

Republic of Mauritius

ANNUAL REPORT

On Performance For Financial Year 2020-2021

PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE RODRIGUES, OUTER ISLANDS AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY DIVISION



The Annual Report 2020-2021 on Performance of the Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity Division of the Prime Minister's Office has been prepared in accordance with the statutory requirements of section 4B of the Finance and Audit Act. This Report provide information to the stakeholders on the Ministry, its financial performance and achievements, the target set out relative to the resources approved by the National Assembly as well as the strategic direction for the next three years.

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PART I: ABOUT THE OFFICE

MESSAGE FROM THE PERMANENT SECRETARY



I am pleased to present the Annual Report of the Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity Division.

The Division comprises the administrative, human resources, finance, procurement and support staff as well as the following stakeholders:

- Prisons Section (Administration)
- Rodrigues Regional Assembly
- Outer Islands Development
 Corporation
- Forensic Science Laboratory
- Department for Continental Shelf, Maritime Zones Administration and Exploration
- National Drug Secretariat
- Probation and Aftercare Service
- Rehabilitation Youth Centre

At the Division, we are striving to achieve the objectives set out in the Government Programme and in line with the budget.

Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, the Division has still maintained its target and achievements as per its plan.

In conclusion, and on behalf of the staff, I would like to express my deepest appreciation to our esteemed stakeholders for placing their trust in us. This has motivated us to exert all our efforts to achieve the goals, aspirations, and strategies of the Division.

I wish to pay tribute to all the staff who toil behind the scenes, making our operations seamlessly integrate with the needs of our citizens.

> Bilkiss Rajahbalee-Cader October 2021

OUR VISION

A secure, peaceful and integrated Republic of Mauritius with maritime zones and territorial integrity.

OUR MISSION

To provide efficient, effective and quality services for the safety and well-being of all the citizens of the Republic of Mauritius through:

- the reinforcement of national security and territorial integrity
- an evidence-based criminal justice system
- the management and rehabilitation of offenders
- the administration of maritime zones
- the sustainable development of Rodrigues and the Outer Islands
- the implementation of safe city cameras for a safer environment for its citizens

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CORE VALUES

• INTEGRITY

We are guided by the highest standards of professional ethics.

• QUALITY

We are strongly committed to providing the highest quality services to our customers.

TIMELINESS

We are responsive and strive to meet set targets.

• TEAMWORK

Teamwork is inherent in our culture.

• TRANSPARENCY

We are transparent in our activities with a view to enhancing discipline, responsibility and accountability.

• CONFIDENTIALITY

We treat all personal information and documents in strict confidentiality.

• EQUITY

We are honest, friendly and courteous and guided by the principle of fairness and social justice.

TRUST

We are strongly committed in building trust within our organisation and among our stakeholders.

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KEY LEGISLATIONS

The following key legislations provide the legal framework for the activities of the Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity Division:

- Rodrigues Regional Assembly Act
- Reform Institutions Act
- Transfer of Prisoners Act
- Maritime Zones Act
- Outer Islands Development Corporation Act
- DNA Identification Act
- Chagossian Welfare Fund Act
- Child Protection Act
- Community Service Order Act
- Dangerous Drugs Act
- Probation of Offenders Act

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ROLES AND FUNCTIONS

of the Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity Division

- Adopt a zero-tolerance policy in the relentless fight against drug trafficking.
- Rehabilitate offenders for their re-integration in society.
- Effective resolution of criminal cases through scientific evidence using state-ofthe-art technology.
- Support the Rodrigues Regional Assembly to consolidate and accelerate the socio-economic development of Rodrigues.
- Establish the institutional and legal framework for the early exploration and the sustainable exploitation of the natural resources in the maritime zones of the Republic of Mauritius, as well as in the Mauritius/Seychelles Extended Continental Shelf in the Mascarene Plateau Region.
- Ensure territorial integrity through regional, international and institutional cooperation and collaboration.
- Facilitate the socio-economic development of the Outer Islands.
- Enhance national security and public safety with the assistance of Safe City systems.

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OVERVIEW

of Organisations/Fund/Account under the aegis of the Division

Rodrigues Regional Assembly

The Rodrigues Regional Assembly was set up under the Rodrigues Regional Assembly Act and is empowered to make regulations pertaining to issues for which it has jurisdiction. The exercise of its functions is regarded as being conducted on behalf of the Republic of Mauritius.

It is the responsibility of the Rodrigues Regional Assembly to formulate and/or implement policies in respect of areas falling under its purview.

The Commissioner responsible for finance, prepares and presents to the Regional Assembly annual draft budgetary estimates for the coming financial year. Once approved, these are considered by the Cabinet of Ministers before being incorporated in the National Appropriation Bill. The budgetary provision for the Rodrigues Regional Assembly features as a one-line all-comprehensive item in the National Budget.

The functions of the Regional Assembly are carried out by the Executive Council which comprises the Chief Commissioner, the Deputy Chief Commissioner and five Commissioners. The Commissioners have the responsibility of exercising general direction and control over the Departments falling under the purview of their respective Commission in line with the set policy.

As the Supervising Officer, the Island Chief Executive is vested with the responsibility for the efficient administration of all the functions of the Executive Council and the staff of the Rodrigues Regional Assembly operates under his administrative control.

Outer Islands Development Corporation

The Outer Islands Development Corporation (OIDC), established under the OIDC Act, is responsible for the management and development of the Outer Islands, namely Agalega and Saint Brandon.

Since 1983, the OIDC has taken appropriate measures to promote the socioeconomic development of Agalega. It also provides decent accommodation, water, electricity and services such as health, education and travelling facilities to the employees and the residents of Agalega, including the personnel of Ministries/Departments on tour of service. It ensures a timely and adequate delivery of food supplies and other provisions to the inhabitants.

The administration of the affairs of the Corporation is vested in the Outer Islands Development Board which is composed of:

(a) a Chairperson;

(b) a representative of the Prime Minister's Office;

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- (c) a representative of the Ministry responsible for the subject of finance;
- (d) a representative of the Ministry responsible for the subject of fisheries;
- (e) a representative of the Ministry responsible for the subject of Outer Islands;
- (f) a representative of the Ministry responsible for the subject of public infrastructure;
- (g) the Director of the Meteorological Services or his representative;
- (h) the Director of Civil Aviation or his representative;
- (i) a person with experience in fishing activities;
- (j) a person with experience of work conditions on the Outer Islands; and
- (k) a person with experience of the Outer Islands.

The General Manager is responsible for the execution of the policy of the Board and for the control and management of the day-to-day business of the Corporation. The management and operations of OIDC are carried out at two different locations; namely in Mauritius where the Head Office is situated and in Agalega where mostly all the operational activities take place

• Department for Continental Shelf, Maritime Zones Administration and Exploration

The mission of the Department for Continental Shelf, Maritime Zones Administration & Exploration (CSMZAE) is primarily to ensure the effective management of maritime zones and to delineate and establish maritime zones in accordance with the Maritime Zones Act and international laws and conventions.

The CSMZAE is also responsible for the formulation of policies in ocean affairs and for the establishment of legal and regulatory frameworks governing the sustainable management of the non-living resources in the maritime zones of Mauritius including hydrocarbon and mineral exploration and development.

The role of CSMZAE will be instrumental in the transformation of our economic development with the opening of a new ocean frontier.

The main objectives of the Department are, inter alia, to:

- ensure orderly, safe, rational management of non-living ocean resources including the seabed area and the underlying sub-soil;
- ascertain sovereign rights for the purpose of exploring and exploiting our non-living ocean resources;
- carry out the delimitation of our maritime boundary as provided for, under international conventions;
- develop regulatory and operational framework to enable exploration and exploitation activities in our maritime zones and oversee upstream activities of any Petroleum sector;
- rationalise and harmonise all ocean-resources related matters; and

- regulate Marine Scientific Research;
- contribute to energy security and maritime safety; and
- prepare the submissions for Extended Continental Shelf and a Marine Spatial Plan for the Republic of Mauritius.

• Forensic Science Laboratory

Set up in the 1950s, the Forensic Science Laboratory is the sole provider of forensic and advisory services to law enforcement agencies in Mauritius and is fast becoming an increasingly prominent forensic service provider in the region.

The Forensic Science Laboratory is accredited by the Mauritius Accreditation Service (MAURITAS) and meets all requirements of ISO/IEC 17025:2017, thus demonstrating technical competence and operation of a laboratory Quality Management System (QMS). Experts from the Forensic Science Laboratory depone in all courts of law.

