

# *Project Report*

**MOL Charitable Trust  
Call for Proposals 1 (CFP 1)  
Year 2021-2022**



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# Introduction from Kazuhiko SUGANO

## Chairperson of the Committee of Enforcers, MOL Charitable Trust

It is my great privilege to introduce the inaugural report for the Call for Proposal 1 by the MOL Charitable Trust (MOL CT). This report confirms our unwavering commitment to sustainable development in Mauritius and showcases the commendable work undertaken by our partner NGOs.

Since Mitsui O.S.K Lines Ltd (MOL) established a footprint in Mauritius in 2020, our dedication to socio-environmental causes has remained unflinching. MOL (Mauritius) Ltd was established in June 2021 as our local arm to amplify our impact and to better align with our mission. The establishment of MOL CT devoted to MOL's charitable endeavours in Mauritius, further cemented our dedication to serving and uplifting the community.

Based on the UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), MOL identified "Environment - Ocean and global environmental conservation" and "Human & Community - growth and development of people and communities" as the two major priorities of its five sustainability issues. As part of our ongoing efforts to support the Mauritian environment and people, MOL CT launched a Call for Proposal in September 2021 to identify the most suitable local NGOs to help achieve these goals. MOL CT raised approximately 300 million yen, and the annual amount earmarked over the next 5~6 years is approximately 50 million yen (MUR 20 million).

This initiative led to the selection of nearly 20 projects, each receiving a maximum of MUR 1 million in funding over a span of one year. Our selection process, backed by the invaluable support from the I61 Foundation, was carried out with transparency and effectiveness in mind. Subsequent project implementation saw us further collaborate with the I61 Foundation, assisting NGOs with administrative procedures, field visits, local networking, and workshops.

Despite unforeseen challenges that forced a few projects not to go ahead, most of our efforts were met with resounding success. As you will discover in this report, each partner NGO has tirelessly worked on diverse projects spanning food security, environmental conservation, and community development, amongst others.

In my tenure as Chairperson, I've had the immense pleasure of witnessing firsthand the life-changing effects of these projects on many deserving families, children, and parents. The experiences shared by the beneficiaries of these projects attest to the positive, tangible impact of our work. Our engagement also extends to bridging Japan and Mauritius, acting as intermediaries between institutions like the University of Mauritius and Shizuoka University, thereby fostering global knowledge exchange.

My heartfelt gratitude goes out to our partner NGOs and the I61 Foundation for their invaluable contributions. To our partners, we look forward to the immense possibilities our future collaborations hold.

Together, we can create a future that benefits all.

**Kazuhiko SUGANO**





## Note from I61 Foundation

Dear collaborators, supporters and beneficiaries

Sustainable change in vulnerable communities is driven by credible and effective non-profit organisations (NPO's). NPO's cannot function in isolation, they require strategic partners to help them demonstrate capacity and knowledge to ensure success. No more clearly can this be seen than through the partnership forged by I61 Foundation between the MOL Charitable Trust and the NPO's of their First Call for Proposals (CFP 1).

I61 Foundation has been instrumental in identifying and facilitating these partnerships and driving the collaboration. Add to this the fact that the I61 Foundation Compliance Team has screened all parties to ensure they meet the specific criteria set out by the MOL Charitable Trust, and monitoring and evaluating the project progress to completion.

MOL Charitable Trust has a deep understanding of the importance of this process and for this reason requested I61 Foundation to partner with them as they strive to meet their objectives of supporting vulnerable communities and assisting projects aimed at restoring, conserving and safeguarding nature.

It has been a privilege and a pleasure for I61 Foundation to spearhead the efforts of the MOL Charitable Trust. We look forward to our ongoing partnership to restore, renew and rebuild the vulnerable communities of Mauritius together.

