

# I Sixty – One Charitable Foundation

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

## Project Report



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# I61 Foundation

## Introduction

The I61 Foundation is a charitable foundation assisting funder organisations and individuals in the allocation of funds to community projects. We are based in Mauritius with reach into Africa. Our mission is to identify Nonprofit Organisation (NPO) projects that fulfil our objectives and match them with funders who have the same focus and passion as we do. This process only occurs once due diligence of all parties has been processed by our compliance team and meets our criteria. The I61 Foundation then ensures that the outcomes of these partnerships are effective and sustainable through ongoing monitoring and evaluating of the entire project process.

Our organisation is founded on the principles of good governance and integrity backed by the international management group, Oak Group. Oak Group's fundamental philosophy is to maintain the highest regulatory standards in all instances. They are multi-jurisdictional specialists providing fund, corporate and trust structuring, administration and compliance services. With this financial powerhouse as our advisory and regulatory partner, the I61 Foundation is positioned as an exceptional stakeholder in the social responsibility sector.

Our goal at the I61 Foundation is to assist funders as they search for authentic NPO's to donate to and support NPO's as they seek funding for projects - ensuring transparency and integrity throughout the process.

# Founder's Note



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.

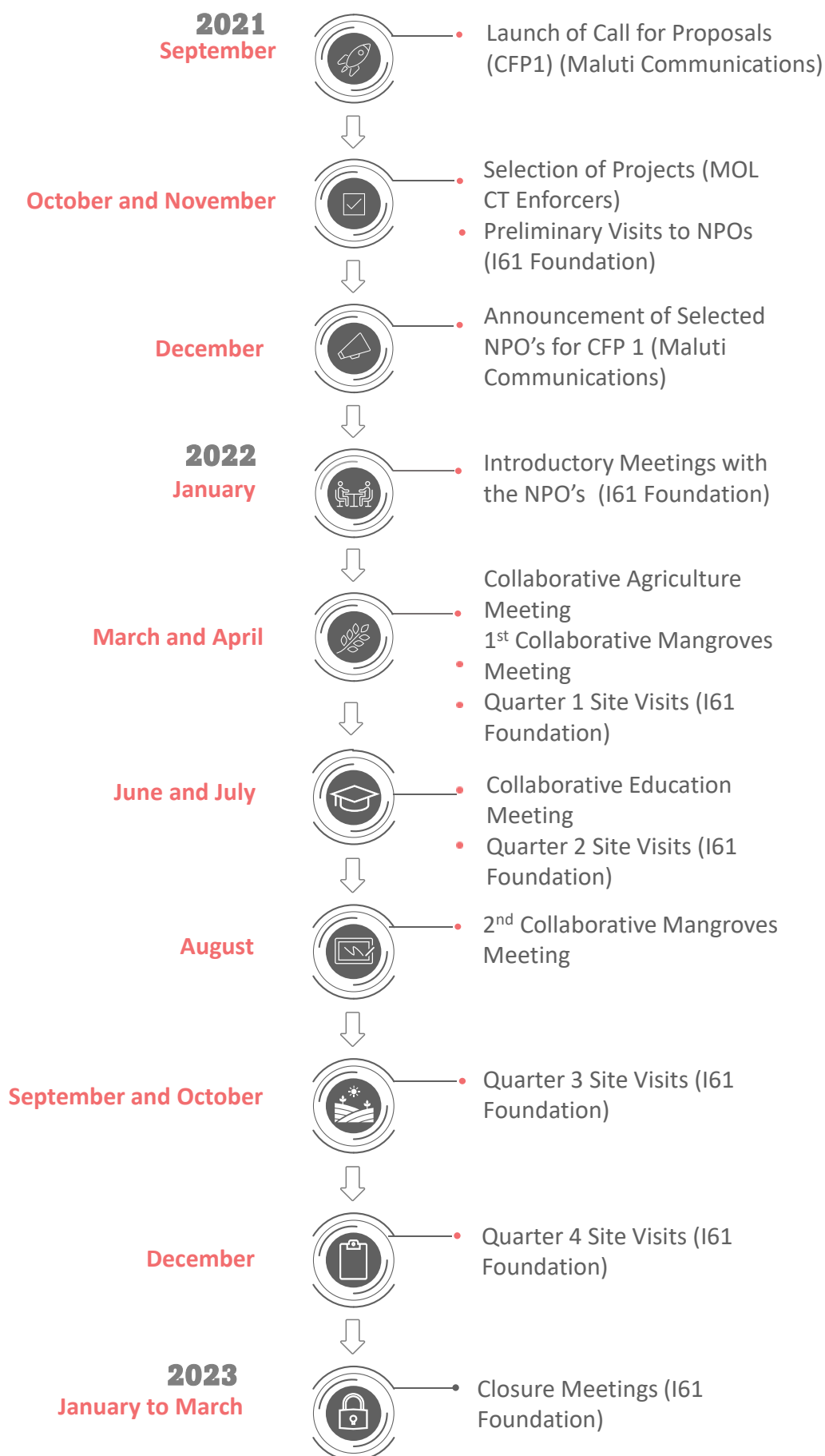
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# Timeline of the Call for Proposals (CFP1)