The Forensic Science Laboratory provides forensic examination and analysis in the following areas:

- Crime Scene Investigation
- Evidence Recovery and examination of biological materials
- DNA profiling
- Paternity Dispute
- Drugs and Toxicological analysis
- Ballistics/Physical Examination
- Fire and explosion investigation
- Document examination
- Accident investigation

Mauritius Prison Service

The Mauritius Prison Service (MPS) envisions a safer Mauritius through best correctional practices. It is mandated to serve society by keeping detainees in safe, humane custody and help their reintegration into society.

The main objectives of the MPS consist in monitoring all statutory to intramural sentences, providing a safe and healthy environment for the detainees that is conducive to their rehabilitation, spiritual enhancement and vocational training. The Department also aims to facilitate and safeguard ways and means for the detainees' contact with outside world.

The MPS consists of 12 penal institutions in Mauritius including the two Correctional Youth Centres and two prisons in Rodrigues (1 for Male and 1 for Female). The prison population as at 30 June 2021 was 2633 detainees. The Commissioner of Prisons is responsible for the administration of these institutions as well as control and supervision of detainees. He is assisted by officers of the Prison Officer cadre, Hospital personnel, Welfare Officer cadre, General Service Staff, manual workers and other officers seconded from Ministries.

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• Probation and Aftercare Service

The Probation and Aftercare Service, as a social agency, is headed by the Commissioner. It provides timely and quality services to Courts, the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions, the Attorney General's Office and to other agencies such as the National Adoption Council, the Commission on the Prerogative of Mercy, the International Social Service amongst others through its 10 District Probation Offices. Its main objectives are to: -

- assist Courts in the sentencing of offenders;
- rehabilitate offenders in community;
- reduce crimes and enhance public protection;
- assist families in conflict and safeguard the welfare of children; and
- educate people on social problems through preventive work.

These objectives are achieved by: -

- conducting social enquiries pertaining to civil and criminal matters referred by the courts and other institutions;
- supervising and rehabilitating offenders in the community through Probation Orders and Community Service Orders;
- providing residential treatment to minors placed on probation or committed by Court;
- providing counselling service to families and children involved in situations of conflict;
- providing through care service to inmates of the Rehabilitation Youth Centre and Probation Institutions;
- delivering preventive talks in schools, colleges and social welfare/ community centres; and
- dispensing Pro-Social Skills Training Programmes for probationers in the three Attendance Centres.

The Probation and Aftercare Service is also responsible for the supervision and management of the two Probation Institutions for young offenders. These institutions accommodate minors in conflict with the law. However, they are subjected to a softer regime than that imposed on inmates of the Rehabilitation Youth Centre and they are allowed to continue their studies in the normal stream. Each institution is managed by a Committee appointed by the Minister and receives an annual grant from Government to cover all expenses.

Rehabilitation Youth Centre

The Rehabilitation Youth Centre (RYC) established under the Reform Institutions Act, has as main objective the rehabilitation of juvenile offenders, convicted of offences punishable by imprisonment as specified in regulations

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made under the Reform Institutions Act. In this respect, the RYC caters for youngsters under the age of 18, who are the subject of a Committal Order from a Court. The rehabilitation of inmates is well oriented through education, vocational training, sports activities and life skills programme as well as continuous follow-up by psychologist for a well-balanced life.

The objectives are achieved by:

- the implementation of two therapeutic units to cater for inmates in a • conducive and child friendly environment. Remodelling of accommodation with more recreation activities;
- the empowerment of residents through vocational training to enter the labour market:
- the enrolment of boys inmates for vocational training at St Gabriel Centre de Formation and for girls inmates with Women Centre;
- the training of staff in the element of therapeutic community programme; •
- creating innovative learning environment; •
- improving family therapy to empower them with parental skills; and •
- the participation of inmates in the National Exams Form 3.

The RYC comprises separate sections for boys and girls offenders accommodated in two buildings on the same premise at Barkly, Beau Bassin. Each building can accommodate 44 inmates. Various academic, vocational, sports and artistic activities are carried out under the rehabilitation programmes, within and outside the RYC premises, for the welfare of the inmates. As at 30 June 2021, there were 05 girls and 05 boys admitted at the RYC.

There is one RYC at Baie aux Huitres, Rodrigues.

The RYC is headed by a Superintendent, who has the overall responsibility for the management and day-to-day administration of both Centres. Supervision of the institution is vested in the Commissioner of Prisons.

National Drug Secretariat

The National Drug Secretariat (NDS), which falls under the aegis of this Office, was set up on 08 March 2019 as an apex body to:

- plan, coordinate, oversee, monitor and evaluate all drug control related • policies, programmes and interventions to achieve greater coherence, results and impact;
- provide advice on the strategic vision and overall policy direction on all drug control related matters, ensures the coordination, monitoring and evaluation of programmes involving a large spectrum of key actors at national, regional and international levels. It also advocates and mobilizes the resources needed to achieve the goals and objectives set;
- look into the legal, institutional and administrative issues and to expedite

- the implementation of the recommendations contained in the Report of the Commission of Inquiry and to coordinate and monitor the response to the drug issue among the stakeholders involved in demand and supply reduction strategies; and
- implement the following 4 pillars of the National Drug Control Master Plan 2019-2023:
 - (i) Coordination mechanism, legislation, implementation framework, Monitoring and Evaluation and Strategic Information;
 - (ii) Drug Supply Reduction;
 - (iii) Drug Demand Reduction, namely drug use prevention, drug use disorders treatment, rehabilitation and social reintegration; and
 - (iv) Harm Reduction.

Coordinating Committees of the National Drug Secretariat

As a coordinating body to ensure implementation of the National Drug Control Master Plan, the NDS has set up the following four sub-committees comprising of all stakeholders ranging from Ministries, Departments and Institutions as well as civil society organisations, namely:

- (i) Drug Prevention Committee;
- (ii) Harm Reduction Committee;
- (iii) Supply Reduction Committee; and
- (iv) Demand and Rehabilitation Committee.

These committees meet on a regular basis to ensure coordination among stakeholders in their response to the drug issue.

The NDS operates under the chair of the Permanent Secretary of this Office and comprises the representatives of the following Ministries/ Organisations:

- Ministry of Education, Tertiary Education and Science and Technology
- Ministry of Local Government and Disaster Risk Management
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade
- Ministry of Social Integration, Social Security and National Solidarity
- Office of the Attorney General
- Ministry of Youth Empowerment, Sports and Recreation
- Ministry of Information Technology, Communication and Innovation
- Ministry of Health and Wellness
- Ministry of Gender Equality and Family Welfare
- Representatives of Non-Governmental Organisations
- Representatives of the Private Sector

The main objectives of the NDS are to:

i. ensure the overall coordination of all drug control activities in Mauritius for greater collaboration and synergy among partners, with a view to achieve greater results and impact;

- ii. advise the Government on the adoption of evidence-based drug policies, strategies and programmes;
- iii. engage in advocacy to raise evidence-based public or population-specific awareness on the harmful consequences of drug use;
- iv. promote collaboration between law enforcement agencies and financial regulatory bodies in order to share intelligence and achieve greater efficiencies in combatting drug trafficking and financial crimes;
- v. promote regional and international cooperation to decrease drug trafficking in the region with bodies such as the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, the Southern Africa Development Community and the Indian Ocean Commission;
- vi. ensure that demand reduction activities, namely the prevention of drug use, the treatment of drug use disorders and the rehabilitation of people who used drugs including those in prisons, are evidence-based and carried out in line with international standards and best practices;
- vii. ensure that harm reduction activities aiming at reducing blood-borne infections and improving the quality of life of people who use drugs, and people who are in prisons are evidence-based and carried out in line with international standards and best practices; and
- viii. develop the Implementation Framework and Monitoring Mechanism of the National Drug Control Master Plan and manage the National Drug Observatory in collaboration with Government, NGOs and other stakeholders.

• Anti-Drug and Smuggling Unit

The Anti-Drug and Smuggling Unit (ADSU) was created in 1986 in the wake of the recommendations of the first Commission of Inquiry on Drugs (The Rault Commission) and it is the main branch of the Mauritius Police Force.

