

# **ANNUAL REPORT**

**On Performance For Financial Year  
2022-2023**

**PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE**

**(RODRIGUES, OUTER ISLANDS AND TERRITORIAL  
INTEGRITY DIVISION)**



# ABOUT THIS REPORT

The Annual Report 2022-2023 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 provides information pertaining to this Office, its financial performance and achievements, the targets set out relative to the approved estimates as well as the strategic direction for the next three years.

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# MESSAGE FROM THE PERMANENT SECRETARY

*It gives me great pleasure to present once again the Annual Report on Performance of the Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity Division of the Prime Minister's Office for the financial year 2022-2023.*

*The Report reviews the financial and non-financial performance of this Office, whilst highlighting the accomplishments made and challenges encountered during the year. It has been another remarkable year of hard work, dedication and passion.*

*I am proud of the progress so far achieved by this Office despite the constraints faced throughout the year. I am therefore extremely grateful to all our employees whose relentless efforts and valuable contribution have led to the timely implementation of our policies, strategies and programmes. I also acknowledge the unwavering trust and close collaboration of our partners and stakeholders in the realisation of our organisational goals.*

*As we embark on a yet another challenging journey, this Office will continue to pave its way with confidence, determination and resilience.*

**05 December 2023**

**Mrs B. Rajahbalee-Cader**  
**Permanent Secretary**

# 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
- a clean and embellished environment to ensure sustainability
- the implementation of safe city cameras for a safer environment for its citizens

## CORE VALUES

### INTEGRITY

Guided by the highest standards of professional ethics.

### QUALITY

Strongly committed to providing the highest quality services to our customers.

### TIMELINESS

Responsive and strive to meet set targets.

### TEAMWORK

Teamwork is inherent in our culture.

### TRANSPARENCY

Transparent in our activities with a view to enhancing discipline, responsibility and accountability.

### CONFIDENTIALITY

All personal information and documents are treated in strict confidentiality.

### EQUITY

Honest, friendly and courteous and guided by the principle of fairness and social justice.

### TRUST

Strongly committed in building trust within our organisation and among our stakeholders.

# KEY LEGISLATIONS

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

Strongly committed in building trust within our organisation and among our stakeholders.	Reform Institutions Act	Transfer of Prisoners Act
Maritime Zones Act	Outer Islands Development Corporation Act	Agalega Island Council Act 2004
DNA Identification Act	Chagossian Welfare Fund Act	Children's Act
Community Service Order Act	Dangerous Drugs Act	Probation of Offenders Act
National Environment Cleaning Authority Act		Offshore Petroleum Act

# ROLES AND FUNCTIONS

- 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-of-the-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
- Support the National Environment Cleaning Authority in its objective to clean and embellish the country.

# OVERVIEW OF ORGANISATIONS/FUND/ACCOUNT

- 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 socio-economic 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 Chairperson;
- 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 fisheries;
- a representative of the Ministry responsible for the subject of Outer Islands;
- a representative of the Ministry responsible for the subject of public infrastructure;
- the Director of the Meteorological Services or his representative;
- the Director of Civil Aviation or his representative;
- a person with experience in fishing activities;
- a person with experience of work conditions on the Outer Islands; and
- 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;
- regulate petroleum activities and oversee related upstream activities in the maritime zones of Mauritius;
- rationalise and harmonise all ocean-resources related matters;
- regulate Marine Scientific Research;
- contribute to energy security and maritime safety and surveillance;
- prepare the submissions for Extended Continental Shelf and a Marine Spatial Plan for the Republic of Mauritius; and
- contribute to the safeguard of our territorial integrity in carrying out Maritime Boundary Delimitation and ensuring through the establishment of appropriate legal frameworks, our sovereignty over Mauritius' vast maritime zones.

- **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) is engaged to envisage a safer Mauritius through best correctional practices. It is mandated to serve the society by keeping detainees in safe, provide decent conditions for detainees and help in reintegrating them into the society.

The main objectives of the MPS consist of the following;

- 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; and
- also aims to facilitate and safeguard ways and means for the detainees' contact with outside world.

The MPS comprises ten prisons and one Correctional Youth Centre with two separate buildings (one for Male and one for Female) in mainland Mauritius. In addition, there is one prison in Rodrigues with two separate buildings (one for Male and one for Female). The Commissioner of Prisons is in charge for the administration, control and supervision of these institutions as well as the detainees. He is supported by officers of the Prison Officer cadre, Hospital personnel, Welfare Officer cadre, General Service Staff, manual workers and other officers seconded from Ministries.

The prison population as at 30 June 2023 was 2486 detainees including 09 inmates from the CYC and 197 foreign detainees.

- **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 throughcare 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. Both institutions are 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) has been established under the Reform Institutions Act and the rehabilitation of juvenile being its main objective.

In this respect, the RYC caters for the detention and training of youngsters aged 14 and below 18, who has been subject to 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 main objectives of RYC are as follows:

- The empowerment of residents through vocational training to enter the labor market; One boy and two girls were enrolled for Beachcomber academy training. They have completed six months training.
- Counselling sessions and psychosocial support from NGO'S.
- The participation of inmates in the National Exams Form 3.
- Continuous follow up by psychologist with inmates and their parents to sensitize them on the family values.
- Spiritual programmes
- Medical treatment

The RYC consists of 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 date, four girls are committed to the centre and one boy inmate is on Aftercare Order.

The RYC is headed by a Superintendent for the day-to-day administration of both centres and is under the supervision of 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.

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; engage in advocacy to raise evidence-based public or population-specific awareness on the harmful consequences of drug use;
- (iii) 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;
- (iv) 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;
- (v) 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;
- (vi) 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
- (vii) 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.

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 Intelligence 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 was established under the Chagossian Welfare Fund Act 21 of 1999.

- **Objectives of the Chagossian Welfare Fund**

The Chagossian Welfare Fund 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 also 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 March 2023 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 descendants
- 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.

- **Agalega Island Council**

The Agalega Island Council was established under the Agalega Island Council Act 2004 which was proclaimed on 19 April 2004.

The objectives of the Council are to:

- (i) advise the Minister on matters pertaining to development projects in Agalega;
- (ii) assist in the implementation of such projects as the Minister may refer to it;
- (iii) organise activities that may foster co-operation and social harmony among the inhabitants of Agalega; and
- (iv) consider grievances from the inhabitants of Agalega and assist in taking corrective measures as appropriate.

The Agalega Island Council comprises of the following:

- (i) A Chairperson, appointed by the Prime Minister;
- (ii) 3 residents of Agalega;
- (iii) A representative of the Outer Islands Development Corporation;
- (iv) A representative of the private sector;
- (v) A relative of the Agaleans living in Mauritius.
- (vi) A Secretary.

A representative of the private sector;

Members from (ii) to (v) above are appointed by the Minister to whom the responsibility for the island of Agalega is assigned. The Secretary is a Public Officer who is designated by the Minister.

All members of the Council hold office for a period of one year and are eligible for re-appointment.

The Council holds its meetings at least once a month.

- **National Environment Cleaning Authority**

The National Environment Cleaning Authority (NECA) came into operation in July 2022 after the promulgation of The National Environment Cleaning Authority Act 2022.

The Authority is responsible for:

- the development of a National Cleaning and Embellishment Strategy with an Action Plan to embellish Mauritius and keep Mauritius clean, in consultation with relevant Ministries and other stakeholders;
- undertaking, as and when required, cleaning and embellishment works;
- identifying and prioritising, in collaboration with relevant Ministries and other stakeholders, the sites to be kept clean and embellished; and
- coordinating, monitoring and supervising the implementation of cleaning and embellishment programmes.

# 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 on 01 July 2018.

### Objects of Rodrigues Subsidy Account

The objects of the Rodrigues Subsidy Account are to subsidise:

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

### Rodrigues Subsidy Account Management Committee

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

- the Accounting Officer responsible for Rodrigues or his representative, who shall be the Chairperson;
- a representative of the Ministry responsible for the subject of Rodrigues;
- a representative of the Ministry responsible for the subject of finance;
- a representative of the Ministry responsible for the subject of commerce; and
- 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: -

- (a) to receive and consider the written or oral report of the Probation Officer and any other communication found necessary;
- (b) 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
- (c) 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.

On the 1st of January 2022, the Probation Hostel and Home (Amendment) Regulations 2021 came into effect and provide for only one Managing Committee for the Probation Hostel for Boys and the Probation Home for Girls. The Managing Committee was constituted in January 2022.

The Probation Hostel for Boys and the Probation Home for Girls are semi-open institutions and provide residential rehabilitation treatment for juvenile offenders on probation with a residence requirement [Section 4(5) of the Probation Offenders Act 1947 (Amended in 2009)] and children with serious behavioural concerns (Sections 41 and 42 of the Children's Act 2020). 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 Empowerment, Sports and Recreation.

