

**Call for Proposals 3
Year 2023 to 2024**

MOL CHARITABLE TRUST PROJECT REPORT

I Sixty-One Charitable Foundation



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Call for Proposals 3 (CFP3)

INTRODUCTION

This final project report, prepared by I61 Foundation, presents an overview of the compliance, monitoring, and evaluation (CME) activities conducted for the social, education, and environmental projects funded by the MOL Charitable Trust under its third Call for Proposals. The purpose of this report is to provide a comprehensive analysis of the progress, impact, and outcomes of the supported initiatives, while ensuring that the projects align with the goals and expectations set forth by the MOL Charitable Trust.

Through the rigorous processes of monitoring and evaluation, we have gathered valuable insights into the effectiveness, efficiency, and sustainability of the projects. This report highlights key achievements, challenges faced, and lessons learned throughout the implementation phases, ensuring that the MOL Charitable Trust can assess the overall success of its funding initiatives and make informed decisions for future support.

I61 Foundation remains committed to ensuring that all projects are executed with transparency, accountability, and a focus on delivering long-term benefits to the communities they serve.

We thank MOL Charitable Trust for the opportunity I61 Foundation has had to support their endeavours for a third time, and the privilege of working with such extraordinary nonprofit organisations. The outstanding effort and commitment shown by these organisations is inspiring. What hope they bring to the future of our beautiful island!

I61 Foundation Team



Call for Proposals 3 (CFP3)

CFP 3 TIMELINE



OVERVIEW OF PROJECTS

Having a sound understanding of project data provides critical insight to project evaluation and impact measurement.

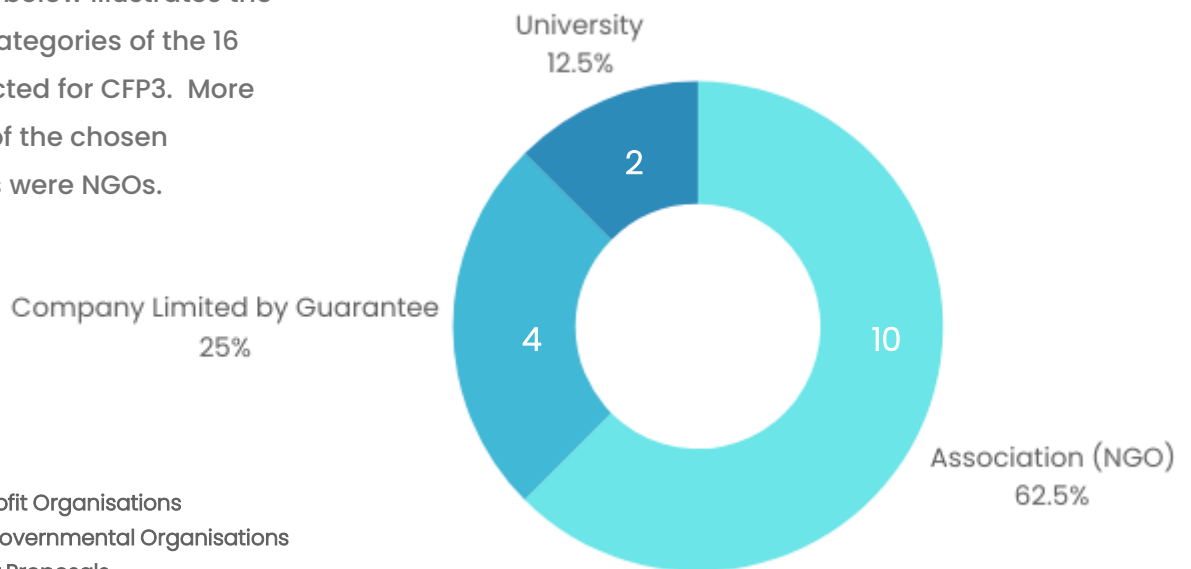


Overview of Projects

The graphic representations below provide an overview of the types of nonprofit organisations (NPOs) that applied to the MOL Charitable Trust's third Call for Proposals, and the geographic distribution of the selected projects. This data helps us to understand the diversity of applicants and the reach of the funded projects.

1. Type of NPOs funded under CFP3

The graph below illustrates the different categories of the 16 NPOs selected for CFP3. More than half of the chosen applicants were NGOs.



