## Programmes developed by the Cultural Division to support cultural groups

The Cultural Division has been reaching out to cultural groups to provide moral support to them. The Division has been posting its documentaries on culture and heritage on its facebook page, therefore using these features as a means to inspire the Dominican people and build a more resilient spirit and mindset within the population. The Division is in the process of disseminating inspirational and uplifting messages in multi-media forms to offer hope and comfort to the cultural community and the wider society. The Division has been encouraging artists and groups to compose songs and create poems and post them on their facebook pages and other electronic media as a form of providing consolation, emotional relief, comfort and motivation to the general public. The Division is therefore using various expressions of arts and culture as a form of therapy for the population. No direct funding for the cultural selctor has been dedicated at this point as the government is forced to channel most of the country's resources to the health sector and the health of the citizens of Dominica. Further, the Government has been actively promoting and spearheading the resurgence of our sound cultural practice and community spirit of each one looking out for each other, especially for the elderly and the other vulnerable groups. Additionally, the Government has undertaken a vigorous drive to rejuvenate the cultural practice of backyard gardening and beautification for boosting food security and encouraging persons to remain at their homes.

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