#### **(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: -

- enquire into the condition of detention of the detainee;
- hear any complaint which may be made by a detainee and, where the detainee so requests, hear the complaint privately; and
- inquire into and report to the Minister on:
  - any abuse within an institution;
  - any repair which may be urgently required in an institution; and
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#### **(vi) National Environmental Cleaning (NEC) Board meetings and Committees**

- Composition of NEC Board

	Name
1.	<b>Chairperson</b> MR M.G B. LEBREUX
<b>Members</b>	
2.	MRS S. RAWAT-CURRIMJEE Senior Advisor to the Honourable Prime Minister
3.	MR M. S. F. JOOMUN, Senior Chief Executive, Ministry of Tourism
4.	DR D. KAWOL, Senior Chief Executive Ministry of Local Government and Disaster Risk Management
5.	MRS S. Lotun, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Solid Waste Management and Climate Change (Solid Waste Management Division)

	Name
6.	MR R.S. SONEA, Permanent Secretary Ministry of Environment, Solid Waste Management and Climate Change (Environment and Climate Change Division)
7.	MR G. Bundhooa, Acting Permanent Secretary Ministry of National Infrastructure and Community Development
8.	MR R. SULTOO, Lead Analyst Ministry of Finance, Economic Planning and Development
9.	MR P. BUDHOO Commanding Officer, Special Mobile Force & Officer in Charge, National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Centre
10.	MRS A. DE ROSNAY-RAMDOWAR, Head of Sustainability and Inclusive Growth, Business Mauritius
11.	MR V. PATROU General Manager Mauri-Facilities Management Co. Ltd
12.	MR A. T. BOYJOO Landscape Consultant
13.	MR R. S. GUTTEE Architect/Urban Designer

The NEC Board met on 8 occasions during the financial year 2022 – 2023.

### **(vii) 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 and the Forensic Science Laboratory as well as heads of the Human Resources, Financial Operations, Procurement and Supply and a representative of the Civil Service College.

### **(viii) 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 Prime Minister's Office (Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity Division).

The Audit Committee for the Financial Year 2022-2023 was reconstituted in July 2022 under the chair of a Deputy Permanent Secretary and two officers in the grade of Assistant Permanent Secretary as members.

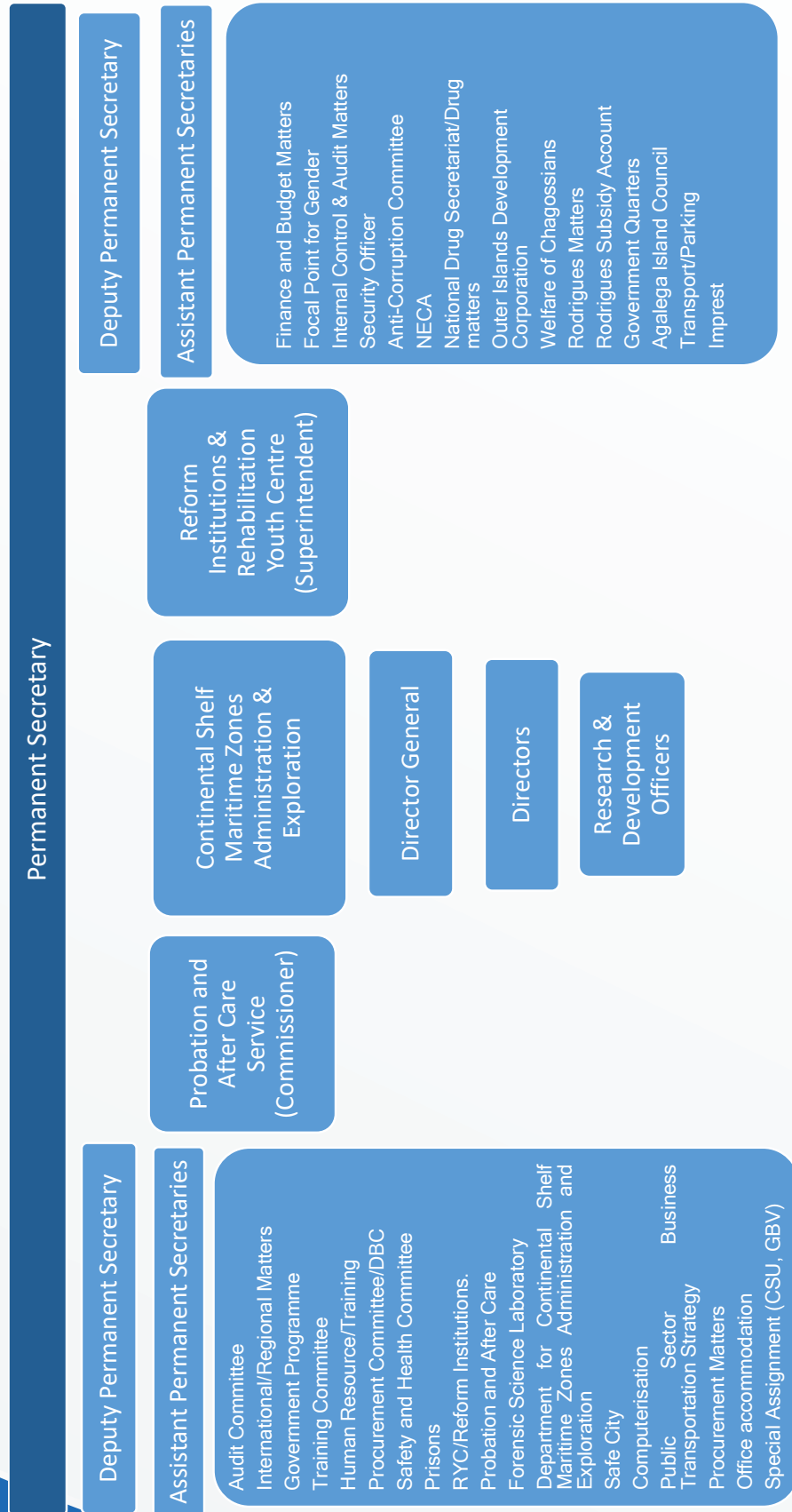
The Audit Committee examined the recommendations made by the Internal Audit Unit in its Reports for the Financial Year under review in respect of the Rehabilitation Youth Centre, the Probation and Aftercare Service, the Procurement Section, the Rodrigues Subsidy Account, the Transport Section and the Division as well as the recommendations made by the Director of Audit in his Management letters and the Public Accounts Committee. Actions were initiated as per the recommendations raised in these Reports to promote good governance and ensure that the Ministry's operations are effective and complies with the relevant regulations.

Since its reconstitution, six meetings were held for the period 01 July 2022 to 30 June 2023.

### **(ix) Anti-Corruption Committee**

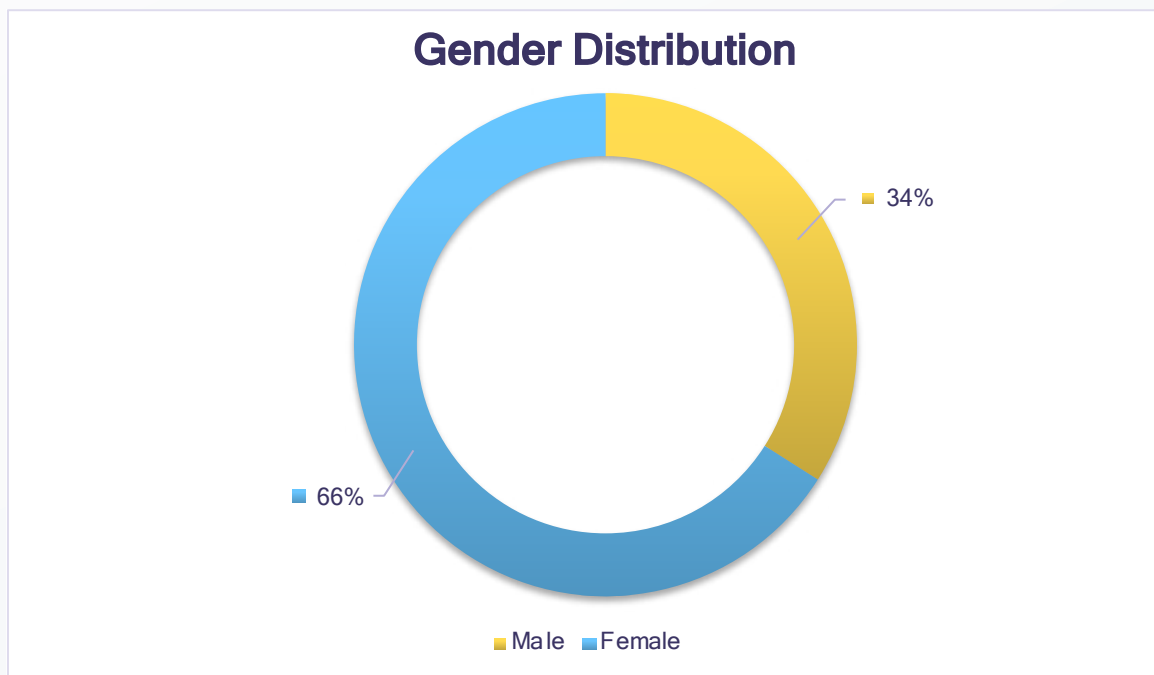
In accordance with the Public Sector Anti-Corruption Framework, the Anti-Corruption Committee was set up under the Chair of a Deputy Permanent Secretary and comprising all Heads of Sections/Departments as members.