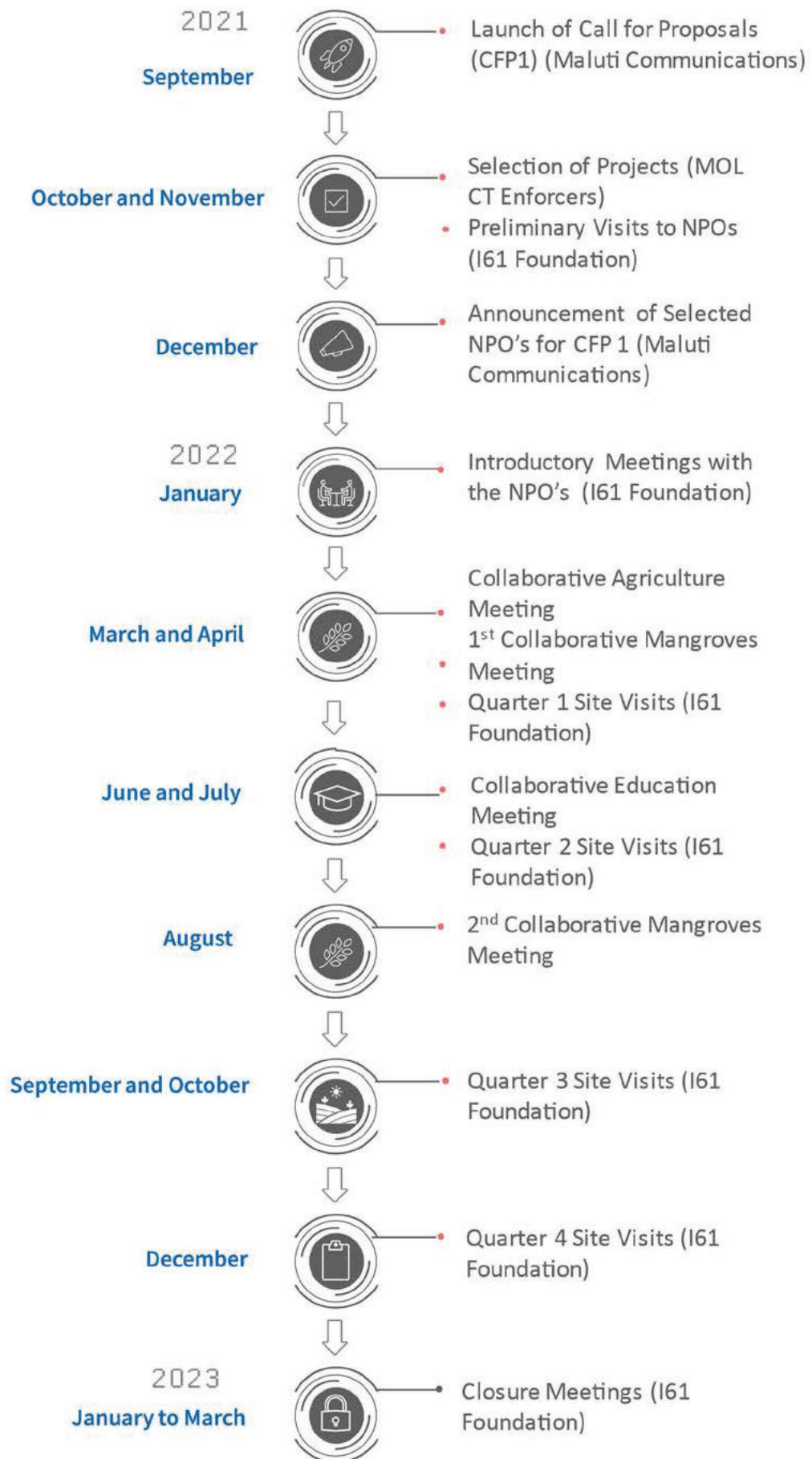
**Tam Geldenhuys**

Founder

I61 Foundation

Monitoring body for MOL Charitable Trust

# Call for Proposals 1 (CFP1)





# Social Projects

### Beneficiary



142

### Subsidy



MUR 984,250

### Duration



12 Months



*Basic Pastry Course*



*Award Ceremony at Trou D'Eau Douce*

### Project Summary

The aim of the project was to provide skills and knowledge to vulnerable communities in the East and South-East regions of Mauritius. Three training programs were proposed : Life & Leadership Skills, Basic Functional Literacy and Basic Pastry Course. Participants were taught how to read and write, to manage their finances, to communicate better, to express their feelings, to be more disciplined in their daily lives, and some were taught professional party skills. The response was extremely positive from everyone involved, as the courses helped to tremendously empower those communities.

### Project Outcomes

1. Participants gained more stability and strength to face their daily struggles.
2. Participants were able to set their own goals and priorities.
3. Benefits included restored self-esteem, better self-care and more confidence.
4. Participants learned to express their feelings.
5. Active listening and better communication skills.
6. Some participants were able to launch their own business.
7. Better finance management.

**Collaboration:** 1. Caritas Bel Air 2. Caritas Mahebourg

### UN SDGs



NGO:

# EcoSud

## Solidarity Shop

Area of focus



### Beneficiary



133

### Subsidy



MUR 994,000

### Duration



12 Months



*La Boutik Solider*



*Beneficiaries of the Project*

### Project Summary

This project is a continuation of last year's community-driven initiative in alignment with Eco-Sud's strategic goal of increasing food security and sovereignty through agroecology. An agroecological farm at Ville Noire was established and capacity building sessions for communities were provided. This year, we expanded our support to include the Solidarity Food Shop, benefiting 30 vulnerable families in the southeast region. The shop provides affordable basic food and hygiene items, ensuring access to food. Additionally, Eco-Sud has set up a Kitchen at ROC, where locally adapted food is promoted and where communities get to learn how to plant and cook and also get to share a meal together.

### Project Outcomes

1. Provided affordable and nutritious food to families in need, allowing them to pay off outstanding bills due to unemployment.
2. Beneficiaries expressed gratitude for being able to access healthier food at lower prices.
3. Beneficiaries gained knowledge about slow composting, vermicomposting, and seedling cultivation.
4. The ROC Kitchen fostered community building and increased solidarity among beneficiaries.
5. 363 families & 34 individuals for this project in 2022 for food donation and trainings.

