



ANNUAL REPORT ON PERFORMANCE FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2017-2018



MINISTRY OF DEFENCE AND RODRIGUES

About this Report

This is the first Annual Report on Performance of the Ministry of Defence and Rodrigues, covering Financial Year 2017-2018.

Reporting on performance contributes to strengthening governance, transparency and accountability in the Public Service.

Scope

The Report has been structured as per the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development and provides information on the Ministry in line with the spirit of performance-based budgeting.

It highlights the vision and mission of the Ministry, its responsibilities, staffing, major achievements during the year, financial performance and the way forward.

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PART I: ABOUT OUR MINISTRY

Message of the Minister Mentor, Minister of Defence, Minister for Rodrigues

I am pleased to present this first Annual report of my Ministry for the financial year 2017/2018. Law & Order being of crucial importance for stability and peaceful living, my Ministry has either spearheaded or supported a number of initiatives at the level of Police and Prisons. No effort has been spared to combat drug trafficking.

Key achievements are as follows:

- ✚ 78 Police Stations and the Central Crime Investigation Department have been equipped with 744 CCTV cameras and audio recording systems.*
- ✚ An Anti-Robbery Squad has been set up with special teams in all Police Divisions.*
- ✚ Detection rate in all reported cases of crime increased from 32.7% in 2016/2017 to 44% in 2017/2018.*
- ✚ The Traffic Police performed 44,940 speed checks with the fixed speed detector cameras.*
- ✚ A new driving test for two wheelers is operational since May 2018.*
- ✚ A transport squad has been set up within the Emergency Response Service.*
- ✚ A Disaster Response Unit has been set up at the SMF to deal with natural calamities.*
- ✚ 153,758 persons were sensitized by the Police with regards to crime prevention, road safety, drugs-related offences, domestic violence, juvenile offences, child protection and community policing.*
- ✚ The operational functioning of Police Hot Line 148 has been reengineered and a Facebook account has been created to encourage the public to inform the Police of suspicious activities in their neighbourhood.*
- ✚ 3,461 Police Officers were trained in line with the forthcoming Police and Criminal Evidence legislation.*
- ✚ Drugs of a total market value of Rs 531 million have been seized from July 2017 to June 2018 by the Anti-Drug and Smuggling Unit.*
- ✚ Security has been tightened at the Port and Airport.*
- ✚ With the acquisition of three state of the art patrol vessels (CGS Baracuda, CGS Victory and CGS Valiant), sea-going patrols have been increased.*
- ✚ 65 Search and Rescue Operations were conducted at sea by the National Coast Guard.*

Leveraging on the Singaporean administrative and legal prison framework, the Reform Institutions Act was amended to ban the use of any telecommunication equipment in our prison institutions.

This will help to prevent inmates from pursuing criminal activities behind the bars as well as prison staff in getting involved in any illegal activity.

It is with that same objective in mind that the Reform Institutions Act has also been amended so that a detainee, or any other person without lawful authority, found in possession of a mobile phone or any other articles prescribed as prohibited articles, be criminally liable and prosecuted accordingly.

We also reformed our detainee remission system to do away with automatic remission and introduce earned remission in a bid to focus more on rehabilitation.

As far as the Department for Continental Shelf, Maritime Zones Administration & Exploration which is within the responsibility of my Ministry is concerned, it is working full-swing.

A new Petroleum legislation is being finalized to operationalize the hydro-carbon industry. The Department has significantly contributed in elaborating the legal and institutional framework for the management of the Joint Management Area between Mauritius and Seychelles.

I have always held at heart the development of Rodrigues within the overall development of the Republic of Mauritius. As Minister responsible for Rodrigues, I am ensuring that necessary resources and facilities are put at the disposal of the Rodrigues Regional Assembly for the continuous development of the island. Also, through different Ministries and Departments, the Central Government is catering for the development aspirations and needs of the Rodriguan population.

Projects that have been implemented in Rodrigues during FY 2017/2018 include:

- ✚ the setting up of a Radiography Unit at Zita Jean Louis Area Health Centre at Mont Lubin;*
- ✚ the provision of computers in all primary schools so that ICT as a non-core subject can be taught in line with the 'Nine-year Continuous Basic Education' programme;*
- ✚ the construction of a new South East Marine Protected Area (SEMPA) building for the purpose of sensitizing on marine conservation & protection and climate change;*
- ✚ the rehabilitation of Cascade Pigeon Dam and upgrading of Creve Coeur and Terre Rouge reservoirs; and*
- ✚ the construction of a 'Lycée Agricole' at St Gabriel.*

With regards to the Chagos Archipelago, I am pleased that the United Nations General Assembly voted in favour of the African Union resolution requesting that the legal consequences of the excision of the Chagos Archipelago from the territory of Mauritius prior to our independence be referred to the International Court of Justice (ICJ) for an advisory opinion. The UN vote was overwhelmingly in our favour – 94 votes for and 15 votes against. Consequently, the UN General Assembly has referred the matter to the International Court of Justice.

I led the Mauritian delegation at the public hearings that the ICJ held in September this year. I personally made the main oral submission before the Court. The African Union and many countries like India, South Africa, Botswana, Kenya, Nigeria, Zambia, Argentina, Guatemala, Brazil, Nicaragua, Belize, Cyprus, Marshall Islands, Vanuatu, Serbia and Thailand pleaded in favour of the Mauritian cause. And I confidently look forward to a favourable opinion of the Court, in which case we would move a step ahead towards completing the decolonisation process of our country.