# ABOUT OUR PEOPLE



## Gender Distribution

S.N	Department	Male	Female	TOTAL
1	Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity	19	48	67
2	Continental Shelf, Maritime Zones Administration and Exploration	8	14	22
3	Reform Institutions and Rehabilitation	49	87	136
4	Forensic Science Laboratory	25	47	72
TOTAL		101	196	297



### Gender Distribution of the Prime Minister's Office (Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity Division)

# FUNDED POSTS

## 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	1
7	Principal Financial Operations Officer	1
8	Financial Officer/Senior Financial Officer	1
9	Assistant Financial Operations Officer	3
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	1
14	Assistant Manager, Internal Control	1
15	Manager, Human Resources	1
16	Assistant Manager, Human Resources	1
17	Human Resource Executive	2
18	Office Management Executive	3
19	Office Management Assistant	8
20	Management Support Officer	17
21	Confidential Secretary	5
22	Word Processing Operator	6
23	Clerk (Personal)	1
24	Driver	8
25	Head Office Auxiliary	1
26	Office Auxiliary/Senior Office Auxiliary	5

27	Resident Caretaker (Personal)	1
28	Stores Attendant	1
29	Handy Worker (Special Class) (New)	-
30	General Worker	1
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>81</b>

### Vote Item: 2-7 Reform Institutions and Rehabilitation

S.N	GRADE	FUNDED
<b>Probation and Aftercare Service</b>		
1	Commissioner Probation and After Care	1
2	Deputy Commissioner Probation and After Care	1
3	Assistant Commissioner Probation and After Care	4
4	Principal Probation Officer	14
5	Senior Probation Officer	20
6	Probation Officer	38
7	Psychologist (Clinical and Social)	2
8	Assistant Permanent Secretary	1
9	Office Management Executive	-
10	Office Management Assistant	1
11	Management Support Officer	12
12	Confidential Secretary	1
13	Word Processing Operator	1
14	Office Auxiliary/Senior Office Auxiliary	7
15	General Worker	8
<b>Rehabilitation Youth Centre</b>		
16	Superintendent, Rehabilitation Youth Centre	1
17	Assistant Superintendent, Rehabilitation Youth Centre	1
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)	1
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	9
26	Trainee Officer, Rehabilitation Youth Centre	3
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	4
32	Handy Worker (Special Class) <i>(New) formerly Handy Worker</i>	-
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>161</b>

**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	Office Auxiliary/Senior Office Auxiliary	2
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>21</b>

**Vote Item: 2-9 Forensic Science Laboratory**

S.N	GRADE	FUND-ED
1	Director, Forensic Science Laboratory	1
2	Deputy Director, Forensic Science Laboratory	1

3	Chief Forensic Scientist	2
4	Forensic Scientist/Senior Forensic Scientist	24
5	Chief Forensic Technologist	2
6	Principal Forensic Technologist	7
7	Forensic Technologist/Senior Forensic Technologist.	15
8	Forensic Support Officer	6
9	Principal Procurement and Supply Officer	1
10	Assistant Manager, Procurement and Supply	1
11	Human Resource Executive	1
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	8
18	Driver	1
19	Office Auxiliary/Senior Office Auxiliary	2
20	Handy Worker	1
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>80</b>

### Summary on the Number of Funded Posts as at 30 June 2023

S.N	VOTE ITEM	TOTAL
1	2-6 Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity	81
2	2-7 Reform Institutions and Rehabilitation	161
3	2-8 Continental Shelf, Maritime Zones Administration and Exploration	21
4	2-9 Forensic Science Laboratory	80
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>343</b>



**ACHIEVEMENTS  
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CHALLENGES**

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## MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS DURING FINANCIAL YEAR 2022-2023

- **Delivery of e-Services**

### **E-Procurement System**

For the financial year **2022-2023**, the Procurement Section catered for the following sections:

- Continental Shelf, Maritimes Zones Administration and Exploration;
- Probation Office;
- Rehabilitation Youth Centre;
- Rodrigues Division; and
- National Drugs Secretariat.

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.

**Eighty-six (86)** bids were launched under the e-Procurement system as at **30 June 2023**.

### **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 financial year **2022-2023**:

- (i) **296** Goods Form 1 were issued; and
- (ii) **693** Goods Form 5 have been processed

- **Rodrigues**

- For the period 01 July 2022 to 30 June 2023, funds amounting to Rs 81,415,988 were disbursed under the Special Rodrigues Holiday Package and Rs 31,591,987 under the Subsidy on Airfare from Rodrigues.

- **Rodrigues – Government Quarters**

- One new student (one female) was accommodated at the Government Quarters M2 at Floreal.
- Since March 2023, the Government Quarters No 15 Britannia Park at Vacoas has been put at the disposal of the Rodrigues Regional Assembly for the accommodation of its Officials proceeding on mission to Mauritius.

- **Mauritius Prison Service**

- **Memorandum of Understanding signed for 2022-23**

On 15 December 2022, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the Ministry of Blue Economy, Marine Resources, Fisheries and Shipping and the Mauritius Prison Service in respect of Restoration of Fisheries Posts. This project pertains to the training and rehabilitation of detainees under the concept of Payback Mauritius.

- **Security**

On 31 January 2023, contract was awarded to a successful bidder for the Procurement and Installation of two Full Body Security Scanners at Eastern High Security Prison, Melrose and Grand River North West Remand

Prison. The equipment was delivered in June 2023.

CCTV System Surveillance has been enhanced in all institutions.

- **Training of Officer**

- c) The Prison Training School is ISO Certified since 2016 and caters for the training needs of prison officers. During the year under review, the Prison Training School organised in-service course pertaining to Prison Duties for 1164 Prison Officers. Officers of different grades beneficated from both Online and face to face Training/Seminar.

- **Training of inmates**



Need-Based MITD Courses are dispensed to detainees by trained Prison Staff. 369 Detainees have followed accredited Vocational and Educational Programmes including Primary School Achievement Certificate, Music.

• Welding and Metal Fabrication	• Poultry farming
• NTC 3 Courses	• Masonry and Concrete Works
• Agriculture: Vegetable production, Nursery	• Automotive body repairs and painting
• Garment Making, tailoring and embroidery	• Automotive mechanics
• Food production	• Bio Agriculture/Hydroponic
• Wood trade (Cabinet Making)	• Shoemaking
• Ground Keepers (cleaning parties)	• Compost Production
• Bakery	• Laundry
• Handicraft, Basketry and Fibre Craft	• Tinsmith
• Housekeeping	• Block Making
• Pastry	• Aquaponics & Hydroculture

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Vocational Training offered are as follows:

In addition, 15 detainees have participated in the MyBusiness Programme in Entrepreneurship organised by Ministry of Industrial Development, SMES and Cooperatives and dispensed at Eastern High Security Prison, Melrose.

- **Activities in Prisons**



a) Potatoes Cultivation

The Mauritius Prisons Service continues its progress towards self-sufficiency in vegetables production. The Department is aiming to meet half of the demand for vegetable production by 2025. This year, a total of around 12 tons of potatoes were harvested at New Wing Prison and at Richelieu Open Prison.

- b) The Officers posted in the Vegetables Production Section have benefited from continuous training by the FAREI Extension Officers with a view to familiarizing themselves with new techniques to optimize the vegetables production.

c) Aquaponics

On 28 February 2023, a Training Farm in aquaponics, hydroponic and a solar water drip was inaugurated at Beau Bassin Prison Garden as an innovative project of high rehabilitative value and thereby facilitating the employability of released detainees. As such, the Prison is innovating into new mode of rehabilitation for training of detainees as well as increasing production for prison consumption. Vegetables and Garden spices are cultivated in the Training Farm.

#### d) Vegetable Production



Detainees are trained in vegetables productions in Beau Bassin Prison, Women Prison, Open Prison for Women, Richelieu Open Prison, Petit Verger Prison, Eastern High Security Prison. The Department is currently meeting nearly one third of its demand for vegetables.