**Collaboration:** 1. Caritas Mauritius 2. Mahebourg Espoir

### UN SDGs





## Beneficiary



28

## Subsidy



MUR 500,000

## Duration



12 Months



*Pre-Primary School play area*



*Kids dancing during a kids show*

## Project Summary

MOL CT supported Les Ti Serins Ecole Maternelle, a pre-primary school for children coming from vulnerable communities. The project included the following programs: free transport, nutritional support, psychological support, parents' empowerment and health care support, as well as undertaking renovation works and staff training.

## Project Outcomes

1. The free transport, health care and food support programs were a success, and of great financial aid to the students' families.
2. Parents were able to bond more with their children and understand them thanks to the parents' empowerment program.
3. Refurbishing of premises and equipment was successfully accomplished at the start of the project.

**Collaboration:**

1. Mahebourg Espoir
2. Youth With Disabilities Empowerment Platform

## UN SDGs



# Mauriwood Film Industry Artists Association

Production of a documentary showcasing NGOs activities in southeast region.

Area of focus



Culture



Other



Mauritius



MUR 1,000,000



19 Months



*Shooting at FALCON Association agricultural site*



*Shooting with Association pour le Développement Durable in Southeast region*

## Project Summary

The production of Island Nature Reborn had reached 90% completion in November 2022 and the editing part has been delayed due to several constraints. An extension for the completion of the documentary has been granted by end of July 2023 as a host formally presenting each of the 7 NGOs in the film will be added. This format closing the project will be known as the "Formal version" and can be broadcasted as a 1h15 mins film or cut into short clips each showcasing an NGO. An intermediate host segments will be added whereby the main host will tour the island with 3 teenagers, visiting each NGO. This version will be broadcasted to schools, NGOs beneficiaries, the general public, etc. The additional work needed for this version will be co-funded by other sponsors.

## Project Outcomes

1. Powerful socialisation effect on the whole population, especially youngsters.
2. Encourage volunteering for social/environmental causes.
3. Awareness on the importance of growing food.
4. Preservation of the natural heritage.

**Collaboration:** 1. NGOs supported under CFP 1 by MOL CT

## UN SDGs



# Action Familiale

Empowerment of Families and Youth Through Support and Life Skills Development



## Area of focus



### Beneficiary



156

### Subsidy



MUR 1,000,000

### Duration



11 months



*RADO beneficiaries*



*RADO beneficiaries in a workshop*

## Project Summary

Action Familiale has identified 35 families which were impacted by the Wakashio oil spill and Covid pandemic. Provided training to 70 adults in life skills to explore other activities of interest for building up their self-esteem. Moreover, individual specific coaching was provided to 70 adults twice a year to discuss more personal issues. Addressed issues that life partners are experiencing by providing 35 couples with tools to develop skills which will improve their relationships. Provide training to 50 children of these families to help them deal with their current situation. RADO aims to help them acquire life skills to move forward.

## Project Outcomes

1. RADO - provided beneficiaries with individualised active listening to help them reflect on how they can make a change.
2. RADO - impacted the children by strengthening their capacity through trainings, developing their skills and increasing their self-esteem so that they have a good image of themselves and become responsible citizens.
3. Aider Mon Enfant a Grandir - The adults were impacted by allowing the parents to be part of a group where they can learn and reflect on different themes that concern parenthood and children nowadays. The adults were also empowered to be able to build a harmonious family life.
4. Couple Training - Couples have benefited from sessions by realising how to build towards greater harmony between themselves and ultimately in their family.

**Collaboration:** 1. Mahebourg Espoir 2. Caritas 3. Ecosud 4. Revey Twa Fam

## UN SDGs





NGO:

# Bonheur Associé aux Enfants

## Enfants Heureux

Area of focus



Community Development



Education



Other



### Beneficiary



65

### Subsidy



MUR 997,900

### Duration



12 months



*Delivery of lunches taking place at BAE's premises*



*Students picking up their lunch in the morning*

### Project Summary

The project supports 65 children of 38 families in Cite Beau Vallon whose parents are in financial difficulty due to the Wakashio disaster, Covid Pandemic and other problems such as alcohol, drugs and prostitution.

### Project Outcomes

1. An increase in children happily attending school every day - reduced to 3.52% during 2022.
2. Less children wandering the streets being exposed to bad influences. 45 out of 65 children attended the after school education program at BAE.
3. Children were not afraid or ashamed to go to school - they had all the items they needed, the same as other well-off children.
4. Parents' financial burden was eased by Rs10,000/yr with BAE providing school lunches for 28 weeks to those children who attended school. They were able to reallocate their finances to solve financial issues that they may have had and live more comfortably with their children.
5. Important events were celebrated e.g. Flag Raising Celebration, Mother's Day, Christmas etc bringing much joy to the hearts of the children.
6. Thanks to MOL CT 2 staff 4 parents and 17 children attended a Piano Concert at the Caudan. The children had never attended this kind of show before. It exposed them to the beauty of music, taught them how to behave in public, and improve their interaction with other children.