The aim of the Unit is to curb the drug scourge and keep it at bay so that the future generations live in a better environment. It operates on a partnership basis in extending cooperation and working closely with all concerned by this phenomenon. It depends a lot on contributions and support from the public at large.

The ADSU is responsible for combating illicit drugs in all its forms in mainland Mauritius and the outer islands. The main drugs of concern are cannabis, heroin and synthetic drugs. Of these, only cannabis is homegrown.

The ADSU operates within the parameters of the Dangerous Drugs Act and other related legislations. It also works closely with the Independent Commission Against Corruption, Mauritius Revenue Authority Customs, the Financial Intelligent Unit and the Integrity Reporting Services Agency in the investigation of Money Laundering Offences.

Over the years and particularly since 2017, the operational capacity of the ADSU has been significantly increased by Government with a view to stepping up the fight against the drug scourge.

ADSU has been gradually shifting its focus on drug dealers and drug networks by way of enhancement of its intelligence gathering capacity and intensification of crackdown operations.

Chagossian Welfare Fund

The Chagossian Welfare Fund Act provides for the establishment of a Chagossian Welfare Fund which has as main objective the enhancement of the social and economic welfare of members of the Chagossian Community in the Republic of Mauritius.

The Fund aims, inter alia, in:

- advancing and promoting the welfare of the members of Chagossian Community and their descendants in Mauritius;
- developing programmes and projects for the total integration of the members of Chagossian Community and their descendants into the Republic of Mauritius; and
- maintaining and managing the Chagossian Community Centres in Mauritius together with other community facilities vested in it for the benefit of members of the Chagossian Community and their descendants.

Since its inception, the Chagossian Welfare Fund has been administered by a Board which manages the affairs and assets of the Fund. The Chagossian Welfare Fund Board comprises the following:

- A Chairperson appointed by the Prime Minister;
- A Representative of the Prime Minister's Office;
- A Representative of the Ministry responsible for the subject of finance;
- A Representative of the Ministry responsible for the subject of family welfare;
- A Representative of the Ministry responsible for the subject of social security;
- A Representative of the Ministry responsible for the subject of education;
- A Representative of the Ministry responsible for the subject of health;
- A Representative of the Ministry responsible for the subject of youth; and
- 7 Representatives of the Chagossian community, 2 of whom shall be children of members of the Chagossian community.

The Chagossian members are nominated following a formal election conducted by the Electoral Commissioner's Office. All members hold office for a period of two years. The 7 representatives of the Chagossian Community were last elected in January 2021 for a period of two years.

The Board meets at least once every month.

The Chagossian Welfare Fund operates a Head Office at Baie du Tombeau and two Community Centres as follows:

• Marie Charlesia Alexis Chagossian Community Centre at Baie du Tombeau

• Marie Lisette Talate Chagossian Community Centre at Pointe-Aux-Sables

The operation of the Chagossian Welfare Fund is funded by the Government of Mauritius through the Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity Division of the Prime Minister's Office.

Through the Fund, Government ensures the social development and integration of the Chagossian Community and their descendants within the Republic of Mauritius. These are achieved by organising the following activities:

- Residential Camp for Senior Citizens
- Prayers held in memory of deceased Chagossians
- Graduation Ceremony in respect of young graduates
- Distribution of food items to Senior Citizens
- Scholarships to eligible students
- Visit to Chagossians in Homes every 3 months and provision of fruits and clothes
- Funeral grants of Rs10,000 to families of deceased Chagossians and Rs 3000 to families of Chagossian descendents
- Provision of transport facilities to Chagossians to attend Hospitals
- Assistance to needy Chagossians for repair of their houses
- Wreath Laying Ceremony on 3rd November at Quay C, Mauritius Ports Authority
- Birthday celebrations for elders of the Chagossian Community
- Gifts to Chagossian residents in Home on the occasion of Christmas and New Year
- Gifts to children on the occasion of Christmas

Facilities are also extended to Chagossians living in Agalega.

Boards and Committees

(i) Rodrigues Subsidy Account

The Rodrigues Subsidy Account is established under the Finance and Audit (Rodrigues Subsidy Account) Regulations which came into effect on01 July 2018.

Objects of Rodrigues Subsidy Account

The objects of the Rodrigues Subsidy Account are to subsidise:

- (a) all the costs involved in transporting, storing and distributing petroleum products (Mogas, Gas Oil, Dual Purpose Kerosene for domestic use and Liquefied Petroleum Gas of 5, 6, 12 kgs) ration rice and flour supplied by the State Trading Corporation, so that the retail prices in Rodrigues are kept at par with their respective retail prices prevailing in Mauritius; and
- (b) such costs for the supply of bagged cement to Rodrigues as may be

decided by the Government.

Committee

The Account is administered and managed by a Committee consisting of: -

- (a) the Accounting Officer responsible for Rodrigues or his representative, who shall be the Chairperson;
- (b) a representative of the Ministry responsible for the subject of Rodrigues;
- (c) a representative of the Ministry responsible for the subject of finance;
- (d) a representative of the Ministry responsible for the subject of commerce; and
- (e) a representative for the Ministry responsible for the subject of shipping.

Sources of Funding

The Rodrigues Subsidy Account is financed by proceeds from the levies incorporated in the price structure of Petroleum Products and Liquefied Petroleum Gas which are credited in the Rodrigues Subsidy Account created for that purpose, by the Accountant General.

(ii) Central Probation Committee

The Central Probation Committee is appointed under Regulation 3 of the Probation of Offenders Regulations by the Minister responsible for the Reform Institutions.

The Committee supervises the work of Probation Officers and performs other duties in connection with the Probation of Offenders Act. Pertinent issues concerning the Probation and Aftercare Service are raised, discussed and advice is sought. The Committee meets on a yearly basis.

(iii) District Probation Committees

District Probation Committees are appointed in accordance with Regulation 5 of the Probation of Offenders Regulations.

There are 10 District Probation Committees: 2 for Plaine Wilhems and 1 for each of the other 8 districts. The Committees are chaired by the respective Presiding Magistrate of the District Court and the Probation Officer of the respective Probation Office acts as Secretary. Each Committee also comprises 5 to 7 members who are representatives of the Ministry of Youth (Youth Centres), District Councils, religious bodies or social workers in the region appointed by the Minister.

The functions of the Committee are as follows: -

- (i) to receive and consider the written or oral report of the Probation Officer and any other communication found necessary;
- to discuss with the Probation Officer the progress of each case under his supervision from time to time and extend such help and advice in carrying out his duties; and

(iii) to exercise a general supervision over the making and keeping of the Probation records.

(iv) Probation Home and Probation Hostel

Section 2 of the Probation of Offenders Act defines institution in relation to a minor as:

(a) the Probation Hostel for Boys;

(b) the Probation Home for Girls;

(c) any other institution run by the Mauritius Probation and Aftercare Service.

In line with the provisions of the Act, two distinct Managing Committees have been set up under Regulation 3 of the Probation Hostel and Home Regulations 1989 (made under section 17 of the Probation of Offenders Act).

Both are semi-open institutions and provide residential rehabilitation treatment for juvenile offenders and children beyond control aged up to 18. These juveniles are sent there, upon order of the Court, because the conditions prevailing in their homes are not favourable and conducive for their rehabilitation in the open.

The residents continue their normal schooling/vocational training/ apprenticeship in an institution near to the Home/Hostel. Furthermore, they also participate in indoor games, educational outings, pro-skills training programme conducted by the Probation and After Care Service and in activities organised by the Ministry of Youth and Sports.

The Managing Committees were last constituted in December 2015 and meet on a monthly basis.

(v)RYC Board of Visitors

As per section 53(3)(a) of the Reform Institutions Act, a Board assigned to Correctional Youth Centre or a Rehabilitation Youth Centre shall be composed of not less than 8 members.

The main functions of the Board of Visitors are to: -

- (a) enquire into the condition of detention of the detainee;
- (b) hear any complaint which may be made by a detainee and, where the detainee so requests, hear the complaint privately; and
- (c) inquire into and report to the Minister on
 - i. any abuse within an institution;
 - ii. any repair which may be urgently required in an institution; and
 - iii. any matter which it may consider expedient.

The Board meets once every month.

(vi) Training Committee

The Training Committee is chaired by a Deputy Permanent Secretary and comprises of representatives of the Department for Continental Shelf,

Maritime Zones Administration & Exploration, Probation and Aftercare Service, Rehabilitation Youth Centre as well as heads of the Human Resources, Financial Operations, Procurement and Supply and a representative of the Civil Service College.