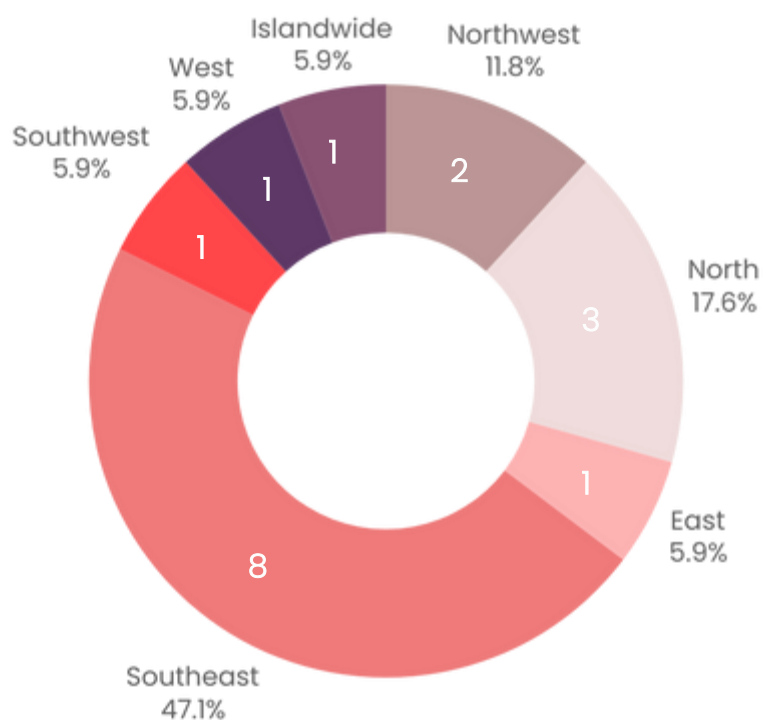
NPO = Nonprofit Organisations
NGO = Non Governmental Organisations
CFP = Call for Proposals

2. Location of CFP3 Projects

This graph provides insight into the locations where the approved projects were implemented, showcasing the regional impact of the selected initiatives.

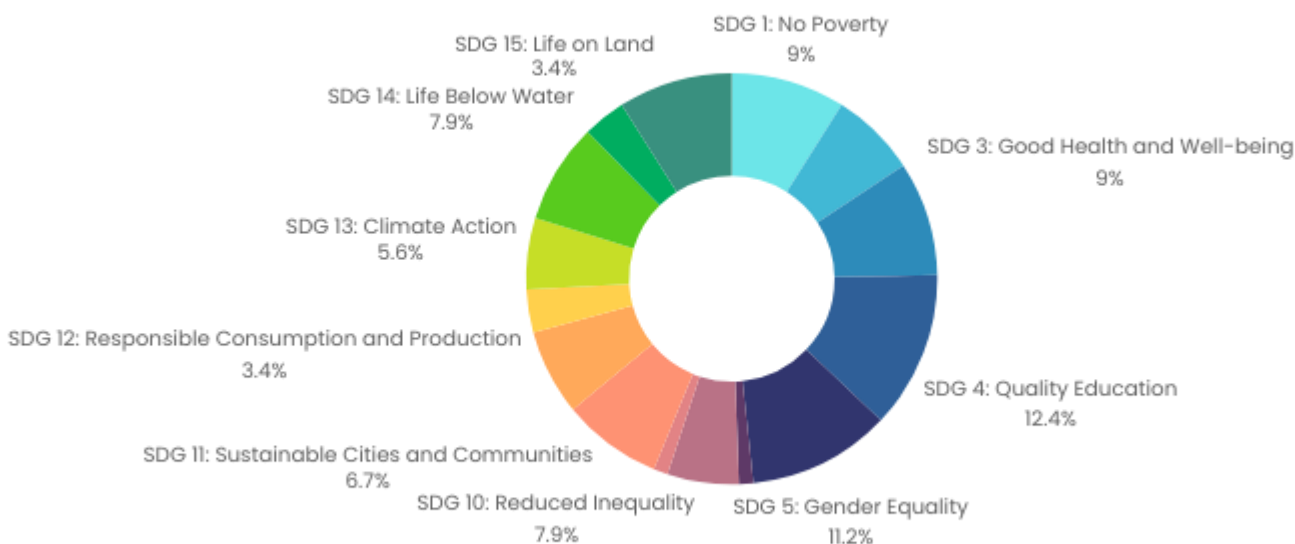
Even though projects funded were from throughout the island, nearly half were from the southeast.

Some projects were in more than one location.



3. SDGs Related to Projects

The 16 projects selected align well with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Education and gender equality (women empowerment) were key focus areas for CFP 3, followed by projects fighting against poverty, and inequality and driving efforts for health and life below water.



4. MCT Project Focus Related to Selected Projects

The graph below illustrates the key MCT focus areas of the selected projects, with the empowerment of communities, through social welfare and education, being the most apparent.

