE COST OF DOING BUSINESS

Because of worldwide inflation and the current situation on Bonaire, we have not managed to reduce the cost of doing business. To make this goal a reality, we are engaged in various projects and serious conversations with Dutch governmental departments.



13. CREATION AND MAINTENANCE OF OUR SPORTS FIELDS AND FACILITIES

We have budgeted additional resources and, thanks to the constructive relationship with the Dutch governmental department concerned, invested in the recovery and maintenance and upgrading of multiple sports fields and facilities. **For example field of AMAS, field of ATC and certainly the "drag strip" which is in preparation to start.**



14. BRING MORE CULTURE INTO OUR SCHOOLS AND NEIGHBORHOODS

We have facilitated "Bario" Festivals and other traditional neighborhood parties. This government has sponsored a book on the customs, culture and nature of Bonaire, which has been distributed to all primary schools. **A program is being developed featuring Bonairian culture, history and nature, which is to be included in the school classes.**



15. CURTAIL THREATS TO BONAIRE'S NATURAL RESOURCES

In order to manage development of hotels and recreational housing more securely, we have put a temporary stop to more construction of this kind. **The government has reserved resources to purchase Fontein for the protection and maintenance of our cultural heritage and natural sources.** Further, we have secured funding from the European Union for nature projects, such as removing Sargassum (seaweed) and the project "Lac Pa Semper" (Lac Forever).