Other Committees:

(vii) Audit Committee

In line with Government decision to set up an Audit Committee within every Ministry/Department with a view to minimising the number of audit queries, an Audit Committee was set up at the Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity Division.

The Audit Committee was reconstituted in July 2020 for the Financial Year 01 July 2020 to 30 June 2021 under the chair of a Deputy Permanent Secretary and two officers in the grade of Assistant Permanent Secretary as members.

The Audit Committee examined the recommendations made by the Internal Audit Unit in its Reports for the Financial Year under review in respect of the Rehabilitation Youth Centre, the Probation and Aftercare Service, the Procurement Section, the Rodrigues Subsidy Account and the Division as well as the recommendations made by the Director of Audit in his Management letters. Actions were initiated as per the recommendations raised in these Reports.

Since its reconstitution, nine meetings were held.

(viii) Anti-Corruption Committee

In accordance with the Public Sector Anti-Corruption Framework, the Anti-Corruption Committee was set up under the Chair of a Deputy Permanent Secretary and comprising all Heads of Sections/Departments as members.

The Committee held 2 sittings.

ABOUT OUR PEOPLE

The organisational structure of the Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity Divisionis as follows:



Gender Repartition

S.N	Department	Male	Female	TOTAL
1	Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity	21	40	61
2	Continental Shelf, Maritime Zones Administration and Exploration	8	13	21
3	Reform Institutions and Rehabilitation	49	89	138
4	Forensic Science Laboratory	26	38	64
	TOTAL	104	180	284



(Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity Division)

POSTS FUNDED

at the Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity Division as at 30 June 2021

Vote Item: 2-6 Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity

S.N	GRADE	FUNDED
1	Permanent Secretary	1
2	Deputy Permanent Secretary	2
3	Assistant Permanent Secretary	3
4	Public Relations and Welfare Officer	1
5	Manager, Financial Operations	1
6	Assistant Manager, Financial Operations	-
7	Principal Financial Operations Officer	1
8	Financial Officer/Senior Financial Officer	1
9	Assistant Financial Officer	2
10	Manager (Procurement and Supply)	1
11	Assistant Manager (Procurement and Supply)	1
12	Procurement and Supply Officer/Senior Procurement and Supply Officer	2
13	Assistant Procurement and Supply Officer	-
14	Manager, Human Resources	-
15	Assistant Manager, Human Resources	-
16	Human Resource Executive	-
17	Office Management Executive	3
18	Office Management Assistant	6
19	Management Support Officer	15
20	Confidential Secretary	5
21	Word Processing Operator	4
22	Clerk (Personal)	1
23	Driver	8
24	Head Office Auxiliary	1
25	Office Auxiliary/Senior Office Auxiliary	4
26	Resident Caretaker	2
27	Store Attendant	1
28	General Worker	1
	TOTAL	67

S.N	GRADE	FUNDED
	Probation and Aftercare Service	
1	Commissioner of Probation and After Care	1
2	Deputy Commissioner of Probation and After Care	1
3	Assistant Commissioner of Probation and After Care	1
4	Principal Probation Officer	14
5	Senior Probation Officer	20
6	Probation Officer	30
7	Psychologist (Clinical and Social)	2
8	Assistant Permanent Secretary	1
9	Office Management Executive	1
10	Office Management Assistant	2
11	Management Support Officer	7
12	Confidential Secretary	1
13	Word Processing Operator	3
14	Office Auxiliary/Senior Office Auxiliary	7
15	General Worker	8
	Rehabilitation Youth Centre	
16	Superintendent, Rehabilitation Youth Centre	1
17	Assistant Superintendent, Rehabilitation Youth Centre	-
18	Woman Assistant Superintendent, Rehabilitation Youth Centre	1
19	Welfare Officer, Rehabilitation Youth Centre (Male)	-
20	Welfare Officer, Rehabilitation Youth Centre (Female)	-
21	Psychologist (Clinical and Social)	-
22	Chief Officer, Rehabilitation Youth Centre	2
23	Principal Officer, Rehabilitation Youth Centre	5
24	Senior Officer, Rehabilitation Youth Centre	8
25	Officer, Rehabilitation Youth Centre	7
26	Trainee Officer, Rehabilitation Youth Centre	2
27	Chief Woman Officer, Rehabilitation Youth Centre	1
28	Principal Woman Officer, Rehabilitation Youth Centre	2
29	Senior Woman Officer, Rehabilitation Youth Centre	4
30	Woman Officer, Rehabilitation Youth Centre	8
31	Trainee Woman Officer, Rehabilitation Youth Centre	-
32	Security Guard	1
	TOTAL	141

Vote Item: 2-8 Continental Shelf, Maritime Zones Administration and Exploration

S.N	GRADE	FUNDED
1	Director-General	1
2	Director	4
3	Research Development Officer/Senior Research Development Officer	8
4	Management Support Officer	2
5	Confidential Secretary	3
6	Word Processing Operator	1
7	Driver	-
8	Office Auxiliary/ Senior Office Auxiliary	2
	TOTAL	21

Vote Item: 2-9 Forensic Science Laboratory

S.N	GRADE	FUNDED
1	Director, Forensic Science Laboratory	1
2	Deputy Director, Forensic Science Laboratory	-
3	Chief Forensic Scientist	2
4	Forensic Scientist/ Senior Forensic Scientist	22
5	Chief Forensic Technologist	1
6	Principal Forensic Technologist	4
7	Forensic Technologist/ Senior Forensic Technologist	5
8	Forensic Support Officer	-
9	Principal Procurement and Supply Officer	1
10	Assistant Procurement and Supply Officer	1
11	Human Resource Executive	-
12	Office Management Executive	1
13	Management Support Officer	3
14	Confidential Secretary	1
15	Receptionist/ Telephone Operator	1
16	Senior Forensic Laboratory Auxiliary	1
17	Forensic Laboratory Auxiliary	6
18	Driver	1
19	Office Auxiliary/Senior Office Auxiliary	2
20	Handy Worker	1
	TOTAL	54

SUMMARY

on the Number of Posts Funded at the Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity Division as at 30 June 2021

S.N	VOTE ITEM	TOTAL
1	2-6 Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity	67
2	2-7 Reform Institutions and Rehabilitation	141
3	2-8 Continental Shelf, Maritime Zones Administration and Exploration	21
4	2-9 Forensic Science Laboratory	54
	TOTAL	283

PART II: ACHIEVEMENTS AND CHALLENGES MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS DURING FINANCIAL YEAR 2020-2021

• Delivery of e-Services

E-Procurement System

In line with Government's Plan towards a full-fledged digital society acquiring increased use of ICT in public administration, this Ministry embarked on the e-Procurement System since 14 February 2019.

The e-Procurement system, a web-based application hosted by the Government Online Centre enables public bodies and suppliers to electronically conduct public procurement proceedings and enhancing the principles of competition, integrity, transparency and accountability while at the same time keeping the benefits of efficiency, effectiveness, reduction in delays and costs.

Seventy-One bids were launched under the e-Procurement system as at 30 June 2021.

Electronic Inventory Management System (e-IMS)

The Electronic Inventory Management System is a web-based integrated system hosted at the Government Online Centre and can be accessed through the Government Intranet System.

The e-IMS is meant to replace the current paper-based manual system of recording warehouse operations. All movements of stock, i.e. receipts and issues, warehousing operations and stock management is performed electronically by using the barcode technology.

The objectives of the e-IMS are to:

- i. raise the level of efficiency in managing inventory.
- ii. enable online processing of inventory management transactions
- iii. enable real time capture of transactions data using bar code technology
- iv. pave the way forward towards the envisioned Integrated Payment System.

The e-IMS has been implemented since 03 July 2018. For the period 01 July 2020 to 30 June 2021:

- i. 281 Goods Form 1 were issued;
- ii. 692 Goods Form 5 have been processed; and
- iii. 8304 units of goods were issued.

• Rodrigues

For the period 01 July 2020 to 30 June 2021, funds amounting to Rs 53,878,238 were disbursed under the Special Rodrigues Holiday Package and Rs 18,047,663 under the Subsidy on Airfare from Rodrigues.

Two new students (Male) were accommodated at the Government Quarters M2 at Floreal.