- **Outer Islands Development Corporation**

- 1 generator was purchased and installed at South Agalega Island
- 1 Microbus of 16 seater was purchased and shipped to North Agalega Island
- Four voyages were effected by M/v Trochetia for shipment of food items and other commodities in September 2022, December 2022, March 2023 and June 2023 respectively.
- Community development programmes were implemented through sensitization talks against high consumption of alcoholic drinks and black-market practices, awareness campaign on human rights and safety awareness at schools and in the community by the Police, the National Coast Guard and the Mauritius Fire and Rescue Services.

- **Continental Shelf, Maritime Zones Administration and Exploration**

- Officers of the technical cadre participated in an online Marine Scientific Research Information Series for Africa: Deep-sea Mineral Resources and Technologies on 16 September 2021.

- Officers of the technical cadre attended the online training on implementing ArcGIS Pro, a geographic information system, from 04-06 October 2021.
- 62 participants including 12 officers of the Department participated to the UNDP-Joint Management Area (JMA) Demonstration Project online Workshop on “Law of the Sea and related Legal Aspects” – 7, 8, 11, 12 October 2021.
- 1 officer of the technical cadre attended an International Seabed Authority (ISA) – BGR training at sea (Indian Ocean) from 08- 31 October 2021.
- Officers of the technical cadre participated in a virtual international workshop on Application of Ocean Science and Technology for the Practice of Sustainable “Blue Economy” in Developing Countries from 08-09 November 2021.
- 1 officer of the technical cadre attended the online IOC/OTGA - RTC KMFRI: Fundamentals of Ocean Floor Mapping training by IOC-UNESCO from 29 November to 17 December 2021.
- 1 officer of the technical cadre attended a training on Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA) organized on 21 & 22 March 2022 by Civil Service College, in collaboration with EDB and delivered by the OECD.
- 1 officer of the technical cadre attended an ISA post-cruise training at BGR in Germany from 25 April 2022 to 25 May 2022.
- Officers of the technical cadre attended the first ISA-China JTRC training online workshop on mineral resources, environmental management and data from 24-26 May 2022.

## • **Joint Management Area**

- Scientific Publication - Betzler, C., Lindhorst, S., Reijmer, J.J.G., Braga, J.C., Lüdmann, T., Bialik, O.M., Reolid, J., Geßner, A.-L., Hainbucher, D. and Bissessur, D. (2023), Carbonate platform drowning caught in the act: The sedimentology of Saya de Malha Bank (Indian Ocean). *Sedimentology*, 70: 78-99
- Mauritian scientists from various ministries and research institutions in the Monaco Exploration Expedition participated in the Joint Management Area and Economic Exclusive Zone of Mauritius from 1 to 22 November 2022.



- Presentation of preliminary results of the Monaco Explorations expedition of the JMA at the Monaco Oceanographic Museum for the Monaco Ocean Week in March 2023

- **Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ)**

- Preparation of pleading material to the special chamber of International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS)
- Oral pleading to ITLOS – Delimitation beyond the EEZ – 17 October 2022
- Preparation of response to ITLOS on Maldives comment – December 2022
- Basepoint and archipelagic baselines in the Chagos Archipelago region were reviewed

- **Extended Continental Shelf**

Presentation of the partial submission was made by Mauritius in respect of the region of Rodrigues Island - November 2022

- **Mauritius Ocean Observatory E-platform (E- platform)**

The catalogue of datasets for the maritime zones of Mauritius was updated

- **Maritime Zones Act**

Maritime Zones (Economic Activities) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 were gazetted. Regulation was made under sections 21A, 21B and 27 of the Maritime Zones Act to regulate all forms of Marine Renewable Energy

- **Mauritius Underwater Cultural Heritage (UCH) project**

Reconnaissance study of the Victoire shipwreck at Pointe aux Canonnières was conducted - 25 to 27 July 2022



Organised training on archaeological survey techniques: A case study of the Victoire shipwreck – 6 to 16 February 2023



- **Marine Protected Area (MPA) in the region of Chagos Archipelago**

Chagos Marine Protected Area presented at the 2022 United Nations Ocean Conference June 2022, Lisbon, Portugal

- **Marine Scientific Research**

Multidisciplinary study of the Saya de Malha Bank/Joint Management Area and Saint-Brandon/Nazareth Bank was conducted during the second leg of the Monaco Explorations Indian Ocean Expedition from 1 to 22 November 2022. -

- **National Environment Cleaning Authority**
  - Devising of a short term Action Plan and Implementation Plan for some 20 sites.
  - Meetings with different stakeholders of NECA & holding of NECA Regional Coordination Committees.
  - Signature of an agreement with MBC on 15 June 2023 for ventilating NECA's activities.
  - Signature of a Memorandum of Understanding with Mauri-Facilities Management Co. Ltd on 28 June 2023 to act as service provider in NECA's cleaning and embellishment programmes.
  - Cleaning Programme for Motorway M1 and M2 in collaboration with Road Development Authority and other stakeholders starting on 8 February 2023. Organisation of the visit of the Hon. Prime Minister on 26 February 2023 to take stock of the progress of work.
  - Participation in the context of World Environment Day on Saturday 3 June 2023.
  - Collection of litters and tree plantation along New Airport Link Road in collaboration with Omnicane Foundation and other stakeholders.
  - Forum on Beat Plastic with Green values in collaboration with Brahma Kumaris of Quatre Bornes.
- **Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL)**
  - FSL managed a total of 8,194 cases in 2022, including 4,094 drug cases, 43 drug driving cases, 1,743 Biology cases, 1,203 Toxicology cases as well as attended to 356 outdoor cases.
  - FSL has contributed to major cases over the course of the year, in particular significant drug seizures.
  - FSL has worked closely with Mauritius Police Force and the Customs Anti Narcotic Division of Mauritius Revenue Authority over the year to prioritise where FSL can have most impact and deliver results effectively, with active engagement in the investigation over the life of the case.
  - FSL has also supported investigations by visiting crime scenes.
  - One of the key services was to provide analysis in cases of Drug Driving further to the amendment of The Road Traffic Act, whereby impaired driving is an offence. FSL Drug unit started reporting in drug driving cases since July 2022.
  - All administrative procedures for the construction of FSL new laboratory facility in La Vigie were completed and the tender process for building works was launched. The new forensic laboratory is an imperative for a robust criminal justice system.
  - The National Drug Control Master Plan 2019 – 2023 addresses issues of drug abuse and drug trafficking and aims at harm reduction for society and public health as well as reducing drug-

related crimes. The FSL is an important stakeholder in this endeavour and the Toxicology Unit has been regularly submitting statistics to the National Drug Secretariat. These statistics pertain to drugs detected in post-mortem specimens and are used for trend analysis and policy making.

- Revamping of the Mauritian National Identity Card (MNIC Project)

## • **Probation and Aftercare Service**

Major Achievements (July 2022 - June 2023)

### (i) **Social Enquiry**

- Probation Officers are required to carry out social enquiries and submit reports to various agencies in order to assist them in taking the most appropriate action with regard to specific problems. Some of these agencies are the Supreme Court, the Intermediate and District Courts, Office of Solicitor General, Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions, the National Adoption Council, the Commission on the Prerogative of Mercy, Police Department, the Prime Minister's Office and the International Social Service.
- During the period July 2022 – June 2023, 3054 enquiries were conducted by the Probation and Aftercare Service.

### (ii) **Supervision and Aftercare**

- The Service supervises several categories of offenders: probationers, persons subjected to community service orders, boys and girls on aftercare, parolees, bailees, juveniles under preventive supervision and DPP & DVA follow-up cases.
- Following the enactment of the Children's Act 2020, the Service is also supervising cases of Children with serious behavioural concerns (Parenting Support Intervention), Child suspect under 14, etc.
- During the period July 2022 - June 2023, a total number of 1115 persons were under supervision:

Probationers	127
Community Service Workers	661
Aftercare cases (RYC)	7
Aftercare cases (Probation Hostel)	1
Throughcare cases (Probation Institutions)	13
Bailees	2
Preventive supervision	3
DPP follow-up cases	1
Children with serious behavioural concerns (PSI)	223
Child suspect under fourteen	73
PIO – Child within household	3
Child subject to diversion program	1

(iii) **Institutional Care**

- The Probation and Aftercare Service has under its responsibility two semi-open institutions, namely the Probation Hostel for Boys and Probation Home for Girls. They provide residential rehabilitative treatment for convicted minors, children with serious behavioural concerns placed thereat by the Children's Court through a Preventive Intervention Order. In exceptional cases, children under the age of 14 suspected of having committed an offence may also be temporarily placed thereat. Some residents may reside there until the age of majority. Both institutions provide a congenial environment for children whose home surroundings are not sufficiently conducive for their proper character formation and development and therefore necessitate removal and placement in a better milieu.
- 5 boys and 8 girls were rehabilitated in the institutions during the period July 2022 - June 2023. They were also followed by regional Probation Officers under the throughcare system.