On a final note, I wish to thank the staff of my Office for the efforts they have put in to ensure this new Ministry delivers as per expectations. Quite a number of challenges await us in the current financial year including the relentless crusade against the drug scourge and the implementation of the Safe City Project. I am confident that as a team, we shall come with still new achievements for the benefit of our fellow citizens and our motherland.

The Rt Hon Sir Anerood Jugnauth, GCSK, KCMG, QC

Message of the Permanent Secretary

It is with great pleasure that I present the first Annual Report on Performance of the Ministry of Defence and Rodrigues in accordance with the requirements of the Finance and Audit Act.

As a reminder the Ministry was created in January 2017. With whatever staff was available, the Management took it as a challenge to steer the Ministry with the same KPIs put up by the Ministry of Finance. Reaching the 2017-18 budget time, requests were made and approved by the Ministry of Finance for sufficient Financial resources and personnel to meet the new targets set.

The Ministry comprises the Office of the Minister Mentor, the Police Department, the Prisons Department, the Reform Institutions [RYC (Boys) RYC (Girls), CYC (Boys), CYC (Girls)], Probation and Aftercare, the Continental Shelf, Maritime Zones Administration and Exploration Department and the Rodrigues Regional Assembly.

The Report covers the different sections of the Ministry and gives an overview of their achievements.

With a slow start, the Ministry has been able after some adaptation period to settle comfortably to face the challenges as enumerated in the Report. Of course when we talk of achievements, it comes with challenges. We will continue to rely on the comprehension and assistance of other Ministries, the Attorney General's Office as well as the Public Service Commission and the Discipline Forces Service Commission to realise our goals and objectives in a timely manner. We consider the other services of the Civil Service as our partners in Development. As to the public, we are here as a facilitator. Our Customer Charter goes a long way in this direction.

Mr Medha Gunpath

VISION AND MISSION

Our Vision

- ✚ A secure and peaceful Republic of Mauritius with maritime and territorial sovereignty and integrity.

Our Mission

- ✚ To provide efficient, effective and quality services for the enhancement of national security, management and rehabilitation of offenders, and protection and administration of maritime zones, sovereign rights and territorial integrity, for the safety and well-being of the citizens of the Republic of Mauritius.

CORE VALUES

INTEGRITY

We are guided by the highest standards of professional ethics.

QUALITY

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

TIMELINESS

We are responsive and strive to meet set targets.

TEAMWORK

Teamwork is inherent in the culture of the Ministry.

TRANSPARENCY

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

CONFIDENTIALITY

We treat all personal information and documents in strict confidentiality.

EQUITY

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

KEY LEGISLATIONS

The following key legislations provide the legal framework for the activities of the Ministry of Defence and Rodrigues:

- ✚ Chagossian Welfare Fund Act 1999
- ✚ Child Protection Act 1994
- ✚ Combatting of Trafficking in Persons Act 2009
- ✚ Community Service Order Act 2002
- ✚ Criminal Code 1838
- ✚ Dangerous Drugs Act 2000
- ✚ DNA Identification Act 2009
- ✚ Judicial and Legal Provisions Act 2018
- ✚ Maritime Zones Act 2005
- ✚ Police Act 1974
- ✚ Police (Membership of Trade Union) Act 2016
- ✚ Probation of Offenders Act 1946
- ✚ Reform Institutions Act 1988
- ✚ Road Traffic Act 1962
- ✚ Rodrigues Regional Assembly Act 2001
- ✚ Transfer of Prisoners Act 2001

ROLES AND FUNCTIONS OF THE MINISTRY

- ✚ Ensure law and order, enhance national security and protect the country from security threats.
- ✚ 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 maritime and territorial integrity, through regional, international and institutional cooperation and collaboration.

OVERVIEW OF DEPARTMENTS FALLING UNDER THE MINISTRY

The following Departments/Bodies fall under the aegis of the Ministry of Defence and Rodrigues:-

Chagossian Welfare Fund

The Chagossian Welfare Fund was established under the Chagossian Welfare Fund Act 1999. The Chagossian Welfare Fund provides among others, for the enhancement of the social and economic welfare of members of the Chagossian Community in the Republic of Mauritius.

The Fund aims, inter alia,

- at advancing and promoting the welfare of the members of Chagossian Community and their descendents 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 descendents.

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:

- (i) A Chairperson appointed by the Prime Minister;
- (ii) A Representative of the Prime Minister's Office;
- (iii) A representative of the Ministry responsible for the subject of finance;
- (iv) A representative of the Ministry responsible for the subject of family welfare;
- (v) A representative of the Ministry responsible for the subject of social security;
- (vi) A representative of the Ministry responsible for the subject of education;

- (vii) A representative of the Ministry responsible for the subject of health;
- (viii) A representative of the Ministry responsible for the subject of youth; and
- (ix) 7 representatives of the Chagossian community, 2 of whom shall be children of members of the Chagossian community

Sittings of the Chagossian Welfare Fund

During the period under review, the Fund held twelve sittings.

Department for Continental Shelf, Maritime Zones Administration and Explorations

The Department for Continental Shelf, Maritime Zones Administration & Exploration (CSMZAE) operates under the aegis of the Ministry of Defence and Rodrigues. Its mission is primarily to ensure the effective management of its maritime zones and to delineate and establish its maritime zones in accordance with international laws and conventions. The CSMZAE is 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. CSMZAE's role shall be instrumental in the transformation of our economic development with the opening of a new ocean frontier.