**Collaboration:** 1. Precious Plastic Mauritius

### UN SDGs





NGO:

# La Chaux Mahebourg Academy Football Club (LCMAFC)

## La Chaux Mahebourg Academy Football Club



### Area of focus



Community Development



Education

### Beneficiary



45

### Subsidy



MUR 1,000,000

### Duration



5 months



*Distribution of football equipment to the kids by His Excellency the Ambassador Kawaguchi*



*Football tournament in December 2022*

### Project Summary

This project provided an opportunity for vulnerable children to be part of a team, through the practice of football. The children were encouraged to be healthy and fit in the face of social scourges such as alcoholism and consumption of drugs bringing back a sense of meaningful joy and happiness in their lives as well as a sense of belonging. The adults in the community came together to support the children too.

### Project Outcomes

The registration of the LCMAFC with Mauritius Football Association was the first major milestone of the association. They then trained 2 coaches to ensure that they had 4 qualified coaches to train the children. A logo was designed, and the uniforms were ordered. These were presented to the children at a celebratory event attended by His Excellency the Ambassador of Japan who handed out the kit. The children took part in an outing to Ferney Valley and played in a tournament in Mahebourg and their own club tournament. As a result of being part of the football team the children are now more healthy and disciplined, mostly they have learnt to work together as a team and respect each other and their coaches.

**Collaboration:** 1. Precious Plastic Mauritius

### UN SDGs





NGO:

# Loreto College Mahebourg

RADE (Remedial Education, Access to Equipment, Daily Meals and Education Tours)



## Area of focus



### Beneficiary



44

### Subsidy



MUR 592,350

### Duration



12 months



*Education Tour - Visit at Ebony Forest*



*Education Tour - Visit at Curious Corner*

## Project Summary

Due to Rising pressures on parents, students are arriving at school with little to eat. As a result, their school performance is poor. School performance is impacted further by exams being in English and the girls being taught in French even though they speak Creole at home. Extra lessons are critical. Because of financial pressures the parents are not able to purchase stationery and equipment for classes or expose their children to places of interest. This project successfully addressed all four of these issues.

## Project Outcomes

1. Daily meals to the 44 students of the Solidarity Club – sandwich, fruit and juice. Parents saved between Rs1,500 and Rs2,000 per month. This positively impacted the attendance at school and their results, but LCM could not quantify either of these outcomes. We have asked them to record this for CFP 2.
2. Remedial education for 23 girls in the Extended Program (saving Rs1,000/mo) – classes were divided into three groups and run twice a week in English and French. This brought significant improvement to their reading and writing skills, increasing their vocabulary and their overall attitude to their studies.
3. Purchase of stationery and books (equipment) – this helped the teachers by ensuring that the class was even paced, in line with the syllabus and at the same level for teaching. The girls felt included and had the same opportunities as the other girls in the class. It boosted their confidence, motivation and love for the subject.
4. Outings to Casela, Odysseo and Curious Corner – these were outings to places that the girls had asked to go to but would not have been able to afford to. They absolutely loved the exposure to different things!

**Collaboration:** 1. Biodiversity Preservation

## UN SDGs



# Mahebourg Espoir

## Kindergarten Project



### Area of focus



### Beneficiary



23

### Subsidy



MUR 1,000,000

### Duration



12 months



*Kids of Mahebourg Espoir in class*



*Kids visiting the vegetable garden*

### Project Summary

The Mahebourg Espoir Kindergarten caters for 23 kindergarten children from the fishing suburbs of Cité La Chaux and Cité Tole. The three pre-primary schools in this region closed because the families could no longer pay school fees due to unemployment after Wakashio disaster and the Covid-19 Pandemic.

### Project Outcomes

1. Pre primary education given to 23 children aged 3 to 6 years saving parents Rs3,100 per child per year.
2. Breakfast, lunch and snack provided daily to the children saving parents Rs1,800 per child per year. - absenteeism decreased 31% to 20%
3. Greater interaction with the parents - parents' meetings held in the village social center of the locality to improve attendance (with transport), monthly notes sent to parents to inform of activities held and parents were informed regularly of their children's progress.
4. Recruiting the service of a social worker to make phone calls to families and visit families of absent children improved attendance and interaction between the teachers and parents.
5. The school van collected all the children from their homes including a remote region of Cité Tole improving attendance further and saving parents Rs2,640 per child per year.
6. Children with aggressive behaviour were addressed at a level of the child and the parent. External support was sought and provided, ie. Psychologist, School Inspector, Autism Specialist.