(iv) **Counselling**

- Probation Officers are called upon to carry out counselling work in connection with problems often related to a wide variety of family issues. These may include cases of alimony, child custody, 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.
- The Service attended to 1246 cases during the period July 2022 – June 2023.

(v) **Attendance Centre**

- Since July 2011, probationers have to follow a pro-social skill training programme at the Attendance centre as a requirement of their probation order. The Attendance Centre is run by the Probation Service at Beau-Bassin and in July 2012 it was decentralised with two additional centres at Pamplémousses and Curepipe.
- In view of the Covid-19 pandemic and the difficulty to maintain social distancing, sessions scheduled at the Attendance Centres had to be suspended in March 2021 and all the modules, including the one on Constructive Leisure Activities, were dispensed at the regional probation offices by probation staff.
- 19 probationers have completed the programs during the period July 2022 – June 2023.

(vi) **Preventive Work**

- The officers of the Probation and Aftercare Service deliver talks on juvenile delinquency, criminality and other social problems in colleges and social welfare centres.
- The officers of the Service delivered 10 preventive talks during the period July 2022 – June 2023.

## TRAINING - PERIOD JULY 2022 TO JUNE 2023

DATE	PARTICULARS	NO. OF PARTICIPANTS	REMARKS
10, 17, 24 & 31.08.22; 07, 14 & 21.09.22	Training Programme for Probation Officers recruited in 2021 and 2022	6 (Probation Officers)	Conducted by Senior Officers of the Probation and Aftercare Service
27.10.22	Training Programme: "Safety and Health at the Work" - Batch 3	1 (Office Auxiliary/Senior Office Auxiliary)	Ministry of Public Service, Administrative and Institutional Reforms (MPSAIR)
10 & 11.11.22	Managing Safely for line Managers	1 (Principal Probation officer)	MPSAIR
22.02.23	Training on Children's Act 2020 - Batch 1	27 (Officers of the Probation Cadre)	Conducted by the Office of the DPP
24.02.23	Training on Children's Act 2020 - Batch 1	26 (Officers of the Probation Cadre)	Conducted by the Office of the DPP
17.03.23	Safety and Health in Work Place	1 (Management Support Officer)	MPSAIR
28.03.23	Training on Children's Act 2020 - Batch 1	26 (Officers of the Probation Cadre)	Conducted by the Office of the DPP
29.03.23	Training on Children's Act 2020 - Batch 1	23 (Officers of the Probation Cadre)	Conducted by the Office of the DPP
14.04.23	Safety and Health in Practice	1 (Office Auxiliary/Senior Office Auxiliary)	MPSAIR
11.05.23	Training on Children's Act 2020 - Batch 2	33 (Officers of the Probation Cadre)	Conducted by the Office of the DPP
12.05.23	Training on Children's Act 2020 - Batch 2	30 (Officers of the Probation Cadre)	Conducted by the Office of the DPP
17.05.23	Training on Children's Act 2020 - Batch 2	29 (Officers of the Probation Cadre)	Conducted by the Office of the DPP
17.05.23	Safety and Health in Practice	1 (Office Auxiliary/Senior Office Auxiliary)	MPSAIR
24.05.23	Training Course on Crisis Management	3 (Principal Probation Officers)	Civil Service College Mauritius
31.05.23	Safety and Health in Practice	1 (Office Auxiliary/Senior Office Auxiliary)	MPSAIR
05.06.23	Safety and Health in Practice	1 (Office Auxiliary/Senior Office Auxiliary)	
13.06.23	Safety and Health in Practice	1 (Office Auxiliary/Senior Office Auxiliary)	
05 & 07.04.23	Managing Safely for line Managers	1 (Principal Probation officer)	MPSAIR
24 & 26.05.23	Managing Safely for line Managers	1 (Principal Probation officer)	
12 & 14.06.23	Managing Safely for line Managers	1 (Principal Probation officer)	

- **Rehabilitation Youth Centre**

- 1 boy and 4 girls of the RYC participated in therapeutic programmes with the occupational therapist and with psychologist.
- All the 5 inmates participated in therapeutic program at Jardin de la Paix, Calodyne. Singing Bowl Therapy, Imagery Therapy, Story Telling Therapy, Massage Therapy, Zumba, Singing and Dancing Therapy.
- They also participated in workshop with the Office of the Ombudsperson on bullying, rights of the children and responsibilities at Hotel Le Voila.
- 3 girls and 1 boy were enrolled at Beachcomber Academy for 6 months after which they were rewarded with certificate in hotel job.
- Activities like drama, sports, (indoor and outdoor games), music, agriculture, home economics class, handicraft, beauty care, hairdressing were organised for the benefit of inmates.
- Certificates were awarded to 3 girls on completion of Hairdressing and Beauty care Course and handicraft course respectively.
- 3 girls are enrolled on floral arrangement and vegetarian cooking course at Women Centre.

- **National Drug Secretariat**

#### **Conference on Substance Abuse for Countries of The Western Indian Ocean**

The National Drug Secretariat in collaboration with the Indian Ocean Commission organised the first regional Conference on Drugs and Substance Abuse from 26 to 28 April 2023. The Conference gathered representatives from Comoros, Djibouti, France/Reunion, Madagascar, Mauritius, Seychelles, Kenya, Tanzania and South Africa.

#### **Recommendations of the Conference**

The representatives of different countries of the region expressed their interest to establish a regional cooperation framework to address illicit drugs and substance abuse. The aim is to synergize the efforts, to seek a common approach and exchange of best practices, in particular to reduce demand for drugs (through prevention, treatment, rehabilitation and aftercare) and tackling the consequential damages associated with illicit drugs and substance abuse, and to fight against drug trafficking for preserving peace and stability of societies of the States.

Representatives acknowledged that National bodies responsible for coordinating drug response in charge of the fight against Drugs must reinforce their cooperation by establishing a regional network of contact points in all countries.

The conference encouraged countries in the region to set up an institutional framework where non-existing, and to develop and implement their national drug strategy and/or action plans with clear monitoring and evaluation framework.

It was also recommended that the respective national agency responsible for drug response to meet and discuss a way forward for promoting regional cooperation, dialogue and exchanges against drugs and substance abuse and the establishment of a regional Drug Observatory.



## **DRUG USE SURVEY IN RODRIGUES**

A Drug Use Survey was carried out by the National Drug Secretariat in the Island of Rodrigues in September-October 2022 among adult residents aged 15-64 years. The project was a joint collaboration between the Rodrigues Regional Assembly and the Prime Minister's Office. The survey was conducted by the National Drug Secretariat in collaboration with the Rodrigues, Regional Assembly. The field data collection was ensured by staff of the different Commissions of Rodrigues, under the lead of the Statistics Unit of the Chief Commissioner's Office.

The Report of the Survey was launched and disseminated by the Deputy Chief Commissioner of Rodrigues on 23 May 2023.

## **THE RODRIGUES ACTION PLAN AGAINST ILLICIT DRUGS 2024 – 2026**

Based on the findings of the survey and inputs from a two-day consultative workshop with relevant stakeholders in Rodrigues, the Rodrigues Action Plan 2024 -2026 was developed.

The overall objective of the action plan is to sustain good health, preserve safety and security and improve socio-economic well-being of the people of Rodrigues by addressing drug trafficking and drug use in any

aspect and preventing the initiation of drug use.

The Plan articulates around four (4) pillars namely:

- (i) well-structured institutional framework for coordination, monitoring and research including data management;
- (ii) upholding human dignity by guaranteeing human rights and non-stigma nondiscriminatory attitude towards people who use drugs;
- (iii) drug supply reduction by averting entry and eliminating cultivation of illicit drugs; and
- (iv) drug demand reduction through prevention, treatment and rehabilitation and harm reduction.

### **The National Drug Observatory Report for the year 2021**

One of the main role of the NDS is to generate information related to drug use and drug control activities that will help in guiding appropriate response as well as policy decisions. This is achieved through the annual National Drug Observatory (NDO) Report. The NDO report 2021 was published in November 2022.

### **MASS MEDIA CAMPAIGN**

A mass sensitization campaign on prevention of drug use was conducted through TV advertising and radio talks on various drug related subjects. The campaign was broadcasted on different MBC channels between November 2022 and June 2023. The objective of the campaign was to raise awareness among the general population with regards to the ill effects of drugs.