Its main objectives are, inter alia, to ensure orderly, safe, rational management of non-living ocean resources including the seabed area and the underlying sub-soil; ascertain sovereign rights for the purpose of exploring and exploiting our non-living ocean resources; carry out the delimitation of our maritime boundary as provided for, under international conventions; develop regulatory and operational framework to enable exploration and exploitation activities in our maritime zones and oversee upstream activities of any Petroleum sector; rationalise and harmonise all ocean-resources related matters; regulate Marine Scientific Research; and contribute to energy security and Maritime safety. CSMZAE also has the responsibility of preparing the submissions for Extended Continental Shelf and a Marine Spatial Plan for the Republic of Mauritius.

The Department contributes primarily 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

Established in the 1950's, the Forensic Science Laboratory is an autonomous body.

The Forensic Science Laboratory is the sole provider of forensic and advisory service to law enforcement agencies in Mauritius and is fast becoming an increasingly prominent forensic service provider in the region.

The Forensic Science Laboratory which is accredited by The Mauritius Accreditation Service (MAURITAS) and meets all requirements of ISO/IEC 17025:2005 demonstrating technical competence and operation of a laboratory Quality Management System (QMS).

Police Service

The Mauritius Police Force (MPF) is the national law enforcement agency for the Republic of Mauritius. It is governed by the Police Act 1974 and responsible for policing on mainland Mauritius, Rodrigues and other outer islands. It is headed by the Commissioner of Police and is presently composed of about 12,500 Police Officers posted in Divisions and Branches which comprise, among others, an Anti-Drug and Smuggling Unit (ADSU), Passport and Immigration Office (PIO), paramilitary units- Special Mobile Force (SMF) and Special Support Unit (SSU,) an air wing -Police Helicopter Squadron (PHS) and Maritime Air Squadron (MAS) and a naval Wing- National Coast Guard (NCG).

The Commissioner of Police is supported by Deputy Commissioners, Assistant Commissioners and Police Officers in various grades and is empowered to set rules and regulations, through standing orders, for an effective and sound management and functioning of the MPF and for a better delivery of service.

Prisons and Correctional Youth Centres

The Mauritius Prison Service (MPS) envisions a safer Mauritius through best correctional practices. It is mandated to serve society by keeping detainees in safe, humane custody and help prepare them for a useful life.

The main objectives of the MPS consist in monitoring all statutory to intramural sentences, providing a safe and healthy environment for the detainees which is conducive to their rehabilitation and spiritual enhancement and vocational training; and facilitating and safeguarding ways and means for the detainees' contact with outside world.

The MPS consists of 11 penal institutions including the two Correctional Youth Centres, with a population of about 2600 detainees. The Commissioner of Prisons is responsible for the administration of the institutions and control and supervision of detainees. He is assisted by officers of the Prison Officer cadre, Hospital personnel, Welfare Officer cadre, manual workers, General Service Staff and other officers seconded from Ministries.

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, Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions, Solicitor General's Office and to other agencies such as the National Adoption Council, Commission on the Prerogative of Mercy, the International Social Service amongst others through its 10 District Probation Offices. Its main objectives are to: -

- assist the Courts in the sentencing of offenders;
- rehabilitate offenders in community;
- reduce crimes and enhance public protection;
- assist families in conflict and safeguarding 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 counseling 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 responsible for the supervision and management of the two Probation Institutions for young offenders. These institutions accommodate minors in conflict with the law. However, they are subjected to a softer regime than that imposed on inmates of the Rehabilitation Youth Centre and they are allowed to continue their studies in the normal stream. Each Institution is managed by a Committee appointed by the Minister and receives a grant from Government to cover all expenses.

Rehabilitation Youth Centre

The Rehabilitation Youth Centre (RYC) established under the Reform Institution Act 1988, has as main objective the rehabilitation of juvenile offenders, convicted of offences punishable by imprisonment as specified in regulations made under the Reform Institutions Act 1988.

The RYC comprises separate sections for boys and girls offenders accommodated in two buildings on the same premises at Barkly, Beau Bassin. 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.

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

Rodrigues Subsidy Fund

The Rodrigues Subsidy Fund was set up by the Government in 1977 to subsidise the transportation costs of certain petroleum products, namely, Mogas, Gas oil and kerosene, to Rodrigues with the objective to maintain their prices at par with those prevailing in Mauritius. Subsequently, the scheme was extended to also cover liquefied petroleum gas for domestic use, as well as ration rice, flour and bagged cement.

In August 1997, Government set up a Management Committee comprising representatives of various Ministries to oversee the management of the Fund.

The composition of the Rodrigues Subsidy Fund Management Committee (RSFMC) was as follows:

- (i) the Permanent Secretary responsible for the subject of Rodrigues and acting as Chairperson;
- (ii) Deputy Permanent Secretary responsible for the subject of Rodrigues;
- (iii) Assistant Permanent Secretary responsible for the subject of Rodrigues;
- (iv) Representative from the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development;
- (v) Representative from the Ministry of Ocean Economy, Marine Resources, Fisheries, and Shipping (Secretary for Shipping Development); and
- (vi) Representative from the Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Consumer Protection.

A Secretary, a representative of the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development acting as Accountant and an Accounts Clerk were designated to enable the Committee to discharge its function.

Objective

The objective of the Rodrigues Subsidy Fund is to subsidise all the costs involved in transporting, storing and distributing petroleum products, ration rice and flour to Rodrigues, for domestic use so that the retail prices in Rodrigues are kept at par with their respective retail prices prevailing in Mauritius. Besides, the Rodrigues Subsidy Fund subsidises the retail price of bagged cement to the tune of Rs26.62 per bag of 25 kg.