Thirteen patients and twelve caregivers were accommodated at the Government Quarters No 15 Britannia Park at Vacoas. It is to be noted that one patient was not accompanied during her medical treatment.

Implementation of a sanitary protocol for the repatriation of 379 Rodriguans stranded in Mauritius.

21 emergency evacuations were effected by Dornier for 33 patients for treatment in Mauritius.

Outer Islands Development Corporation

An amount of Rs 5,238,250 has been spent on the implementation of different projects including the acquisition of two generators to supply electricity on 24-hours basis to hospitals, schools, cold rooms, public utilities and the inhabitants of Agalega at large and a Boom lift to facilitate plucking of coconuts and hence leading to an increase production of coconut oil.

Development of a Master Plan 2020-2024 by Ministry of Housing and Land Use Planning in 2021 for the implementation of different projects by concerned Ministries for both islands.

3 voyages have been effected by MV Trochetia to Agalega for the shipment of food items and other commodities in October 2020, December 2020 and March 2021 respectively

14 emergency evacuations from Agalega have been effected by Dornier Aircraft.

Implementation of a new sanitary protocol for St Brandon and Agalega as from June 2021.

Implementation of Community Development Programme including:

- Sensitization campaign against high consumption of alcoholic drinks and black-market practices.
- Conduct of ongoing safety awareness campaign to different age groups, at school and in the community by Police, National Coast Guard and Fire Services.
- Awareness campaigns on human rights for students, elderly people and the community.

Continental Shelf, Maritime Zones Administration and Exploration

- Maritime Boundary Delimitation & Continental Shelf
- » Joint Management Area Conduct of training on using GIS Server 4 (15 to 19 February 2021) and ArcGIS Enterprise (22 to 26 February 2021).

• Maritime Zones Administration and Use

» Underwater Cultural Heritage (UCH)

Signing of a Memorandum of Understanding on Underwater Cultural Heritage and Marine Spatial Plan with Stanford University on 25 September 2020.

• Forensic Science Laboratory

- The restructuring of Toxicology workflow by implementing batch processing in January 2021, thereby promoting optimum use of resources.
- Increasing the scope of Drug Analysis by introducing both qualitative and quantitative analysis using latest available technology Liquid Chromatography High Resolution Mass Spectrometry (LC-HRMS). This has started in May 2021 and is expected to be completed in the Financial Year 2021/2022.
- Introduction of the instrumental analysis of cannabis in June 2021, using Gas Chromatography Mass Spectrometry (GCMS) hence improving turnaround time.
- In October 2020, MAURITAS carried out its annual assessment at FSL based on ISO 17025: 2017 and FSL was successfully upgraded from ISO 17025: 2005 to ISO 17025:2017 in May 2021 hence demonstrating that FSL has integrated mechanisms such as impartiality, accountability and health and safety in its operations system.
- The validation of new DNA protocols to treat difficult DNA samples and reference blood samples (degraded samples, bones and teeth), which has started during the financial year under review.
- Forensic Science Laboratory Case Statistics (July 2020- June 2021):
 - ➢ 8,472 cases submitted generating 12,267 exhibits for analysis.
 - 330 scenes of crime (outdoor cases) were attended by Forensic Science Laboratory staff.

Probation and Aftercare Service

(i) Social Enquiry

2943 social enquiries were conducted by the Probation and Aftercare Service and reports were submitted to various agencies including the Courts for necessary action.

(ii) Supervision and Aftercare

A total number of 1028 offenders were under supervision, including 405 Probationers and 562 Community Service Workers.

(iii) Institutional Care

The Probation and Aftercare Service has under its responsibility two semiopen institutions, namely the Probation Hostel for Boys and Probation Home for Girls. They provide residential rehabilitation treatment for minors whose home conditions are detrimental to their proper character formation and social functioning, hence necessitating their placement in a more favourable milieu.

Two boys and six girls were rehabilitated in the Probation Hostel for Boys and the Probation Home for Girls. They were also followed by regional Probation Officers under the throughcare system.

(iv) Counselling

The Service attended to 1872 counselling cases in connection with problems often related to a wide variety of family issues. These may include cases of alimony, child custody, battered women, premarital difficulties, drug addiction, unruly children as well as neighbour disputes. Probation Officers may even refer some specific cases to the Magistrate sitting in Chambers for further counselling and dispute resolution.

(v) Attendance Centre

As a requirement of their Probation Order, some 132 probationers have been trained in the three Attendance Centres located at Beau-Bassin, Pamplemousses and Curepipe.

(vi) Throughcare

Throughcare is a service which acts as an essential link between an offender and his family so as to facilitate his rehabilitation. A total number of 23 offenders (11 boys and 12 girls) of the RYC were attended to. Additionally, 11 minors of the Probation Institutions were provided throughcare by Probation Officers.

(vii) Preventive Work

84 preventive talks were delivered in schools, colleges, community centres and social welfare centres on juvenile delinquency, criminality and other social problems.

Rehabilitation Youth Centre

- More than 12 inmates (boys and girls) of the RYC participated in activities including drama, sports, therapeutic programmes and Zumba.
- More than 10 inmates (boys and girls) have undergone training in hotel management, pastry and IT including 1 boy and 1 girl who were on job placement at Le Victoria Hotel and Le Paradis Hotel.
- Certificates awarded to 5 girls of the RYC on completion of Food Processing and Beauty Care.
- Participation of 4 inmates in PSAC this year, two of whom were successful.

National Drug Secretariat

> Media Campaign against drugs with the MBC/TV

An agreement was entered between the Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation and the Prime Minister's Office (Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity Division) on 26 June 2020, for the implementation of a "National Awareness Campaign Against Drug Abuse" to sensitise the general public against drugs.

> Thematic programmes on MBC/TV (En Etat D'alert)

A series of thematic programmes on different aspects of the drug issue encompassing supply as well as demand strategies are broadcasted in creole and in Bhojpuri on alternate Tuesdays.

Capacity building

During the financial year 2020-2021, workshops were conducted on 10 November 2020, 16, 17, 18, 23, 24 and 25 February and 08 March 2021, to build up capacity of different stakeholders with regard to the drug issue.

> Publication of the National Drug Observatory report for the year 2019

Publication of the fourth Drug Observatory Report for the period January to December 2019 in December 2020.

• Anti-Drug and Smuggling Unit

- Drugs secured Amount (Approx.) Value (Rounded Approx. figure) Cannabis Rs 30,848,000/-+ 297 kgs 542.780 gms Rs 4,463,000,000/-Heroin Synthetic Cannabinoid 12 kgs 886.61 gms Rs 54,500,000/-Cocaine 377. 380 gms Rs 5,660,700/-Cannabis Resin 6 kgs 318.430 gms Rs 18,955,000/-(Hashish)
- > Weight and value of drugs secured during financial year 2020/2021

> Sensitization and Awareness campaigns by ADSU

138 Sensitisation and awareness programmes had been carried out with 11,693 different stakeholders including educational institutions, youth and the general public.

Chagossian Welfare Fund

The following activities were carried out by the Chagossian Welfare Fund for the year 2020/2021:

- Payment of Examination Fees (SC and HSC) and Scholarships to 30 eligible students for a total amount of Rs180,000;
- Organisation of Wreath Laying Ceremony on 03 November 2020 to commemorate the Deportation of the Chagossian Community;
- Distribution of food items to 220 Senior Citizens of the Chagossian Community in December 2020;

- Provision of clothes to eight bedridden persons in December 2020;
- Graduation and Prize Giving Ceremony in respect of two young graduates in January 2021. A cash prize of Rs 10,000 was offered to each of the graduates;
- Shipment of food items for distribution to 12 elderly Chagossians living in Agalega in March 2021;
- Distribution of food items to 65 families for an amount of Rs 32,500 to needy families during lockdown period in March 2021;
- Payment of a total amount of Rs 42,000 as Funeral Grant to families of deceased Chagossians;
- Visit and distribution of fruits effected to 82 Chagossian residents in old-age homes every three months;
- Provision of transport facilities, as and when required, to Chagossians who had attended Hospitals; and
- Upgrading of Covered Shelter, Petanque Court and Fencing at Baie Du Tombeau Community Centre at the cost of Rs 1,561,312.25 for the benefit for the Chagossian Community. Payment was made to the Contractor on 29 June 2021.

Boards and Committees

Rodrigues Subsidy Account Management Committee

Sittings of the Rodrigues Subsidy Account Management Committee

For the period 01 July 2020 to 30 June 2021, the Committee held 13 sittings.