**Collaboration:** 1.FALCON Association 2. Ti Rayons Soleil 3. Eco-sud

### UN SDGs



# Mouvement Bien Être de Cité La Chaux (MBECC)

Empowerment of Off-Lagoon Fishers of Cité La Chaux Post the Oil Spill Disaster



## Area of focus



### Beneficiary



6

### Subsidy



MUR 1,000,000

### Duration



4 months



*Launch of MOL Vansouet*



*One of the fisherman of Cité La Chaux*

## Project Summary

The region of southeast Mauritius is a marginalised one. Many of the people earn their earning as casual fishermen, because they have no appropriate equipment to explore fishing as a source of regular income, despite having the necessary experience. With the wreck of the Wakashio their situation was worsened. MBECC viewed this situation with great concern. A boat was purchased to help 6 casual fishermen from Cité la Chaux create a more formal environment in which to generate a formal business.

## Project Outcomes

After a lengthy process in identifying a supplier who could manufacture the boat and provide two engines (obligatory for outside lagoon fishing), the boat was delivered to Cité la Chaux, Mahebourg and an inauguration ceremony held. The boat was named MOL Vansouet and six fishermen were identified, including two skippers. The boat registration is currently in process as well as the signing of the agreement between the fishermen and the association as well as the setting up of the cooperative – the framework in which the fishermen will operate.

## UN SDGs







**Area of focus**



**Beneficiary**



11

**Subsidy**



MUR 492,000

**Duration**



15 months



*Strawberry plants in wooden pallets*



*The beneficiaries visiting FALCON Organic Farm*

**Project Summary**

The aim of this project is to enhance the inclusion and rights of people with disabilities in Mauritius. People living with disabilities are not given equal employment opportunities. This project seeks to teach these individuals new skills and increase their knowledge in the agricultural sector. Through this training YWDEP planned to develop entrepreneurs, enabling them to live independently and earn a living.

**Project Outcomes**

1. Extensive partnership with FALCON:
  - (i). Training on seeding, planting and mushroom cultivation
  - (ii). Site visits at FAREI and FALCON
  - (iii). Participation in a competition with the Ministry of Youth and other organisations on wicking bed creation
  - (iv). Award Ceremony in Gardening with the Ministry of Youth and FALCON to celebrate the efforts from the year's activities.
2. Collaborative work with Precious Plastic in using recycled materials to create artisanal items to sell.
3. Parents meeting and workshop was held each semester to brief parents how the project was faring
4. The initial landlord requested YWDEP vacate the premises. New premises were found, renovations done, and the association relocated. For this reason, the Gardening Project was also relocated, and work has begun once more.

**Collaboration:** 1. FALCON Association 2. Precious Plastic Mauritius

**UN SDGs**





**Environmental  
Projects**



### Beneficiary



Mauritius

### Subsidy

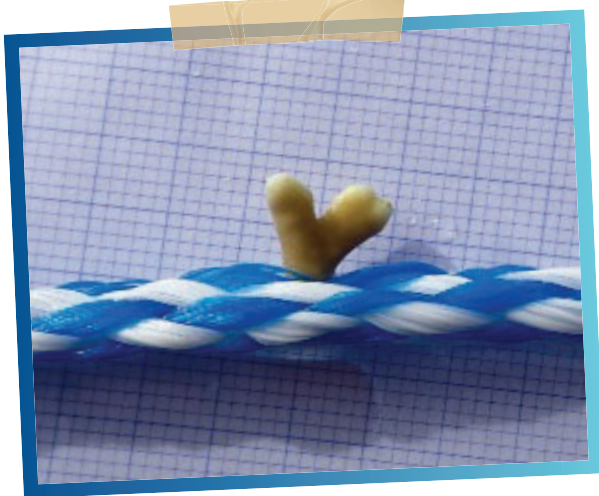


MUR 1,000,000

### Duration



12 Months



*Fragmented coral placed onto rope nursery (January 2021)*



*Same coral (Millepora sp. after 25 months in nursery (January 2023)*

### Project Summary

This project's main objective was to save the coral reefs of Pointe d'Esny. Pieces of damaged corals were taken from the site of the Wakashio wreckage in Pointe d'Esny and brought to a nursery in Pointe aux Feuilles, where they are being grown and will be transplanted back to the site upon, they reached the desired size. The donation of MOL helped the NGO to buy a 4x4 vehicle for the transportation of materials and pieces of coral.

### Project Outcomes

1. Damaged pieces of coral were successfully brought to the nursery. A few years will be necessary for those to fully grow and be ready to be taken back to the degraded locations.
2. The vehicle is still regularly used by the association for the transportation of diverse materials used for coral farming and for any such environmental activities.

### UN SDGs



# Mission Verte

Participation to the ecological transition of the Southeast region through awareness and recycling

Area of focus



## Beneficiary



Awareness - 693  
 Green Ambassador- 1,300

## Subsidy



MUR 1,000,000

## Duration



15 Months



*Recycling Bin at Vieux Grand Port*



*Educative Session at Pointe Jerome*

## Project Summary

This project's main objective was to raise awareness about the importance of recycling waste among local communities of the Southeast region. It had several activities listed : educative sessions and scientific presentations, the making of awareness short films, events to raise awareness about pollution, the reinforcement of the positive impact of 4 recycle bins already in use in the region, to increase the collection of recyclable waste by placing new recyclable bins, the empowerment of women and youth through a "green ambassador" program, and the organisation of events in collaboration with Precious Plastics, another NGO benefitting from the MOL CT program. An extension of 3 months was granted for the use remaining funds to continue the activities initiated.