Sources of funding

The revenue of the Rodrigues Subsidy Fund is obtained from levies incorporated in the price structure of Mogas and Gas Oil and Liquefied Petroleum Gas.

Sittings of the Rodrigues Subsidy Fund

For period 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018, the Committee held twelve sittings.

Amount paid as subsidy for Financial Year 2017-2018

Subsidies amounting to Rs 147.7 million under the Rodrigues Subsidy Fund were provided to maintain the prices of petroleum products, rice, flour and cement in Rodrigues at par with that prevailing in Mauritius.

Promulgation of the Finance and Audit (Rodrigues Subsidy Account) Regulations 2018

On 22 May 2018, the Finance and Audit (Rodrigues Subsidy Account) Regulations 2018 were promulgated. The Regulations came into effect as from 01 July 2018.

GENDER STATEMENT

In the context of the adoption of the National Gender Policy Framework by Government in 2008 which called upon all sectoral Ministries to formulate their Gender Policy, the services of a Consultant were enlisted on 26 September 2017 for the preparation of a Gender Strategy for the Ministry covering all departments falling under its aegis. The Gender Strategy was validated in June 2018.

The project was funded from the provision of Rs200,000 earmarked for Gender Mainstreaming.

A Gender Cell was also constituted under the chair of a Deputy Permanent Secretary.

Workshops were organized for the Police Department, Prisons Department, Forensic Science Laboratory, Rehabilitation Youth Centre and Probation & Aftercare Services on 15 and 19 December 2017. From 07 to 10 November 2017, similar workshops were held with stakeholders in Rodrigues.

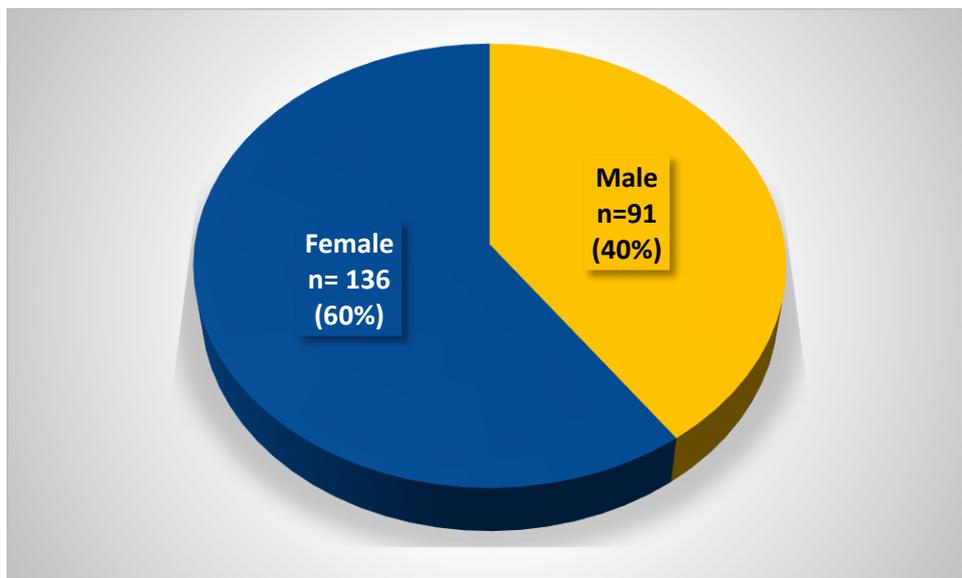
Assistance is being sought from United Nations Development Programme/African Development Bank for the services of a consultant to be made available for the implementation of the Gender Strategy, including the following:

- (i) Assisting the Gender Cell in ensuring that gender is mainstreamed in the policy/programmes for the above Ministries/Departments;
- (ii) Devising a mechanism for compiling sectoral gender sensitive statistics to identify gaps for redress;
- (iii) Assisting in ensuring effective monitoring and reporting of programme results/outputs and objectives against agreed indicators and carrying out gender-sensitive reviews and impact assessments; and
- (iv) Advising the Gender Cell at the Ministry on strategic partnerships for the promotion of gender equality in accordance with the National Gender Policy Framework and international standards and obligations on gender equality and women's empowerment.

Discussion on the way forward was held with a team of experts from African Development Bank on 17 October 2018.