Total amount disbursed for the payment of Subsidy

For the period 01 July 2020 to 30 June 2021, subsidies amounting to **Rs 153.4 million** under the Rodrigues Subsidy Account were provided to maintain the prices of petroleum products, rice, flour and cement in Rodrigues at par with those prevailing in Mauritius.

Audit Report of the Financial Statements 2019 and 2020

The Director of Audit had submitted two clear certificates for the Financial Statements of the Rodrigues Subsidy Account for year ended 30 June 2019 and 30 June 2020, respectively. Copies are annexed.

Anti-Corruption Committee

The adoption of an anti-corruption policy on 21 January 2021. This Policy sets out the full commitment of the Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity Division for the deterrence and detection of corruption and for adherence to a culture of integrity was formulated and has been published on its website on 27 January 2021.

Two Corruption Risk Assessment (CRA) exercises were carried out on "Procurement Section" and the "use of public vehicles". This exercise is being finalized in consultation with the Independent Commission Against Corruption.

Seven (7) officers followed a training programme on the Corruption and Risk Management in the Public Sector Organisations, which was organized in collaboration with the Independent Commission Against Corruption and the Ministry of Public Service, Administrative and Institutional Reforms with a view to reinforcing the implementation of the Public Sector Anti-Corruption Framework in Ministries/Departments through the conduct of CRA exercise.

• Training Committee

A Training Needs Assessment (TNA) had been carried out for the following Departments at this Office:

- Probation and Aftercare Service
- Rehabilitation Youth Centre
- Department for Continental Shelf, Maritime Zones Administration & Exploration

During the year under review, the Committee had 4 sittings and considered training requirements of the above departments. The recommendations of the TNA are being implemented.

• List of Training Courses or Workshops (CAPACITY BUILDING) ATTENDED BY EMPLOYEES

 263 officers (81 Male and 182 Female) had followed courses in different fields at the Civil Service College, Mauritius and other Organisations as follows:

S/N	Number of	Cadre
	Officers	
1	2	Human Resources
2	4	Administrative
3	4	Procurement and Supply
4	5	Finance
5	5	Workmen's Group
6	26	Technical
7	63	General Services
8	60	Probation

Moreover, Customized Courses have been mounted with the collaboration of the Civil Service College, Mauritius for the Probation and Aftercare Service and the Rehabilitation Youth Centre as follows:

- 64 officers had followed Course on Child Psychology and Conflict Management conducted by the Civil Service College in the Conference Room at the Probation and Aftercare Service Headquarters Beau Bassin and an amount of Rs 115,000 had been disbursed for the Course.
- >30 officers of the Probation Cadre had followed Course on Child and Family Law conducted by the Civil Service College in the Conference Room at the Probation and Aftercare Service Headquarters Beau Bassin and an amount of Rs 60,000 had been disbursed for the Course.

➤The Key Performance Indicators (KPI) for Capacity Building and Capacity Development of this Office was 64.8 % for the Financial Year 2020/2021.

S.N	Vote item	% Amount Spent on Training
1	Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity	54%
2	Reforms Institutions and Rehabilitations	94%
3	Continental Shelf, Maritime Zones Administration & Exploration	32 %
4	Forensic Science Laboratory	51 %

PART III: FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

As per the Budget Estimates, the Prime Minister's Office (Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity Division) has 5 Votes under its control as follows:

- Vote 2-6 Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity.
- Vote 2-7 Reform Institutions and Rehabilitation.
- Vote 2-8 Continental Shelf Maritime Zones Administration and Exploration.
- Vote 2-9 Forensic Science Laboratory.
- Vote 2-10 Prison Service.

As such, appropriation of funds by the National Assembly is made through the Votes.

ANALYSIS OF MAJOR CHANGES

• Expenditure

Under the Vote 2-6 Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity 93.5% of the expenditure has been incurred under Grants which are provided as Current and Capital to other General Government Units for Rodrigues for Regional Assembly, which are as follows:

- (a) Recurrent Grant Rs 3,240,000,000
- (b) Capital Grant Rs 825,000,000

STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

Revenue

Revenue Collection in respect of Votes 2-6,2-7,2-8 and 2-9 is nil.

• Expenditures

Expenditures in respect of Vote 2-6,2-7,2-8 and 2-9 for the Financial Year 2020-2021 are as follow:

Statement of Expenditure - Vote	e 2-6,2-7,2-8 and 2-9	
Head/Sub Head of Expenditure	2020/2021	2020/2021
	Estimates-Rs	Actual-Rs
Vote 2-6 Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity	4,364,000,000	4,317,581,289
Compensation of Employees	36,689,000	31,849,906
Goods and Services	24,311,000	20,226,966
Subsidies	72,600,000	71,925,902
Grants	4,230,400,000	4,193,578,515
Acquisition of Non-Financial Assets	-	-
Vote 2-7 Reform Institutions and Rehabilitation	96,300,000	80,145,439
Compensation of Employees	65,267,000	63,897,757
Goods and Services	13,820,000	10,419,629
Other Expenses	3,795,000	3,795,000
Acquisition of Non-Financial Assets	13,418,000	2,033,053
Vote 2-8 Continental Shelf Maritime Zones Administration and Exploration	27,500,000	20,949,794
Compensation of Employees	13,195,000	12,771,538
Goods and Services	10,805,000	7,260,913
Acquisition of Non-Financial Assets	3,500,000	917,344
Vote 2-9 Forensic Science Laboratory	232,810,000	133,650,409
Compensation of Employees	31,445,000	31,365,887
Goods and Services	53,615,000	49,862,631
Acquisition of Non-Financial Assets	147,750,000	52,421,891
Total Expenditures for Votes 2-6,2-7,2-8 and 2-9	4,720,610,000	4,552,326,931
PART IV: WAY FORWARD

MAJOR CHALLENGES

- COVID-19 Pandemic and its impact on repatriation of Rodriguans and Agaleans as well as containing COVID-19 pandemic within the Reforms Institutions.
- Lack of resources, including human, to deal with new challenges
- Rise in the scourge of synthetic drugs.
- Climate Change Impacts and adaptation in ascertaining sustainable exploration and exploitation of marine non-living resources.
- Increase in number of detainees who are drug addicts.
- The need to adapt rehabilitation programmes to cater for an increasing number of young offenders.
- Reduce recidivism by improving rehabilitation programmes
- Increasing number of young offenders

STRATEGIC DIRECTION

Continental Shelf and Maritime Zones Administration and Exploration

- Establishing the institutional and legal framework for a judicious exploration and sustainable exploitation of our natural non-living resources in the maritime zones of the Republic of Mauritius and in the Mauritius/Seychelles Extended Continental Shelf.
- Promoting and conducting multi-disciplinary marine scientific exploration of the seabed and sub-soil including the Continental Shelf for the well-being of our people.
- Delimitating and mapping our Maritime Zones to safeguard our territorial integrity and sovereignty.

Probation and Aftercare Service

• Use of community-based sentencing and programmes, restorative justice especially with children, multi-agency approach in the rehabilitation of offenders and sensitization campaigns to reduce crime in the community.

Rehabilitation Youth Centre

• To inculcate values and reintegrate these children back in society within the timeframe ordered by Court and providing them with the rehabilitation program that would change them into law abiding citizens through education, vocational training in the utter most respect of each child's religion, race and culture.

Mauritius Prison Service

- Reduce reoffending and rehabilitate detainees for re-integration in society through the implementation of best correctional practice and comprehensive rehabilitation programmes as well as enhancing opportunities for vocational and education training.
- Reduce cost of maintaining detainees in custody by promoting self-sufficiency through vegetable production and poultry farming as well as reducing utility cost by using eco-friendly solutions and revamping of water network.

Rodrigues

• Support the Rodrigues Regional Assembly to consolidate and accelerate the socio-economic development of Rodrigues.

Outer Islands Development Corporation

• Improving the means of communication with the implementation of the new jetty and airstrip with a view to developing the fishing sector, agro-Industry and eco-tourism in Agalega.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF AUDIT

On the Financial Statements of the Rodrigues Subsidy Account for the year ended 30 June 2019

NATIONAL AUDIT OFFICE



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REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF AUDIT

TO THE COMMITTEE OF

THE RODRIGUES SUBSIDY ACCOUNT

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

I have audited the financial statements of Rodrigues Subsidy Account, which comprise the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2019 and statement of profit and loss and other comprehensive income, statement of cash flows and statement of changes in equity for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In my opinion, the accompanying financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Rodrigues Subsidy Account as at 30 June 2019, and of its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards.