### **5TH MEETING OF THE HIGH LEVEL DRUGS AND HIV COUNCIL**

The High Level Drugs and HIV Council was held under the Chairpersonship of the Prime Minister on the 5th of October 2022 and comprised several other Ministers:

- Hon Mrs Leela Devi Dookun-Luchoomun, GCSK - Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Education, Tertiary Education, Science and Technology
- Hon Mrs Fazila Jeewa-Daureeawoo, GCSK - Minister of Social Integration, Social Security and National Solidarity
- Hon Maneesh Gobin - Attorney General, Minister of Agro-Industry and Food Security

- Hon Jean Christophe Stephan Toussaint - Minister of Youth Empowerment, Sports & Recreation
- Hon Soodesh Satkam Callichurn - Minister of Labour, Human Resource Development and Training, Minister of Commerce and Consumer Protection
- Hon Kailesh Kumar Singh Jagutpal - Minister of Health and Wellness
- Hon Mrs Kalpana Devi Koonjoo-Shah - Minister of Gender Equality and Family Welfare.



## COMMEMORATION INTERNATIONAL DAY AGAINST ILLICIT DRUG TRAFFICKING AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE -2023

Non-governmental organizations (NGOs) play significant roles by complementing governments' efforts encompassing the social, educational or economic fields amongst others. Their activities range from provision of education, care and support to the vulnerable to economic empowerment of the less fortunate. These Organizations have a good community support base and that they have a closer relationship with their local constituencies. The significant role played by NGOs was acknowledged in Article 71 of the Charter of the United Nations, which recognized their role in drug demand reduction.

NGOs in the field of substance abuse in Mauritius generally provide three main services: treatment and rehabilitation of drug addiction, re-integration of recovered individuals into society, and advocacy and awareness in schools and communities.

On 26th June 2023, on the occasion of the International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, an award ceremony was organized by the NDS whereby a shield was handed over to each of the fourteen (14) NGOs actively involved in the field of substance abuse in recognition of their immense contribution in the field.



- **Anti-Drug and Smuggling Unit**

Weight and value of drugs secured during financial year 2022/2023

Drugs secured	Amount (Approx.)	Value (Rounded Approx. figure)
Buprenorphine	712 Tablets	1,708,800.00/-
Cannabis	111 Kgs 421.15 gms	82,098,618.00/-
Cocaine	11.52 gms	172,800.00/-
Cannabis Resin (Hashish)	49 kgs 172.83	245,864,150.00/-
Heroin	32 kgs 067.24	481,008,600.00/-
Sedatives/Tranquilizers	5782 Tablets	578,200.00/-
Synthetic Cannabinoids	3 kgs 568.56	17,842,800.00/-
Synthetic Cannabinoids (Import)	13 kgs 890	208,350,000.00/-

Synthetic Cannabinoids (Import) – Liquid Form	2500 ml	37,500,000.00/-
Synthetic Cannabinoids Sprayed on paper material	25 A4 size paper	2,100,000.00/-
Methamphetamine	65.66 gms	984,900.00/-
Lysergic acid diethylamide (LSD)	97	194,000.00/-

- **Sensitization and Awareness Campaigns by ADSU Education Cell from July 2022 to June 2023.**

234 sessions of sensitization and awareness programmes had been carried out with 26,361 different stakeholders including educational institutions, youth and the general public.

- **Agalega Island Council**

The following activities were held during the Financial Year 2022-2023:

- 21 Souvenir plates were donated in December 2022 to 21 Agalean families living in Agalega South Island in the context of the commemoration of the 125th anniversary of Saint Rita's Church, which is the first Catholic Church in Agalega;
- A leisure day was organized at Ravenala Attitude Hotel for 11 elder Agaleans on 04 June 2023; and
- 11 Blankets were given to the elder Agaleans on 04 June 2023.

- **Chagossian Welfare Fund**

The following activities were carried out by the Chagossian Welfare Fund for the Financial year 2022/2023:

- Financial assistance of Rs 3000 was granted to a senior citizen under the "Chagossian in Distress" on 09 January 2023 for oxygen tank refill;
- Scholarship was awarded to 28 Students on 14 January 2023;
- Visit to bedridden Chagossians and distribution of foodstuffs to them on 15 March 2023;
- A one-off grant of Rs 25,000 in terms of materials was given to a Chagossian family whose house was completely destroyed by fire;
- A football tournament was organised for the Chagossian community at St Francois Xavier Stadium on 14 May 2023;

- (vi). A Medical Check-up was carried out for Chagossians at Marie Charlesia Alexis Chagossian Community Centre on 11 June 2023;
- (vii). An event commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the deportation of the Chagossians from their native island was held at the Marie Charlesia Alexis Chagossian Community Centre on the 17 June 2023;
- (viii). Chagossian food were sold at the Marie Charlesia Alexis Chagossian Community Centre on 18 June 2023;
- (ix). A local concert was organised at the football ground next to the Marie Charlesia Alexis Chagossian Community Centre on 18 June 2023;
- (x). Visit to Homes and distribution of foodstuffs to 75 Bedridden of the Chagossian Community on 11, 13 and 18 August 2022;
- (xi). Organisation of Wreath Laying Ceremony on 03 November 2022 to commemorate the Deportation of the Chagossian Community;
- (xii). Provision of clothes to elderly Senior Citizens of the Chagossian Community who live in Homes on 16 December 2022;
- (xiii). Distribution of food items to 300 Senior Citizens of the Chagossian Community on 17 December 2022;
- (xiv). Payment of Funeral Grant was made to 12 families of deceased Chagossians during last financial year;
- (xv). Transport facilities were provided, as and when required, to Chagossians who have appointments at Hospitals; and
- (xvi). Evening Prayers were regularly organised by the Chagossians women at the Marie Charlesia Alexis Chagossian Community Centre at Baie Du Tombeau.

# Boards and Committees

- **Rodrigues Subsidy Account Management Committee**

## **Sittings of the Rodrigues Subsidy Account Management Committee**

For the period 01 July 2022 to 30 June 2023, the Committee held 12 sittings.

## **Total amount disbursed for the payment of Subsidy**

For the period 01 July 2022 to 30 June 2023, subsidies amounting to Rs 139.6 M 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 for the Financial Statements 2022**

The Director of Audit has submitted a clear certificate for the Financial Statements of the Rodrigues Subsidy Account for the year ended 30 June 2022. A copy of the audited Financial Statements of the Rodrigues Subsidy Account is attached.

# List of Training Courses or Workshops

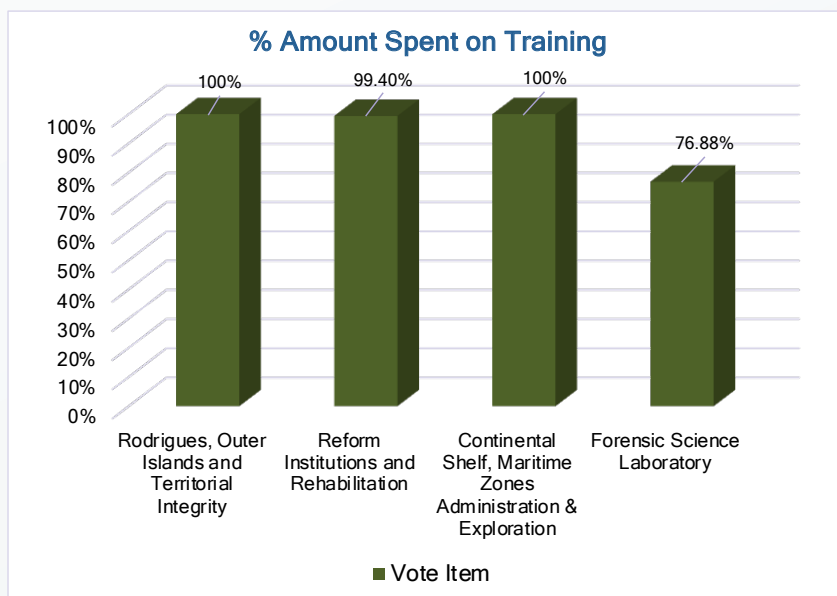
(CAPACITY BUILDING) ATTENDED BY EMPLOYEES

- 135 officers (30 Male and 105 Female) had followed courses in different fields at the Civil Service College, Mauritius and other Organisations as follows:

S/N	Number of Officers	Cadre
1	4	Human Resources
2	2	Administrative
3	3	Procurement and Supply
4	11	Workmen's Group
5	4	Technical
6	48	General Services
7	16	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:

- 15 officers of the RYC had followed Course on Anger 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 35,000 had been disbursed for the Course.
- 32 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 30,000 had been disbursed for the Course.
- The Key Performance Indicators (KPI) for Capacity Building and Capacity Development of this Office was 91.10 % for the Financial Year 2021/2022.