Gender Repartition of the Ministry

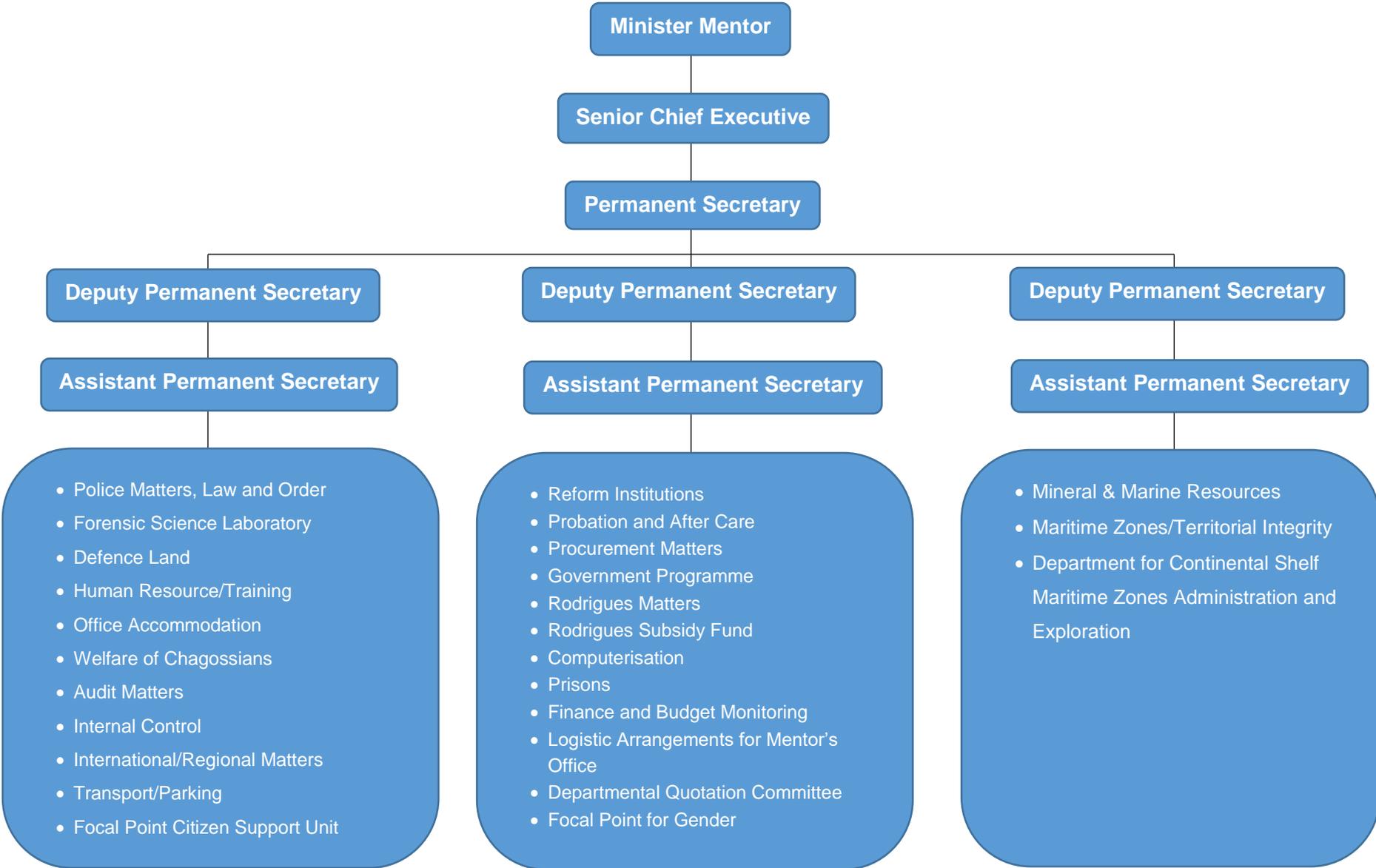
S.N	Department	Male	Female	TOTAL
1	Minister Mentor's Office	17	26	43
2	Continental Shelf, Maritime Zones Administration and Exploration	7	9	16
3	Rodrigues Division	6	13	19
4	Reform Institutions and Rehabilitation	61	88	149
TOTAL		91	136	227



Gender Repartition of the Ministry of Defence and Rodrigues

ABOUT OUR PEOPLE

The organisational structure of the Ministry of Defence and Rodrigues was as follows:



Posts Funded at the Ministry as at 30 June 2018

Vote Item: 4-1 Minister Mentor's Office

S.N	GRADE	FUNDED
1	The Right Honourable Minister Mentor, Minister of Defence, Minister for Rodrigues	1
2	Senior Chief Executive*	-
3	Permanent Secretary*	-
4	Deputy Permanent Secretary	2
5	Assistant Permanent Secretary	1*
6	Manager, Financial Operations	1
7	Assistant Manager, Financial Operations	1
8	Financial Officer/Senior Financial Officer	2
9	Assistant Manager (Procurement and Supply)	1
10	Procurement and Supply Officer/Senior Procurement and Supply Officer	1**
11	Office Management Executive	2
12	Office Management Assistant	6
13	Management Support Officer	7
14	Confidential Secretary	6
15	Word Processing Operator	2
16	Driver	3
17	Office Auxiliary/Senior Office Auxiliary	3
TOTAL		39

* Senior Chief Executive, Permanent Secretary and Assistant Permanent Secretary funded under the vote of Prime Minister's Office.

** One Procurement and Supply Officer/Senior Procurement and Supply Officer funded under the vote of MOFED.

Vote Item: 4-2 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	1
5	Confidential Secretary	3
6	Word Processing Operator	1
7	Driver	3
8	Office Auxiliary/ Senior Office Auxiliary	2
TOTAL		23

Vote Item: 4-4 Rodrigues Division

3	GRADE	FUNDED
1	Assistant Permanent Secretary	1
2	Public Relations and Welfare Officer	1
3	Office Management Executive	1
4	Office Management Assistant	1
5	Management Support Officer	5
6	Clerk (<i>Personal</i>)	1
7	Word Processing Operator	2
8	Office Auxiliary/ Senior Office Auxiliary	2
9	Driver	4
10	Resident Caretaker	2
11	Store Attendant	1
12	General Worker	1
TOTAL		22

 **Vote Item: 4-5 Reform Institutions and Rehabilitation**

S.N	GRADE	FUNDED
Probation and Aftercare Service		
1	Commissioner of Probation and After Care	1
2	Deputy Commissioner of Probation and After Care	1
3	Assistant Commissioner of Probation and After Care	4
4	Principal Probation Officer	14
5	Senior Probation Officer	20
6	Probation Officer	43
7	Psychologist (Clinical and Social)	2
8	Assistant Permanent Secretary	1
9	Office Management Executive	1
10	Office Management Assistant	1
11	Management Support Officer	8
12	Confidential Secretary	1
13	Word Processing Operator	3
14	Office Auxiliary/Senior Office Auxiliary	7
15	General Worker	5
Rehabilitation Youth Centre		
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	Chief Officer, Rehabilitation Youth Centre	2
22	Principal Officer, Rehabilitation Youth Centre	5
23	Senior Officer, Rehabilitation Youth Centre	8
24	Officer, Rehabilitation Youth Centre	12
25	Trainee Officer, Rehabilitation Youth Centre	4