Basis for Opinion

I conducted my audit in accordance with International Standards of Supreme Audit Institutions (ISSAIs). My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the 'Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements' section of my report. I am independent of the Rodrigues Subsidy Account in accordance with the INTOSAI Code of Ethics together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to my audit of the financial statements in Mauritius, and I have fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

Key Audit Matters

Key Audit Matters are those matters that, in my professional judgment, were of most significance in my audit of the financial statements of the current period. These matters were addressed in the context of my audit of the financial statements as a whole, and in forming my opinion thereon, and I do not provide a separate opinion on these matters.

I have determined that there are no key audit matters to communicate in my report.



Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Rodrigues Subsidy Account's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management intends to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible of overseeing the Rodrigues Subsidy Account's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

My objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISSAIs, will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISSAIs, I exercise professional judgement and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. I also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Rodrigues Subsidy Account's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.

- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Rodrigues Subsidy Account's ability to continue as a going concern. If I conclude that a material uncertainty exists, I am required to draw attention in my auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify my opinion. My conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of my auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Rodrigues Subsidy Account to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

I communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that I identify during my audit.

I also provide those charged with governance with a statement that I have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on my independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

From the matters communicated with those charged with governance, I determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the financial statements of the current period and are therefore the key audit matters. I describe these matters in my auditor's report unless law or regulation precludes public disclosure about the matter or, when, in extremely rare circumstances, I determine that a matter should not be communicated in my report because the adverse consequences of doing so would reasonably be expected to outweigh the public interest benefits of such communication.

Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

Management's Responsibilities for Compliance

In addition to the responsibility for the preparation and presentation of the financial statements described above, management is also responsible for ensuring that the operations of the Rodrigues Subsidy Account are conducted in accordance with the provisions of laws and regulations, including compliance with the provisions of laws and regulations that determine the reported amounts and disclosures in the entity's financial statements.

Auditor's Responsibilities

In addition to the responsibility to express an opinion on the financial statements described above, I am also responsible to report to the committee whether:

(a) I have obtained all the information and explanations which to the best of my knowledge and belief were necessary for the purpose of the audit;

- (b) the activities, financial transactions and information reflected in the financial statements are, in all material respects, in compliance with the laws and authorities which govern them; and
- (c) satisfactory management measures have been taken to ensure that resources are procured economically and utilised efficiently and effectively.

I performed procedures, including the assessment of the risks of material non-compliance, to obtain audit evidence to discharge the above responsibilities.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

Opinion on Compliance

Finance and Audit Act and Finance and Audit (Rodrigues Subsidy Account) Regulations 2018

I have obtained all information and explanations which to the best of my knowledge and belief were necessary for the purpose of my audit.

Based on my examination of the records of Rodrigues Subsidy Account, nothing has come to my attention that causes me to believe that:

- (a) the activities, financial transactions and information reflected in the financial statements are, in all material respects, not in compliance with the Finance and Audit Act and the Finance and Audit (Rodrigues Subsidy Account) Regulations 2018; and
- (b) satisfactory management measures have not been taken to ensure that resources are procured economically and utilised efficiently and effectively.

C. ROMOOAH Director of Audit

National Audit Office Level 14, Air Mauritius Centre **PORT LOUIS**

8 June 2021

RODRIGUES SUBSIDY ACCOUNT

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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YEAR ENDED

30 JUNE 2019

Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2019

	Notes	30 June 2019
Assets		Rs
Current Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	Note 3	322,105,871
Trade receivables	Note 4	51,956,998
		374,062,869
Liabilities		
Creditors amount falling due within 1 year		
Trade Payables	Note 5	54,235,835
Net Current Assets		319,827,034
Represented by		
Accumulated Fund	Note 6	319,827,034

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	30 June 2019 Rs
Income	
Levy Receivable on Petroleum (July 2018 to June 2019)	206,195,948
Levy Receivable on LPG (July 2018 to June 2019)	18,802,652
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	224,998,600
Expenses	
MSCL freight and other charges- Petroleum and Lpg	72,518,794
Transport of container Mauritius (Velogic Haulage Ltd)	2,525,659
Transport of container -Rodrigues(Rogers shipping)	2,012,500
AEL DDS charges(logistics arrangement and tanktainers)	5,713,383
State Trading Corporation (costs related to rice and flour)	28,645,021
Lafarge -Subsidy on cement	6,414,240
Kolos- Subsidy on cement	11,421,984
MSCL -subsidy on freight icw cement	6,739,360
Fees and allowances	236,406
Cargo Handling Corporation Ltd	17,634,405
Bank charges	75
Other charges	50,724
	153,912,550
Surplus arising on Operations	71,086,050

Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income for period ended 30 June 2019

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Statement of Cash Flows as at 30 June 2019

	30 June 2019 Rs
Surplus arising on operations	71,086,050
Add increase in creditors	7,661,068
	78,747,118
less increase in debtors	(4,157,538)
Net increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents	74,589,580
Cash and Cash Equivalents as at 1 July 2018	247,516,291
Cash and Cash Equivalents at end of period	322,105,871

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Statement of changes in Equity for period ending 30 June 2019

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Balance at beginning of Year	Rs
Surplus for the Year	248,740,984
Balance at the end of the year	71,086,050
	319,827,034



Notes to Accounts:

1.The Rodrigues Subsidy Account

The Rodrigues Subsidy Account is responsible for subsidizing all the costs incurred in the transportation of petroleum products and LPG to Rodrigues so as to keep the price in Rodrigues at par with those prices in Mauritius. In 2013 the scheme was further extended to cover ration rice, flour and cement.

2. Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standards. The financial statements have been prepared on a historical cost basis. The principal accounting policies are set out below.

Revenue Recognition

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable and represents

amounts receivable on levy on petroleum products and Liquefied Petroleum Gas.

Trade receivables

Trade receivables do not carry any interest and are stated at their nominal value as reduced by appropriate allowances for estimated irrecoverable amounts. They consist of levy collected by State Trading Corporation.

Trade payables

Trade payables are not interest bearing and are stated at their nominal value.

These include all expenses incurred in the transportation of petroleum products, LPG products, rice and flour to Rodrigues. They also include subsidy on cement exported to Rodrigues.

3. Bank Account	30 June 2019 Rs
Rodrigues Subsidy Account	322,105,871
4. Trade Receivables	
STC -levy on Petroleum products	47,232,570

STC - levy on LPG

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5. Trade Payables	30 June 2019
	Rs
MSCL Account	15,007,578
Velogic Account	378,293
Rogers Account	290,375
AEL DDS Account	1,458,823
State trading Corp(Rice & flour)	15,345,021
Lafarge	1,251,936
Kolos	2,859,360
Cargo Handling Corporation Ltd	17,634,405
Accounting fees	10,000
Bank overdraft	44
	54,235,835
6. Accumulated Fund	Rs
Accumulated Fund at 1 July 2018	248,740,984
Surplus or period	71,086,050
Accumulated Fund at 30 June 2019	319,827,034

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EPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF AUDIT

On the Financial Statements of the Rodrigues Subsidy Account for the year ended 30 June 2020

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REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF AUDIT

TO THE COMMITTEE OF

THE RODRIGUES SUBSIDY ACCOUNT

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

I have audited the financial statements of Rodrigues Subsidy Account, which comprise the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2020 and statement of profit and loss and other comprehensive income, statement of cash flows and statement of changes in equity for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In my opinion, the accompanying financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Rodrigues Subsidy Account as at 30 June 2020, and of its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards.

Basis for Opinion

I conducted my audit in accordance with International Standards of Supreme Audit Institutions (ISSAIs). My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the 'Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements' section of my report. I am independent of the Rodrigues Subsidy Account in accordance with the INTOSAI Code of Ethics together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to my audit of the financial statements in Mauritius, and I have fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

Key Audit Matters

Key Audit Matters are those matters that, in my professional judgment, were of most significance in my audit of the financial statements of the current period. These matters were addressed in the context of my audit of the financial statements as a whole, and in forming my opinion thereon, and I do not provide a separate opinion on these matters.