- 1 officer participated in the multidisciplinary training in the field of polymetallic nodules project management organised by Interoceanmetal Joint Organisation (IOM) from 5 September to 14 October 2022 in Poland.
- 1 officer participated in the 12th WIOMSA Scientific Symposium from 10 to 15 October 2022 in South Africa.
- 10 officers participated in Marxan (spatial planning zone software) training organised by the UNDP Joint Management Area Demonstration Project on the 16 to 18 January 2023.
- 12 officers of the Department participated in the MSP Zoning Framework 2023 organised by the UNDP Joint Management Area Demonstration Project on the 19 and 20 January.
- 11 officers participated in training on archaeological survey techniques: A case study of the Victoire shipwreck – 6 to 16 February 2023.
- 3 officers of the Department participated in the Advanced International Training Programme on “Planning for a sustainable blue future in the western Indian Ocean – Institutional Strengthening for Marine Spatial Planning” from 24 April to 6 May 2023 in Mozambique.
- The Department in collaboration with Institut de Recherche pour le Développement (IRD) / (DiDEM), Mauritius-Seychelles Joint Management Area (JMA), Monaco Explorations and Fonds Français pour l’Environnement Mondial hosted the first Western Indian Ocean National or International Seamounts, banks, submarine structures – WIO N.O.I.S.E network workshop entitled “multidisciplinary scientific approaches to support marine regional governance in the western Indian Ocean” from 2 to 5 May 2023.
- 5 officers of the Department participated in an ArcGIS Maritime Bathymetry Extension training on the 9 and 10 May 2023.
- 1 officer of the technical cadre attended a hands-on training on ADCP processing and seismic interpretation at the University of Hamburg, Germany from 12 June 2023 to 30 July 2023.
- 10 officers participated in a second Marxan training organised by the UNDP Joint Management Area Demonstration Project on the 27, 28 June and 3 July 2023.





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## 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 % of the expenditure has been incurred under "Other General Government Units" which comprises of Recurrent and Capital Grant to the Rodrigues Regional Assembly (RRA) which are as follows:

(a)	Recurrent Grant	Rs 4,192,000,000
(b)	Capital Grant	Rs 714,999,057

## 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 2022-2023 are as follows:

Statement of Expenditure - Vote 2-6,2-7,2-8 and 2-9		
Head/Sub Head of Expenditure	2022/2023 Estimates-Rs	2022/2023 Actual-Rs
Vote 2-6 Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity	4,975,000,000	5,252,760,270
Compensation of Employees	41,900,000	41,096,148
Goods and Services	12,100,000	11,083,949
Subsidies	91,000,000	113,007,975
Grants	4,830,000,000	5,087,572,198
Acquisition of Non-Financial Assets	-	-
Vote 2-7 Reform Institutions and Rehabilitation	114,000,000	93,583,255
Compensation of Employees	80,700,000	74,950,612
Goods and Services	14,400,000	12,295,356
Other Expenses	6,000,000	6,000,000
Acquisition of Non-Financial Assets	12,900,000	337,287
Vote 2-8 Continental Shelf Maritime Zones Administration and Exploration	32,000,000	23,447,442
Compensation of Employees	15,100,000	14,975,115
Goods and Services	12,900,000	8,472,327
Acquisition of Non-Financial Assets	4,000,000	-
Vote 2-9 Forensic Science Laboratory	267,000,000	130,242,278
Compensation of Employees	41,500,000	39,891,850
Goods and Services	72,500,000	57,470,829
Acquisition of Non-Financial Assets	153,000,000	32,879,599
Total Expenditures for Votes 2-6,2-7,2-8 and 2-9	5,388,000,000	5,500,033,245





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## MAJOR CHALLENGES

- Lack of resources, including human, to deal with new challenges.
- Rise in the scourge of synthetic drugs.
- Acquisition of state-of-the-art technology to survey the vast extent of the Maritime zones and for maritime security.
- 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 and children with serious behavioural concerns.
- Reduce recidivism by improving rehabilitation programmes.

### FSL – Challenges

#### Biology

- Environmental laboratory conditions not conducive to optimum laboratory testing.
- Lack of IT equipment
- No exposure to international symposiums/conferences.
- Lack of communication
- Technical staff involved in Liaison service and quality works

#### Chemistry

- Shortage of staff
  - Forensic Scientists (To report on cases assigned)
  - Technical staffs (Lab work is much delayed as most often technical staffs are called upon at the Liaison premises to perform Liaison duties as there is shortage of Forensic Support Officer)
- Unfavourable Working condition due to Environmental condition (Leaking of rainwater through ceiling)

## 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.

- **Forensic Science Laboratory**

- ◇ To be recognized as a reliable forensic laboratory in providing an impartial, high quality and timely forensic service in support of the justice system.
- ◇ To promote the use of Science and Innovative Technologies in crime investigation.
- ◇ To provide a seamless service to relevant stakeholders, taking into account the product, customer, geographical and technological dimensions.
- ◇ To expand the regional and international footprint of the FSL, with regard to providing state-of-the-art services to neighbouring islands and beyond.

- **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.
- ◇ Migrating from a criminal justice system to a biopsychosocial justice system, with a view to better channeling and rehabilitating offenders, to achieve an improved output and outcome for society.
- ◇ Use of a whole-of-society approach, with no stakeholder left behind, with a view to being more efficient, effective and sustainable in integrating the rehabilitated offender to the community.
- ◇ Focus on the criminogenic needs of the delinquents, so as to identify the root causes behind the attitude and behavior of the latter and consequently, mounting an appropriate and customized programme to resolve the issues at source.

- **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 recidivism and rehabilitate detainees for re-integration in society**

- ◇ Implement best correctional practice and comprehensive rehabilitation programmes;
- ◇ Enhance opportunities for vocational and education training; and
- ◇ Adapt rehabilitation programmes to cater for an increasing number of young offenders.

**Reduce cost of maintaining detainees in custody.**

- ◇ Increase vegetable production so as to achieve self-sufficiency;
- ◇ Involve detainees in constructive activities of high rehabilitative value and which meet the demand of the labour market in order to re-integrate the society as law-abiding citizens; and
- ◇ Offsetting rising cost of imprisonment by reducing utility cost through 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 sea and air connectivity to Agalega with the construction of a new jetty and airstrip with a view to promoting the sustainable development of the island and improving the standard of living of the Agaleans.

- **National Environment Cleaning Authority**
  - ◇ Identifying sites/regions/agglomerations/villages/towns/popular beaches in collaboration with relevant stakeholders to undertake clean-up and embellishment programmes and ensure sites are being kept clean. For financial year 2023-2024, some 48 regions have been identified in collaboration with Local Authorities.
  - ◇ Continuous Maintenance of Motorways M1 and M2 in collaboration with MF and other stakeholders.
  - ◇ 1 Million tree plantation programme 2023-2024 in collaboration with MF and other relevant stakeholders.
  - ◇ Implementation of an Action Plan for local Authorities whereby some 300 sites across the island will be cleaned and embellished in a sustainable manner in collaboration with MF.
  - ◇ National Sensitisation Programme in primary schools of Mauritius with relevant stakeholders including the MBC.
  - ◇ Acquisition of Modern Specialised Cleaning Vehicles for a cost effective cleaning of roads in a more sustainable and effective way.



**APPENDIX**

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*RODRIGUES SUBSIDY ACCOUNT*

*FINANCIAL STATEMENTS*


*FOR*

*YEAR ENDED*

*30 JUNE 2022*

## Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2022

	Note	30 June 2022 Rs	30 June 2021 Rs
<b>Assets</b>			
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	Note 4	138,515,660	449,128,739
Trade receivables	Note 6	33,717,454	28,461,544
		<b>172,233,114</b>	<b>477,590,283</b>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Trade Payables	Note 8	33,268,199	54,282,654
Provision for cargo handling charges		20,000,000	18,000,000
<b>Net Current Assets</b>		<b>118,964,915</b>	<b>405,307,629</b>
<b>Represented by</b>			
Accumulated Fund	Note 9	<b>118,964,915</b>	<b>405,307,629</b>

  
**M. Ching (Ms)**  
 Chairperson  
 13/4/23

  
**J. Govinden**  
 (Mrs)  
 Member  
 13.04.2023

  
**M. Torea (Mrs)**  
 Accountant  
 13.04.2023

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**Statement of Financial Performance for the year ended 30 June 2022**

		30 June 2022	30 June 2021
		Rs	Rs
<b>Income</b>			
Revenue from non-exchange transactions-petroleum products		198,240,525	185,872,020
Revenue from non-exchange transactions-Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG)		19,940,408	18,548,700
		<b>218,180,933</b>	<b>204,420,720</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Transportation charges	Note 11	71,549,044	82,635,470
Management fees and other charges		5,933,435	5,826,750
Subsidy	Note 12	25,645,626	29,007,510
Expenses icw rice and flour		27,640,314	26,376,240
Handling charges		23,465,699	18,000,000
Administrative charges	Note 13	289,529	249,140
		<b>154,523,647</b>	<b>162,095,120</b>
Surplus arising on Operations		<b>63,657,286</b>	<b>42,325,590</b>