S.N	GRADE	FUNDED
26	Chief Woman Officer, Rehabilitation Youth Centre	1
27	Principal Woman Officer, Rehabilitation Youth Centre	2
28	Senior Woman Officer, Rehabilitation Youth Centre	4
29	Woman Officer, Rehabilitation Youth Centre	13
30	Trainee Woman Officer, Rehabilitation Youth Centre	-
31	Security Guard	1
TOTAL		167

**Summary on the Number of Posts Funded at the Ministry of
Defence and Rodrigues as at 30 June 2018**

SN	Vote Item	Total	
1	4-1 Minister Mentor's Office	39	
2	4-2 Continental Shelf, Maritime Zones Administration and Exploration	23	
3	4-4 Rodrigues Division	22	
4	4-5 Reform Institutions and Rehabilitation	167	
TOTAL		251	

PART II: ACHIEVEMENTS AND CHALLENGES

STRATEGIC DIRECTION

- ✚ Establishing the institutional and legal framework for a judicious and sustainable exploration 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.

MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS DURING FINANCIAL YEAR 2017-2018

- ✚ **Enactment/Promulgation of the following legislations:**

6	Legislation	Passed/made on
1	Rodrigues Regional Assembly (Allowances and Privileges) (Amendment of Schedule) Regulations 2017	15 August 2017
2	Reform Institutions (Premises) (Amendment) Regulations 2017	23 October 2017
3	Finance and Audit (Rodrigues Subsidy Account) Regulations 2018	22 May 2018
4	Reform Institutions (Amendment) Act 2018	25 May 2018

Signing of Agreements/Memoranda of Understanding

SN	Agreement/Memorandum of Understanding	Signed on
1	Protocol d'accord de coopération entre le Ministère de l'Intérieure, de l'Information et de la Décentralisation chargé des relations avec les institutions de l'Union des Comores et le Ministère de la Defense de la République de Maurice.	02 October 2017
2	Memorandum of Understanding between the Republic of Mauritius and the Republic of Seychelles regarding the Twinning between Rodrigues and the Island of La Digue.	27 October 2017
3	A Memorandum of Understanding between the Mauritius Prison Service and the Seychelles Prisons Service on cooperation in the field of management of operations and staff training.	27 October 2017
4	Accord entre le Gouvernement de la République française et le Gouvernement de la République de Maurice relatif à la coopération en matière de defense et au statut des forces.	12 March 2018
5	Regional Agreement on the Coordination of Operations at Sea in the Western Indian Ocean by 5 Eastern and Southern Indian Ocean States: Republic of Mauritius, Republic of Madagascar, Republic of Seychelles, Republic of Djibouti and Union of Comoros.	29 April 2018
6	Agreement for the setting up of a Regional Maritime Information Exchange and Sharing Mechanism in the Western Indian Ocean Region by 5 Eastern and Southern Indian Ocean States: Republic of Mauritius, Republic of Madagascar, Republic of Seychelles, Republic of Djibouti and Union of Comoros.	29 April 2018

Sovereignty

- ✚ Adoption of the UN General Assembly Resolution 71/292 requesting an Advisory Opinion of the International Court of Justice on the legal consequences of the separation of the Chagos Archipelago from Mauritius in 1965.

Law and Order

- ✚ Commissioning of Coast Guard Ship Valiant on 16 August 2017 for enhanced surveillance of our territorial waters and rapid intervention at sea.
- ✚ Launching of the National Road Safety Campaign with the theme “***Ensam Pas Less Coaltar Touye Nu Fami***” on 17 February 2018 by the Hon Prime Minister, with a view to encouraging pedestrians, motorcycle riders, and motorists to exercise greater care and shoulder more responsibility as regards their behaviour and attitude on the roads.
- ✚ The holding of a Regional Conference on Maritime Security in Mauritius on 29 April 2018 during which two agreements were signed by IOC Member States, for the setting up of:
 - (a) the Regional Maritime Information Fusion Centre (RMIFC) in Madagascar for the sharing and exchange of maritime information; and
 - (b) the Regional Centre for Operation and Coordination (RCOC) at Sea in Seychelles for the implementation of regionally coordinated actions at sea against all forms of illegal activities in the maritime zones of IOC countries.

Continental Shelf, Maritime Zones Administration and Exploration

- ✚ Award of contract for the conduct of seismic survey in the Mauritius-Seychelles Extended Continental Shelf.
- ✚ Consultative review and assessment for the establishment of a Designated Authority for Mauritius-Seychelles Extended Continental Shelf.

- ✚ Establishment of a National Coordinating Committee for Marine Spatial Planning and specialised Working Groups for coastal development, SDG's and Ocean Observatory.
- ✚ Holding of a Regional Conference in collaboration with Indian Ocean Rim Association on Indian Ocean Marine Spatial Plan (MSP) for Sustainable Development and a Training workshop on database management for MSP.
- ✚ Development of a Centralised Informatics System (E-platform) for Ocean Observatory and Marine Spatial Plan.