I have determined that there are no key audit matters to communicate in my report.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Rodrigues Subsidy Account's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management intends to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible of overseeing the Rodrigues Subsidy Account's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

My objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISSAIs, will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISSAIs, I exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. I also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Rodrigues Subsidy Account's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.

- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Rodrigues Subsidy Account's ability to continue as a going concern. If I conclude that a material uncertainty exists, I am required to draw attention in my auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify my opinion. My conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of my auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Rodrigues Subsidy Account to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

I communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that I identify during my audit.

I also provide those charged with governance with a statement that I have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on my independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

From the matters communicated with those charged with governance, I determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the financial statements of the current period and are therefore the key audit matters. I describe these matters in my auditor's report unless law or regulation precludes public disclosure about the matter or, when, in extremely rare circumstances, I determine that a matter should not be communicated in my report because the adverse consequences of doing so would reasonably be expected to outweigh the public interest benefits of such communication.

Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

Management's Responsibilities for Compliance

In addition to the responsibility for the preparation and presentation of the financial statements described above, management is also responsible for ensuring that the operations of the Rodrigues Subsidy Account are conducted in accordance with the provisions of laws and regulations, including compliance with the provisions of laws and regulations that determine the reported amounts and disclosures in an entity's financial statements.

Auditor's Responsibilities

In addition to the responsibility to express an opinion on the financial statements described above, I am also responsible to report to the Committee whether:

(a) I have obtained all the information and explanations which to the best of my knowledge and belief were necessary for the purpose of the audit;

- (b) the activities, financial transactions and information reflected in the financial statements are, in all material respects, in compliance with the laws and authorities which govern them; and
- (c) satisfactory management measures have been taken to ensure that resources are procured economically and utilised efficiently and effectively.

I performed procedures, including the assessment of the risks of material non-compliance, to obtain audit evidence to discharge the above responsibilities.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

Opinion on Compliance

Finance and Audit Act and Finance and Audit (Rodrigues Subsidy Account) Regulations 2018

I have obtained all information and explanations which to the best of my knowledge and belief were necessary for the purpose of my audit.

Based on my examination of the records of Rodrigues Subsidy Account, nothing has come to my attention that causes me to believe that:

- (a) the activities, financial transactions and information reflected in the financial statements are, in all material respects, not in compliance with the Finance and Audit Act and the Finance and Audit (Rodrigues Subsidy Account) Regulations 2018; and
- (b) satisfactory management measures have not been taken to ensure that resources are procured economically and utilised efficiently and effectively.

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National Audit Office Level 14, Air Mauritius Centre **PORT LOUIS**

28 June 2021

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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YEAR ENDED

30 JUNE 2020

Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2020

	Note	30 June 2020 Rs	30 June 2019 Rs
Assets			
Current Assets			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	Note 4	360,325,729	322,105,871
Trade receivables	Note 5	66,244,596	51,956,998
		426,570,325	374,062,869
Current Liabilities			,
Trade Payables	Note 7	63,588,292	54,235,835
Net Current Assets		362,982,033	319,827,034
Represented by			e.
Accumulated Fund	Note 8	362,982,033	319,827,034

Cam M.Toree(Mrs) Lead Analyst 18.06.2021

Mr M.Gunputh Permanent Secretary

Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income for period ended 30 June 2020
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		30 June 2020	30 June 2019 Restated
Income		Rs	Rs
Levy Receivable on Petroleum products		175,671,899	206,195,948
Levy Receivable on LPG		18,093,688	18,802,652
		193,765,587	224,998,600
Expenses			
Transportation charges	Note 10	79,302,104	77,056,953
Management fees and other charges		5,949,007	5,713,383
Subsidy	Note 11	25,127,840	24,575,584
Expenses icw rice and flour		26,916,152	28,645,021
Handling charges		13,000,000	17,634,405
Administrative charges	Note 12	315,485	236,481
Other Expenses		-	50,724
		150,610,588	153,912,550
Surplus origins on Organities			
Surplus arising on Operations		43,154,999	71,086,050

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Statement of changes in Equity for period ending 30 June 2019

	Rs
Balance at beginning of Year	248,740,984
Surplus for the Year	71,086,050
Balance as at 30 June 2019	319,827,034

Statement of changes in Equity for period ending 30 June 2020

	Rs
Balance at beginning of Year	319,827,034
Surplus for the Year	43,154,999
Balance as at 30 June 2020	362,982,033

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Statement of Cash Flows as at 30 June 2020			
	30 June 2020 Rs	30 June 2019 Rs	
Surplus arising on operations	43,154,999	71,086,050	
Add decrease in creditors	9,352,457	7,661,068	
	52,507,456	78,747,118	
Less increase in debtors	(14,287,598)	(4,157,538)	
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Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents	38,219,858	74,589,580	
Cash and Cash Equivalents as at 1 July 2019	322,105,871	247,516,291	
Cash and Cash Equivalents at end of period	360,325,729	322,105,871	

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Notes to Accounts: General Information 1.The Rodrigues Subsidy Account

The Rodrigues Subsidy Account (RSA) is established under Section 3 of the Finance and Audit (Rodrigues Subsidy Account) Regulations 2018

2. The objects of the Fund shall be to subsidise

(a) all the costs involved in transporting, storing and distributing petroleum products, ration rice and flour supplied by the State Trading Corporation so that the retail prices in Rodrigues are kept at par with their respective retail prices prevailing in Mauritius;

(b) such costs for the supply of bagged cement to Rodrigues as may be decided by Government.

The Rodrigues Subsidy Account principal place business is 6th floor ,Government centre c/o Ministry of Rodrigues and also benefits from a rent free building free use of utilities from the Ministry.

3. Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting standards (IFRS) in compliance with the Finance and Audit (Rodrigues Subsidy Regulations) The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

The principal accounting policies are set below:

Revenue Recognition

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable and represents amounts receivable on levy on petroleum products and Liquefied Petroleum Gas.

Trade receivables

Trade receivables do not carry any interest and are stated at their nominal value as reduced by appropriate allowances for estimated irrecoverable amounts.

Trade payables

Trade payables are not interest bearing and are stated at their nominal value.

These include all expenses incurred in the transportation of petroleum products, LPG products, rice and flour to Rodrigues. They also include subsidy on cement exported to Rodrigues.

4. Cash and Cash Equivalents	30 June 2020	30 June 2019
Rodrigues Subsidy Account	360,325,729	322,105,871
5. Trade receivables		
STC	61,240,008	47,232,570
STC LPG	5,004,588	4,724,428
	66,244,596	51,956,998
6. Contingent asset		

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The RSA has claimed for a refund of Rs 5,737,002 from AEL DDS representing refund of expenses involved in the transportation of 50 kg LPG cylinders to and from Rodrigues for period 2014 to 2019. The outcome of this claim has not been finalised yet.

7. Trade Payables	30 June 2020	30 June 2019
MSCL Account	8,355,916	15,007,578
Velogic Account	378,293	378,293
Rogers Account	184,000	290,375
AEL DDS Account	968,240	1,458,823
Accounting fees	10,000	10,000
State trading Corporation Ltd	20,474,477	15,345,021
Lafarge	1,391,040	1,251,936
Kolos	1,081,920	2,859,360
Cargo handling Corporation Ltd	30,634,405	17,634,405
Audit fees	110,000	
Bank Overdraft	-	44
	63,588,292	54,235,835

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8. Accumulated Fund

Accumulated Fund at 1 July 2019	319,827,034
Surplus for period	43,154,999
Accumulated Fund at 30 June 2020	362,982,033

9. Related Party Transaction

The Managing Committee members of the RSA comprise of public officers who also form part of the management of the Ministry of Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity.

10. Transportation charges	30 June 2020	30 June 2019
MSCL Freight and other shipping charges	74,545,474	72,518,794
Transportation of containers/tanktainers- Mauritius	2,640,630	2,525,659
Transportation of containers/tanktainers -Rodrigues	2,116,000	2,012,500
	79,302,104	77,056,953
11.Subsidies on cement	30 June 2020	30 June 2019
Lafarge -Subsidy on cement	7,635,264	6,414,240
Kolos- Subsidy on cement	10,587,360	11,421,984
MSCL -subsidy on freight icw cement	6,905,216 25,127,840	6,739,360 24,575,584
12. Administrative charges	30 June 2020	30 June 2019
Fees and allowance	205,235	236,406
Audit fees	110,000	0
Bank charges	250	75
	315,485	236,481

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