**Statement of changes in Net Assets/Equity for the Year ended 30 June 2022**

	Rs
Balance as at 30 June 2021	405,307,629
Less transfer to Consolidated fund	(350,000,000)
Surplus for the Year	63,657,286
Balance as at 30 June 2022	<b>118,964,915</b>

**Statement of changes in Net Assets/Equity for the Year ended 30 June 2021**

	Rs
Balance as at 30 June 2020	362,982,033
Surplus for the Year	42,325,596
Balance as at 30 June 2021	<b>405,307,629</b>

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## Statement of Cash Flows as at 30 June 2022

	30 June 2022 Rs	30 June 2021
Surplus arising on operations	63,657,286	42,325,596
Add Provision	2,000,000	18,000,000
Less decrease in creditors	<u>(21,014,455)</u>	<u>(9,305,637)</u>
	44,642,831	51,019,959
Less increase in debtors	<u>(5,255,909)</u>	<u>37,783,051</u>
<b>Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>	<b>39,386,922</b>	<b>88,803,010</b>
<b>Cash and Cash Equivalents as at 1 July 2021</b>	<b>449,128,739</b>	<b>360,325,729</b>
Transfer to Consolidated Fund	(350,000,000)	-
<b>Cash and Cash Equivalents at end of period</b>	<b>138,515,660</b>	<b>449,128,739</b>

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**Statement of Budgets and Actual amounts for year ended 30 June 2022**

		Budgeted Amount	Actual Amount on a comparative basis	Variance between Budgeted Amount and Actual Amount
		Rs M	Rs M	Rs M
<b>Revenue</b>				
<i>Total Levy collections on LPG and Petroleum Products</i>		210	213	(3)
<b>Expenditure</b>				
<i>Rice and flour</i>		38	28	10
<i>Cement</i>		32.7	27	5
<i>Petroleum and LPG</i>		115.0	79	36
<i>Administration expenses</i>		0.5	0.34	0
<i>Cargo Handling Corporation Ltd</i>		24.2	20	4
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>210.3</b>	<b>154.6</b>	<b>55.7</b>
<b>Net</b>		<b>-0.3</b>	<b>58.4</b>	<b>58.7</b>

**Note 1**

The collections from levy on petroleum and LPG products depend on the amount of products actually imported. Actual amount collected is Rs 213M compared to budgeted amount of Rs 210M accrued for the year.

**Note 2**

An increase of 10% was factored in the expenses relating to exportation of rice and flour. However, there was no increase in prices, instead there was freight rebate of 20% by Mauritius Shipping Corporation Ltd (MSCL) which has led to a decrease in expenses.

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A 10% increase was factored in the expenses for year 2021/22. In general, the rates charged have remained unchanged except for price increases in rates charged by Velogic Haulage Services Ltd (VHS Ltd) and Mauritius Shipping Corporation Ltd which provided for a freight rebate of 20% on products exported to Rodrigues. This rebate impacted on the expenses incurred in respect of Petroleum products.

## 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 Account 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 the Government.

The Rodrigues Subsidy Account principal place of business is c/o Prime Minister's Office (Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity Division) 6th floor, New Government Centre Port Louis and also benefits from a rent free building and free use of utilities from the Ministry.

#### 3. Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS) in compliance with the Finance and Audit (Rodrigues Subsidy Account) (Amendment) Regulations 2021.

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. It represents the 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.

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**4. Cash and Cash Equivalents**

Rodrigues Subsidy Account

30 June 2022	30 June 2021
<b>138,515,660</b>	<b>449,128,739</b>

**5. Transfer of funds**

The RSA made a transfer of Rs 350 Million to the Consolidated Fund during the year. This has led to a significant decrease in the cash balance of the RSA as at 30 June 2022.

**6. Trade receivables**

	30 June 2022	30 June 2021
State Trading Corporation - petroleum products	19,013,016	25,569,404
State Trading Corporation - LPG	14,704,438	2,892,140
	<b>33,717,454</b>	<b>28,461,544</b>

**7. Contingent asset**

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 still not been finalised.

**8. Trade Payables**

	30 June 2022 Rs	30 June 2021
Mauritius Shipping Corporation Ltd (MSCL)	12,524,561	15,523,141
Velogic Haulage Services Ltd (VHS Ltd)	491,260	493,264
Rogers Shipping Ltd	319,125	316,250
AEL DDS Ltd	1,490,834	966,120
Accounting fees	17,154	10,000
State Trading Corporation (STC)	13,791,244	13,791,244
Cementis (Mauritius Ltd)	2,055,647	2,936,640
Kolos Cement Ltd	2,518,374	2,757,660
Cargo Handling Corporation Ltd (CHCL)		17,368,327
Audit fees	60,000	120,000
	<b>33,268,199</b>	<b>54,282,655</b>

**9. Provision**

A provision of Rs 20M has been made for cargo handling charges for year 2022 for which no invoice has been received but for which payment is probable.

**10. Net Assets/Equity**

	Rs
Accumulated Fund at 1 July 2021	405,307,621
Less Transfer to Consolidated Fund	(350,000,000)
Surplus for period	63,657,281
<b>Net Assets/ Equity at 30 June 2022</b>	<b>118,964,901</b>

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**11. Transportation charges**

	30 June 2022	30 June 2021
MSCL Freight and other shipping charges	66,237,910	77,577,688
Transportation of containers/tanktainers - Mauritius	3,097,384	2,918,787
Transportation of containers/tanktainers - Rodrigues	2,213,750	2,139,000
	<b>71,549,044</b>	<b>82,635,475</b>

**12. Subsidies on cement**

	30 June 2022	30 June 2021
Cementis (Mauritius) Ltd - Subsidy on cement	6,182,400	7,372,512
Kolos Cement Ltd - Subsidy on cement	12,542,826	13,715,964
MSCL - Subsidy on freight icw cement	6,920,400	7,919,040
	<b>25,645,626</b>	<b>29,007,516</b>

**13. Administrative charges**

	30 June 2022	30 June 2021
Fees and allowance	227,379	187,015
Audit fees	60,000	60,000
Bank and other charges	2,150	2,130
	<b>289,529</b>	<b>249,145</b>

**14. Related Party Transaction**

The Managing Committee members of the RSA comprise public officers who also form part of the management of the Prime Minister's Office (Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity Division). These parties are considered to be related as they have the ability, directly or indirectly, to control the RSA or exercise significant influence over the financial and operating decision making or vice versa.

**15. Currency risk and Interest rate risk**

Currency risk - RSA is not exposed to any currency risk and it does not make any payments in foreign currency.

Interest rate risk - RSA is not exposed to any interest rate risk.

**16. Credit risk**

The receivables of the RSA consist of the amount of levy collected by STC and remitted to RSA. The remission of the levy to the RSA is done on a regular basis and as the STC is a trading arm of the Government of Mauritius. Any credit risk associated to it is considered to be low.

**17. Key Management Personnel**

The key personnel of the RSA includes the Deputy Permanent Secretary, the Assistant Permanent Secretary from the Prime Minister's Office (Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity Division) and the Accountant from the Ministry of Finance, Economic Planning and Development.

The aggregate remuneration of key management personnel for the Prime Minister's Office (Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity Division) was Rs 36,360 as per the provision of the Pay Research Bureau and Rs 92,616 for the Accountant for the financial year ended 30 June 2022. Moreover, an amount of Rs 5,000 is payable to the Accountant for the preparation of financial statements.

**18. IPSAS issued not yet effective**

The following IPSAS were issued but not yet effective as of June 2022:

IPSAS 41- Financial Instruments

IPSAS 42- Social Benefits

IPSAS 43 - Leases

Only IPSAS 41 is applicable to the Rodrigues Subsidy Account.

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21 April 2023

**From: Director of Audit**

**To: Acting Permanent Secretary,  
Prime Minister's Office (Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity Division)**

**Audit Report on the Financial Statements of the Rodrigues Subsidy Account  
for the year ended 30 June 2022**

Please find enclosed two copies of the financial statements of the Rodrigues Subsidy Account for the year ended 30 June 2022 together with the report of the Director of Audit thereon.

A copy of the audited financial statements together with the audit report thereon are required to be submitted to the Minister.

Kindly inform the National Audit Office of the date the financial statements and the audit report thereon are submitted to the Minister and laid before the National Assembly.

**(T. Dodah)**  
for Director of Audit

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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 2022 and the statement of financial performance, statement of changes in net assets/equity, statement of cash flow and statement of comparison of budget and actual amounts 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 2022, and of its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Public Sector Accounting 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 Public Sector Accounting 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 for 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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20 April 2023