Reform Institutions

- ✚ Counselling services provided to 2700 cases related to social problems.
- ✚ 4583 social enquiries carried out by the Probation and Aftercare Service for various institutions.
- ✚ Supervision by Probation and Aftercare Service of 1703 offenders during their community service.
- ✚ Rehabilitation of 6 boys and 6 girls and follow-up by regional Probation Officers under the throughcare system.
- ✚ Pro-social skill training programme for 117 probationers at the Attendance centre as a requirement of their probation order.
- ✚ A total of 44 cases of RYC (18 boys & 26 girls) were attended to. 12 minors of the Probation Institutions were provided throughcare by Probation Officers.
- ✚ Delivery of 176 preventive talks in schools, colleges, youth clubs and social welfare centres by the Probation and Aftercare Service.

Rodrigues

- ✚ Disbursement of funds amounting to Rs 101.9M under the Special Rodrigues Holiday Package and Subsidy on Airfare from Rodrigues.
- ✚ 28 Rodriguan students were accommodated at the Government Students Quarters at Floreal.
- ✚ 13 patients and their respective caregivers were also accommodated at the Government Quarters at Vacoas.

STATUS ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF KEY ACTIONS

Key Action	Key Performance Indicator	Target (as per budget estimates)	Status
Maritime Territorial Integrity & Sovereignty			
Delimitation of Maritime Boundary & Continental Shelf	Exploration Surveys conducted (number)	A survey on the Mascarene Plateau to be conducted by 2020 on seabed resources	One Survey has been completed in collaboration with FAO. Data analysis being undertaken.
Management of Joint Management Area (JMA)	Finalisation of legal and institutional framework. Elaboration of its strategic and action plan.	Domestication of JMA codes. Strategic plan 2018-2020	80% completed
Conduct of exploration survey	Launch of expression of interest in the JMA	Award of contract for multi-client survey	Completed
Emergency Planning for oil spill	Negotiation with New Zealand Authority for technical assistance.	To elaborate memorandum of cooperation.	50% completed
UNDP JMA demonstration project	Project document elaboration. Recruitment consultancies.	Project document validation	Completed
		Setting up of project management unit	Completed
		Terms of Reference (ToR) for consultancies	Completed
Maritime Zones Administration & Use			
Enhancing human resource capacity Regional networking for the Maritime Zones Administration	Elaboration and organisation of regional technical conferences/workshops.	A conference on Marine Spatial Planning to be conducted by June 2018.	Completed. Conference held in September 2017

Key Action	Key Performance Indicator	Target (as per budget estimates)	Status
Installation of E-Platform for public Access at GOC	Setting up of E-platform for Ocean Observatory to compile data for Marine Spatial Planning.	Acquisition of the hardware and software for the Ocean Observatory in collaboration with Australian research institute CSIRO.	Completed. E-platform has been setup in collaboration with CSIRO
Organisation of international /regional workshop and training on Ocean Observatory	Trainings on E-platform for Ocean Observatory in collaboration with CSIRO	To be conducted by June 2018	Completed Two trainings effected (in November 2017 and February 2018)
Strengthening of human and technical capacity for Maritime Zones Administration	Recruitment of Technical Director cadre	By end of the financial year (June 2018)	Completed
	Recruitment of Research Development Officer (R.D.O.)		80% completed
Sea floor mapping for Marine Spatial Planning and exploration of non-living resources including Underwater Cultural Heritage	Acquisition of a sub-bottom profiler for seabed and sub-soil characterisation	Equipment for the survey of nearshore sea floor by June 2018	Delivery and commissioning completed. Survey plan is in progress
Seabed Exploration for Hydrocarbon & Minerals			
Seabed Exploration for Hydrocarbon & Minerals	Enactment of new Offshore Petroleum Bill	To be elaborated by 2020	Submitted to the Attorney-General's Office for final legal vetting

Key Action	Key Performance Indicator	Target (as per budget estimates)	Status
Budget Speech 2017-2018			
Ocean Economy: building a future pillar. Budget measure:105	Amendments to the Maritime Zones (Economic Activities) Regulations 2014 to cater for marina development.	Amendments to done brought to the Maritime Zones Act 2005 by June 2018.	Completed

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN TO ADDRESS SHORTCOMINGS IN THE DIRECTOR OF AUDIT REPORT

✚ In line with the 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 Ministry of Defence and Rodrigues in May 2018.

✚ Composition of the Audit Committee is as follows:

Name	Designation	Position to Audit Committee
Mr M. Gunputh	Permanent Secretary	Chairperson
Mrs U. Shewraj	Assistant Permanent Secretary	Member
Mr G. Rambojun	Assistant Commissioner of Probation	Member
Mrs V. D. Shivraj	Office Management Assistant	Secretary

The Audit Committee examines the following Reports:

- ✚ Internal Control Report; and
- ✚ Director of Audit Report.

The following documents are being looked into by the Audit Committee:

- ✚ Final Internal Audit Report for Women Prison
- ✚ Internal Audit Report (Recommendations) on Forensic Science Laboratory (2018)
- ✚ Internal Audit Report (Recommendations) on Procurement (2018)

PART III: FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

As per Budget Estimates, the Minister Mentor's Office, Ministry of Defence and Rodrigues has 7 Votes under its Control as follows:

- Vote 4-1 Minister Mentor's Office
- Vote 4-2 Continental Shelf and Maritime Zones Administration and Exploration
- Vote 4-3 Forensic Science Laboratory
- Vote 4-4 Rodrigues
- Vote 4-5 Reform Institutions and Rehabilitation
- Vote 4-6 Police Service
 - Sub-Head 4-601 General
 - Sub-Head 4-602 Crime Control and Investigation
 - Sub-Head 4-603 Road and Public Safety
 - Sub-Head 4-604 Support to Community
 - Sub-Head 4-605 Combatting Drugs
 - Sub-Head 4-606 Defence and Emergency Rescue
 - Sub-Head 4-607 Public Order Policing
 - Sub-Head 4-608 Coastal and Maritime Surveillance, Search and Rescue
- Vote 4-7 Prison Service