## Project Outcomes

1. 4 short awareness films produced and visible online.
2. Replacement and placement of new recycling bins at different sites.
3. The green ambassador project provided a livelihood to one member originating from a vulnerable community and helped raising awareness about the importance of recycling.
4. The impact of existing bins was enhanced.
5. Awareness was raised in local communities through presentations, and public talks.
6. Coastal cleaning and awareness events were organized in collaboration with Precious Plastics.
7. Many inhabitants of the Southeast and beyond were impacted by this awareness project.
8. 2 scientific conferences conducted during extended period.

**Collaboration:** 1. Precious Plastic Mauritius

## UN SDGs



# Marine Megafauna Conservation Organisation

EDUC Project (Explore, Discover, Understand, Conserve)

Area of focus



## Beneficiary



55

## Subsidy



MUR 1,000,000

## Duration



12 Months



*A practical session during the diving course*



*A theoretical lecture on the underwater fauna of Mauritius*

## Project Summary

Through underwater diving courses and observation of the marine fauna of Mauritius, this project's aim was to show the riches of the marine ecosystems and underline the need to protect the latter to local communities. The program included a free underwater diving course on international standards (CMAS level 1), observation sessions of the megafauna and lectures on marine ecosystems and biodiversity of Mauritius, including responsible whale and dolphin watching. A total of 4 batches of participants benefited from this program, with 55 completing it out of 60. These people would have had found it difficult doing these activities otherwise due to the costs of underwater diving courses and whale observation trips in Mauritius.

## Project Outcomes

1. The number of participants was 10% higher than anticipated.
2. 60% of students showed very good or excellent results during assessment of knowledge in the end of the program.
3. All participants found the program helpful.
4. More than 70% of participants stated that the program helped them to understand marine ecosystems and human impact better and also to change their attitude and be more protective of the ocean.
5. 64% of participants agreed that new skills gained during the program will help them for professional growth.
6. About 80% of participant agreed that the program opened up new opportunities for them and they wanted to learn further
7. 98% of participants agreed that such programs should be provided to local communities.

**Collaboration:** 1. Mauritius Scuba Diving Association 2. Blue Water Divers 3. Scuba World Diving Mauritius

## UN SDGs



# Pointe d'Esny Sanctuary Foundation

Enhancing Community Integration in Marine Conservation around Ile aux Aigrettes

Area of focus



## Beneficiary



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## Subsidy



MUR 998,850

## Duration



12 Months



Meeting with the local communities and stakeholders



Awareness session with local stakeholders

## Project Summary

Pointe d'Esny Sanctuary Foundation in collaboration with Reef Conservation proposed to set up a voluntary marine sanctuary in Pointe d'Esny. Other voluntary conservation zones were already successfully established on the island in the past by the NGO, such as in Roches-Noires and Anse La Raie.

Field studies and surveys undertaken in the lagoon of Pointe D'Esny identified 6 potential sites for VMCA within the region, with the sites showing particularly unique biodiversity profiles. Likewise, such a project needed a strong collaboration with the local communities. Studies and surveys were done in the lagoon, and local stakeholders were consulted in order to establish the best possible site for the project as well as the rules to be respected - no fishing, no anchoring, no damaging of corals, etc.

## Project Outcomes

1. Several meetings were organized with local stakeholders and communities.
2. Proposed zones (6) were successfully mapped, and surveys were done on the local flora and fauna.
3. The feasibility study highlighted the challenge of implementing a VMCA withing the southeast region.
4. Mitigative measures, solutions and alternatives to problems raised by the local community were recommended.
5. The objects of Pointe d'Esny Sanctuary Foundation consist of the preservation. Conservation and restoration of the marine / coastal and terrestrial aquatic environments.

**Collaboration:** 1. Reef Conservation

## UN SDGs



# Precious Plastic Mauritius

Creation of a voluntary protected area on the coast and in the lagoon of Pointe d'Esny

Area of focus



## Beneficiary



More than 2,500

## Subsidy



MUR 871,900

## Duration



12 Months



*Volunteer decorating workspace*



*Beach clean-ups in the area are a regular activity*

## Project Summary

Precious Plastic Mauritius is a social enterprise specialised in the recycling of plastic waste and in raising awareness about plastic pollution. The association has a plastic recycling workspace in Pointe Jerome Youth Training Centre that students visit regularly. The project focused on 3 main activities for the reporting period: education and raising awareness, provision of a local collection service and targeted clean ups, and the development of partnerships and community collaborations.

## Project Outcomes

1. Precious Plastic reached more than 2,500 people, both local youth and adults, through various participative educational sessions at the centre, beach clean-up events or visits to the workspace.
2. With support from Decathlon, a bicycle plastic shredder was designed and built by the team in July 2022 to help demonstrate the plastic recycling process. The fact that everyone can have a go on the bicycle makes it a highly educational tool.
3. Precious Plastic was fortunate to receive the help of various volunteers, both national and international, for specific projects and tasks during the reporting period.
4. Key activities throughout the year included beach clean-ups, education/awareness sessions, the development of local circular economy initiatives, and participation in craft markets and recycling events around the island.