# **Presentation of Projects Managed and Monitored by I61 Foundation (CFP 1)**



# Action Familiale

Area of Focus: Education and Empowerment

## Empowerment of Families and Youth Through Support and Life Skills Development



156 Beneficiaries



MUR 1,000,000



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:

RADO - provided beneficiaries with individualised active listening to help them reflect on how they can make a change.

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.

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. Moreover,

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
3. Ecosud

2. Caritas
4. Revey Twa

### UN SDG's:







# Association Pour le Développement Durable (ADD)

Area of Focus:  
Environment

## Contributing to Livelihood Improvement of Deprived Coastal Communities



858 Beneficiaries



MUR 987,500



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 Covid-19 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 cooperative 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:

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| 1. Rivière des Créoles Gov School | 4. Quatre Soeurs Gov School        | 6. Bois des Amourettes Gov School |
| 2. Grand Sable Gov School         | 5. St Cecile RCA (Bambous Virieux) |                                   |

### UN SDG's:







# Biodiversity Preservation

Area of Focus: Education and Environment

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



156 Beneficiaries



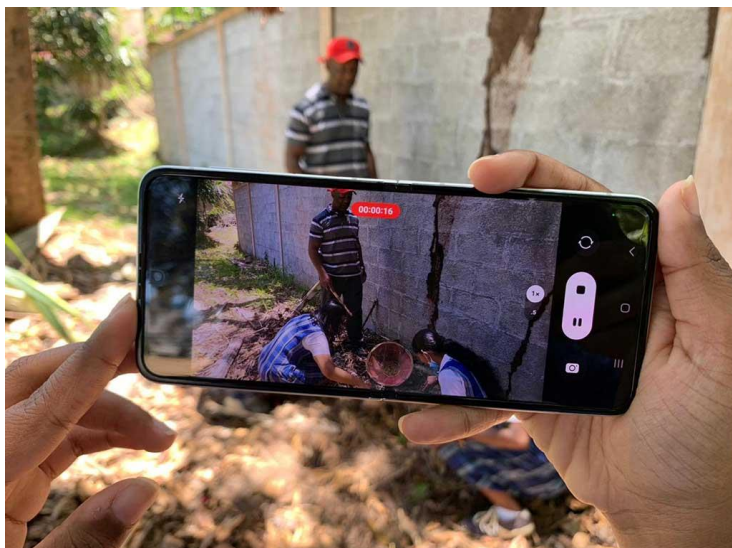
MUR 985,000



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 snowball 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 SDG's:





# Bonheur Associé aux Enfants

Area of Focus: Education

## Enfants Heureux



65 Beneficiaries



MUR 997,900



12 months



Delivery of lunches taking place at BAEs 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