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

ANALYSIS OF MAJOR CHANGES

Expenditure

Under the Vote 4-4 Rodrigues, 97% of the expenditure has been incurred under Grants which are provided as Current and Capital to Other General Government Units for Rodrigues Regional Assembly, which are as follows:

(a) Recurrent Grant Rs 2,600,000,000

(b) Capital Grant Rs 825,000,000

Special Fund

During the Financial Year 2017-2018, from the Vote 4-1 Minister Mentor`s Office the Chagossian Welfare Fund received a Grant under Extra-Budgetary Units for the sum of Rs 9,000,000, representing a 50% increase.

STATEMENTS OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

➤ Revenue

Revenue Collection in respect of Votes 4-1 to 4-5 is NIL for the Financial Year 2017-2018.

➤ Expenditures

Expenditures in respect of Votes 4-1 to 4-5 for the Financial Year 2017-2018 are as follows:

Statement of Expenditure - Vote 4-1 to Vote 4-5		
Head/Sub Head of Expenditure	2017/18 Estimates Rs	2017/18 Actual Rs
Vote 4-1 Minister Mentor`s Office	50,000,000	43,658,310
Compensation of Employees	29,810,000	26,489,941
Goods and Services	8,190,000	6,167,369
Grants	9,000,000	9,000,000
Acquisition of Non-Financial Assets	3,000,000	2,001,000
Vote 4-2 Continental shelf and Maritime Zones Administration and Exploration	32,100,000	19,888,629
Compensation of Employees	10,215,000	9,234,832
Goods and Services	17,385,000	5,156,297
Acquisition of Non-Financial Assets	4,500,000	5,497,500
Vote 4-4 Rodrigues	3,550,000,000	3,535,073,146
Compensation of Employees	8,748,000	7,214,725
Goods and Services	16,252,000	800,715
Subsidies	90,000,000	102,057,706
Grants	3,425,000,000	3,425,000,000
Acquisition of Non-Financial Assets	10,000,000	-

Head/Sub Head of Expenditure	2017/18 Estimates Rs	2017/18 Actual Rs
Vote 4-5 Reform Institution and Rehabilitation	109,500,000	88,502,057
Compensation of Employees	79,965,000	72,110,045
Goods and Services	17,235,000	9,831,323
Other Expenses	3,400,000	3,400,000
Acquisition of Non-Financial Assets	8,900,000	3,160,689
Total Expenditures for Votes 4-1 to 4-5	3,741,600,000	3,687,122,142

PART IV: WAY FORWARD

MAJOR CHALLENGES

- ✚ Lack of resources, including human, to deal with an increasing number/varieties of crimes.
- ✚ Rise in the scourge of synthetic drugs
- ✚ Increase in the number of road accidents
- ✚ Emergence of new types of crime such as financial and cyber crimes
- ✚ Acquisition of state-of-the-art technology to survey the vast extent of the Maritime zones and for maritime security.
- ✚ Increase in illegal activities, including maritime piracy in the Exclusive Economic Zone.
- ✚ 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.

ACTIONS FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2018-2019

Maritime Territorial Integrity & Sovereignty

- ✚ **Maritime Boundary Delimitation & Continental Shelf – Joint Management Area**
 - Sustainable Development of the Joint Zone of the Mauritius & Seychelles Extended Continental Shelf in the region of the Mascarene Plateau.
 - (i) Conduct of geotechnical surveys & Evaluation of hydrocarbon prospect.
 - (ii) Promotion of the JMA as frontier zone for oil and gas.
 - (iii) Capacity Building for Oil Spill Contingency Planning and Emergency Response.

(iv) Multi- disciplinary survey and studies in JMA.

(v) UNDP/JMA Demonstration Project.

- Delimitation of Exclusive Economic Zone, territorial sea and contiguous zone boundary.

Delimitation of Territorial Sea & Contiguous Zone for Mauritius, Rodrigues, Agalega, St. Brandon, Tromelin, Agalega and Chagos Archipelago

Extension of the Maritime Zone – Claim for Extended Continental Shelf to the United Nations Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf

- Assistance in the preparation of submission for an Extended Continental Shelf (ECS) in the Rodrigues region

Maritime Zones Administration & Use

Maritime Zones Administration

- Development and implementation of a Marine Spatial Plan for Maritime Zones Administration and use.
 - (i) Development of legal and regulatory framework including marine conservation area and policy
 - (ii) Compilation of existing scientific & technical data
 - (iii) Acquisition of new data for bridging the gaps for identification of Key Biodiversity Areas
 - (iv) Conduct of nearshore Seabed and sub-soil characterization surveys
- Setting up of first Ocean Observatory portal on GOC server by December 2018
 - Collect and process available information (Data and Metadata) on the marine space to integrate into the system by June 2019

Seabed Exploration for Hydrocarbon & Minerals

Hydrocarbon & Minerals Exploration

- Develop and Encourage an offshore Extractive Industry – Hydrocarbon & Mineral
 - (i) Establishment of a modern and stable legal and regulatory framework
 - (ii) Conduct of exploratory multi-client survey

Enhancing Maritime Security

To safeguard the territorial integrity of the country's maritime zones, appropriate legislation and logistics such as patrol vessels will be reinforced.