**Collaboration:** 1. Mission Verte 2. Youth with Disabilities Empowerment Platform  
3. Decathlon 4. Odysseo

## UN SDGs



NGO:

# RESPECT

Recreative learning in growing vegetables in Greenhouses for vulnerable groups

Area of focus



Community Development



Education



Other

# RESPECT

SUPPORTING OUR ENTREPRENEURS,  
OUR PEOPLE & OUR PLANET

## Beneficiary



250

## Subsidy



MUR 1,000,000

## Duration



13 Months



*Greenhouse training facility in Mare Tabac*



*Greenhouse training facility in Mare Tabac*

## Project Summary

The goal of the project was to teach children from vulnerable groups how to grow vegetables in a sustainable way in greenhouses. It involved interactive agricultural courses and the construction of a greenhouse for training purpose in Mare Tabac. A total of 250 beneficiaries including children, teenagers, household women and staffs attending classes were reached and trained with the help of two other associations.

## Project Outcomes

1. The construction of the greenhouse/training facility in Mare Tabac has been completed.
2. Vulnerable groups and youngsters were successfully trained in bio-agriculture.
3. The training sessions helped some of the young beneficiaries to be more self-confident.
4. Other NGOs trainers participated in the program and learned how to grow food, which they found of great interest.
5. Several of the participants showed interest in growing food as a source of income.

Reference Video: - <https://youtu.be/b491rsDGNww>

- Collaboration:**
1. Youth With Disabilities Empowerment Platform
  2. Bonheur Associé aux Enfants
  3. Bâtisseurs de Paix
  4. Mahebourg Espoir

## UN SDGs





Area of focus



Mauritius



MUR 1,000,000



12 Months



*Beneficiaries of the project*



*Workers inside of the plant nursery*

### Project Summary

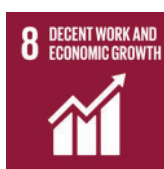
La Vallée de Ferney Conservation Trust was created to ensure the conservation of endemic flora in La Vallée de Ferney (Ferney Valley), which hosts some of the last remnants of endemic forests in Mauritius. The financing was used to ensure the propagation of various species of rare plants. Young plants were grown in a nursery and then planted in the forest. The project also included maintenance weeding of invasive plants and eco-guided tours of the forest. A new nursery was also added.

### Project Outcomes

1. The Trust hired 10 workers, former sugar industry labourers residing in the region of Vieux Grand Port & Riviere des Creoles, as beneficiaries for the project.
2. The Trust acquired more than 10,000 new seedlings during the year.
3. The new nursery hosted more than 10,000 young trees as of August 2022.
4. The combined nurseries hosted more than 30,000 young plants in December 2022, an unprecedented number.
5. New areas of forest restoration were earmarked thanks to surveys of the valley, which identified zones of poor and high endemic plants density.
6. A survey of critically endangered species was carried out before the project. The valley hosts 17 critically endangered species of plants.
7. In 2022, a total of 2,753 persons visited the valley, including many school children.

**Collaboration:** 1. Mauritian Wildlife Foundation

### UN SDGs



## Area of focus



Mangroves



Community Development



Education



Other

### Beneficiary



858

### Subsidy



MUR 987,500

### Duration



15 months



*Distribution of seedlings and blue drums*



*The batch of sewing ladies at the award ceremony*

## Project Summary

The 6 villages in the southeast, comprising mainly of women and men fishers, planters and labourers, are among the poorest in Mauritius. Their plight was worsened following the MV Wakashio oil spill and Covid19 Pandemic. The needs of the villages/inhabitants are to (1) Enhance their socio-economic status, and (2) Protect and rehabilitate the coastal environment, to improve their living conditions and livelihood.

## Project Outcomes

- 11 ladies from the southeast region were trained in sewing of Eco bags at SME Mauritius followed by the advanced course. They have now set up their own co-operative and 5 sewing machines were purchased to set up the business in the home of one of the women. Estimated monthly revenue (1 month's production of 100 textile products): Rs 5085. Per woman per month: Rs 1017 - Rs 2500
- 23 ladies from the southeast of Mauritius were also trained by SME Mauritius in pastry making. The trainees have now established small, individual businesses and are receiving orders for cakes. Monthly estimated revenue generation per trained participant : Rs 405 - Rs 1800 (depending on orders)
- 51 families from the same region were provided with various fruit trees, 5 varieties of seeds, 4 garden tools, 2 seedlings trays, compost bag(s) and, those with limited planting space within their premises, with containers (drums) for rooftop and backyard gardening; Many are now harvesting vegetables and herbs, and some are even selling them to complement their low income.
- Several activities were held by ADD to create awareness in the community regarding mangrove preservation – 2 beach and mangrove clean ups; climate change and mangrove presentations at various schools; 12 endemic, medicinal and decorative seedlings planted in the garden of Rivière des Créoles GS and seeds and compost were provided for the garden; pamphlets and banners printed