### UN SDG's:







# FALCON Association

Area of Focus: Education and Environment

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



120 Beneficiaries



MUR 963,750



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 SDG's:







# La Chaux Mahebourg Academy Football Club (LCMAFC)

Area of Focus: Sport

## La Chaux Mahebourg Academy Football Club



45 Beneficiaries



MUR 1,000,000



5 months



Distribution of football equipment to the kids by His Excellency



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

### UN SDG's:





# Loreto College Mahebourg

Area of Focus: Education

## RADE

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



44 Beneficiaries



MUR 592,350



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 SDG's:







# Mahebourg Espoir

Area of Focus: Education

## Kindergarten Project



23 Beneficiaries



MUR 1,000,000



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 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
3. Ecosud

2. Ti Rayons Soleil

### UN SDG's:







# Mouvement Bien Etre de Cité La Chaux (MBECC)

Area of Focus:  
Empowerment

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



6 Beneficiaries



MUR 1,000,000



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 Cite la Chaux create a more formal environment in which to generate a formal business.

### Project Outcomes:

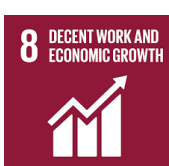
After a lengthy process in identifying a supplier who could manufacture the boat and provide two engines (obligatory for outside lagoon fishing), the boat was delivered to Cite la Chaux, Mahebourg and an inauguration ceremony held. The boat was named MOL Vansouet and six fishermen were identified, including 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.

### Collaboration:

1. None

### UN SDG's:





# Youth With Disabilities Empowerment Platform (YWDEP)

Area of Focus:  
Empowerment

## Vocational Training For Youth with Disabilities



11 Beneficiaries



MUR 492,000



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:

1. Training on seeding, planting and mushroom cultivation
2. Site visits at FAREI and FALCON
3. Participation in a competition with the Ministry of Youth and other organisations on wicking bed creation
4. Award Ceremony in Gardening with the Ministry of Youth and FALCON to celebrate the efforts from the year's activities.

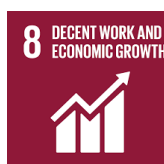
2. Collaborative work with Precious Plastic in using recycled materials to create artisanal items to sell.
3. Parents meeting and workshop was held each semester to brief parents how the project was faring
4. The initial landlord requested YWDEP vacate the premises. New premises were found, renovations 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

### UN SDG's:





# Projects Not Realised

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the four NPO's listed below could not meet MOL CT requirements for disbursement in due time. After extensive discussions and effort, the projects were abandoned due to necessary permits not being acquired from the relevant authorities in Mauritius.



## Development Practitioners in Network (DPiN)

Land permit required to set up plant nursery and point of sale not acquired.



## Ocean Connect

The permit required to grow mangroves in the southeast region of Mauritius was not received in time.



## Pointe Jerome Sailing School

The land permit required to set up their sailing school on the Mahebourg Waterfront was not granted.



## Zenes Sans Frontyer

Due to the tragic loss of their Treasurer, Zenes Sans Frontyer were unable to restructure their executive committee and open their bank account in time.





# Closing Note

It has been a privilege for I61 Foundation to partner with MOL Charitable Trust as it realises the success of these projects and manages those that were not able to be realised.

Through continued monitoring and encouraging of the NPO's of CFP1 we have witnessed the significant impact of 1,484 lives being empowered and changed forever. The change we have seen has not only been on a beneficiary level but at the level of NPO management too. All the NPO's we have worked with have shown extraordinary growth in the operations of their organisations. When we compare the level of reports received in quarter one to the final reports received, the improvement has been considerable.

Not only is MOL Charitable Trust leaving a legacy of social and environment change, but also an even longer lasting effect on the leadership of the NPO staff supporting these vulnerable communities.

We would like to thank MOL Charitable Trust for their trust in our foundation in being at the forefront of their efforts in Mauritius and look forward to our continued collaboration.

**Nou avec zot!**

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