**Collaboration:** 1. Rivière des Créoles Gov School 2. Grand Sable Gov School 3. Quatre Soeurs Gov School 4. St Cecile RCA (Bambous Virieux) 5. Bois des Amourettes Gov School

## UN SDGs



NGO:

# Biodiversity Preservation

Development of an Innovative Ecoliteracy Toolkit For Students By Students to Bring Awareness on Ecology, Environmental and Biodiversity



Area of focus



Beneficiary



156

Subsidy



MUR 985,000

Duration



15 months



*Beekeeping Workshop with students of LCBV*



*Mini Clip Production done by the LCM students*

## Project Summary

To adjust to the new realities of Covid-19 pandemic, there has been an emerging need for Biodiversity Preservation to enrich youth experiences on a well-balanced academic and non-academic pathway. The approach is to give students access to online learning guides whereby students will be empowered as ambassadors to develop an online eco-literacy toolkit.

## Project Outcomes

1. Development of an innovative eco literacy toolkit by students for students by empowering students as changemakers and ambassadors. 29 LCM students, as ambassadors, engaged the school community, families and friends on the community game card addressing 12 environmental themes.
2. Such student-based toolkit engage students on an idea process to generate new sustainable ideas to share their knowledge, experiences and challenges while rethinking together. Hamilton College Girls illustrated their slam with a sculpture made of recycled materials.
3. The project fosters collaboration by uniting schools and NGOs creating a snow-ball effect penetrating more schools and NGOs with full support of Hamilton College Girls, Hamilton College Boys, YWDEP, Action Familiale, e.g. 10 packs are to be delivered to Action Familiale for their upcoming environmental workshop engaging 50 of their beneficiaries on the community card game.
4. Screening of ideas for implementation based on a vision to build sustainable communities with several LCBV groups propose to set up of an eco club and impromptu interviews with the public to engage the Grand Port community on environmental and climate actions.

**Collaboration:** 1. Loreto College Mahebourg 2. Loreto College Bambous Virieux

## UN SDGs





NGO:

# FALCON Association

Empowerment of Youths Residing in the Southern and Eastern Regions of Mauritius to Rebrand Their Communities Through Training in Sustainable Agricultural Production Systems



## Area of focus



### Beneficiary



120

### Subsidy



MUR 963,750

### Duration



11 months



*Youth of Mahebourg Espoir preparing vegetable gardens*



*Youth of MITD Mahebourg preparing vegetable gardens*

## Project Summary

Youth Empowerment through capacity building in sustainable agricultural techniques in the Southeast regions.

## Project Outcomes

Students learned the different practices of organic and sustainable agriculture and are now implementing the same in their own households. Through the project, the beneficiaries have grown the following veggies in their gardens: lettuce, cilantro, okra, green beans, mint, brinjal, tomato, chili, spring onions, cucumbers, beetroot, cabbage turnips, radish, oyster mushrooms. Medicinal and ornamental plants were also provided, eg. ayapana, mint and hibiscus, to act as natural barriers in the garden. Since the crops were grown at the respective institutions of Mahebourg Espoir School, MITD Mahebourg, MITD Carreau Enouf and YWDEP, the young beneficiaries shared the harvest and reduced their household expenses on vegetables by 75%. The figure is not 100% due to some maintenance issues of the crops that led to yield losses in the growing space. Also, the planting process is recurring - after the first harvest, the beneficiaries continued to grow the crops at their schools and in their gardens at home.

**Collaboration:** 1. Mahebourg Espoir 2. MITD Carreau Enouf 3. MITD Mahebourg 4. Youth With Disabilities Empowerment Platform

## UN SDGs



NGO:

## Fondation Ressources et Nature (FORENA)

Empowerment and training of women through mangrove and useful plants propagation and nursery management

**FORENA**  
Fondation Ressources et Nature

### Area of focus



### Beneficiary



15

### Subsidy



MUR 999,000

### Duration



12 months



*Nursery Facility at Ferney Agri-hub*



*Container and equipments purchased for the training on plant propagation*

### Project Summary

The objective of this project was to build a nursery for the planting and propagation of mangroves and useful plants, as well as offering a professional outlet to women of the Southeast region originating from vulnerable communities and empower them with an alternative means of livelihood. The project has been delayed due to some challenges and the second component for the training of beneficiaries will begin in the months to come based on a co-funding with another sponsor.

### Project Outcomes

1. The construction of the nursery facility has been completed.
2. The required materials and equipment for the training have been secured.
3. The project will retain the focus on training in plant propagation and empowerment of women through the nursery.
4. The training component (to be co-funded) will be associated with an onsite supervision of acquired competencies
5. 15 women over six months are being identified for a training frequency of three times a week

**Collaboration:** 1. La Vallee de Ferney Conservation Trust

### UN SDGs





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