It is important to note that MCT has a greater number of environmental focus areas, 5 out of 9, as opposed to the UNSDGs, 4 out of 14. For this reason, there is a greater skewing of data toward environmental focus areas with the MCT project focus.



SDG = Sustainable Development Goals(United Nations)

MCT = MOL Charitable Trust

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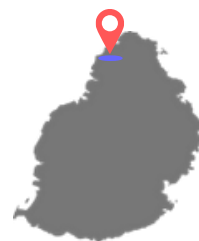
PRESENTATION OF PROJECTS

Join us as we celebrate with 16 NPOs from MOL Charitable Trust's CFP3. Share in their successes, and ultimately the generous opportunities given to them by the Trust, as they made a significant impact on their communities.



Action for Environment Protection (AEP)

Project Name: Rain Water Collection System



 Community Development and Others

 Grand Baie

 Community of Grand Baie

MUR 758,500

 Project Completed

Project Summary:

The aim of the project was to set up rainwater collection capabilities and a grey water treatment system for domestic use and irrigation, for approximately 6 acres of land containing tiny forest, food forest and permaculture gardens.

Project Outcomes:

- Gutter Systems & Downpipes:

Successfully installed across all four buildings, directing water into three underground tanks.

- Water Reservoirs:

Four 9,000L reservoirs installed on a reinforced concrete slab, connected to the underground tanks.

- Pumping System:

Electrical connection of the pumps in the underground tanks completed and tested, ensuring full functionality, ie. water is pumped efficiently from the underground collection tanks to the storage reservoirs.

- Electricity Installation:

Electricity installed at the concrete platform (slab) where the four 9,000L reservoirs are located. This allows for the pumping of water out to the forests and gardens.

- Grease Trap & Grey Water Treatment:

150L grease trap and grey water treatment system installed and connected to the irrigation system.

- Bio UV Sanitization Kit:

Installed to effectively convert collected water to potable water.



The 4 water tanks of 9000L installed on the newly built concrete slab.

Association pour le Développement Durable (ADD)



Project Name: Mangrove Mapping for Better Conservation and Restoration



Mangroves, Education



Old Grand Port to Petit Sable



+318 individuals reached

MUR 1,000,000



Project completed

Project Summary:

ADD collaborated with Université des Mascareignes (UdM) to draw up a mangrove mapping research paper. This paper provides a starting point for discussions on improving conservation and restoration of mangroves in the southeast of Mauritius.

Sensitisation program run to heighten awareness amongst communities living near mangrove forests.

Project Outcomes:

- 6 maps showing mangrove cover from Old Grand Port to Petit Sable:

Site visits were conducted at six key mangrove locations in the southeast of Mauritius, expanding beyond the mapping of the initial three sites. Ground truthing surveys were completed on foot to validate Geographic Information System (GIS) provided by Université des Mascareignes. Additionally, a drone contractor carried out drone surveys in February and March to confirm the findings.

- Focus Group Meeting with Other Mangrove Conservation NGOs:

The aim of the meeting held on 28 March 2025 was for ADD to share their findings of the mangrove mapping they had done in the southeast of the island over the past year. This session was highly productive, fostering valuable exchanges through sharing relevant data and leveraging insights presented in the survey report. This will support ongoing and future mangrove conservation and restoration initiatives, laying the groundwork for enhanced NGO collaboration and alignment in ecosystem management efforts across the island.

- 15 ADD members trained in maps production:

15 ADD members and 5 youngsters were trained, exceeding the KPI of only 10 ADD members.

- 40 pupils sensitized on the importance of mangroves:

Mangrove information sessions were carried out at schools, with the last sensitization on the 27 March 2025. Educating the youth on the conservation and protection of mangroves is critical for the future. A total of 158 youth were sensitized.

- Inhabitants sensitized on mangroves:

A total of 260 inhabitants living in this southeast coastal region of Mauritius have been sensitized on the importance of mangroves, heightening awareness and preservation in these communities.



Sensitization session and clean up at Anse Jonchée.

Coral Garden Conservation (CGC)

Project Name: Empowering Reef Restoration through Coral Fragment Revival



Coral Reef, Community Development

Riviere des Galets, Saint Felix

52 individuals reached

MUR 998,025



Project completed



Project Summary:

The project aimed to restore the coral reef and enhance local biodiversity in the St Felix Voluntary Marine Conservation Area (VMCA). Key activities included community sensitisation, training of direct and indirect beneficiaries, and the deployment of coral restoration techniques in the VMCA itself.

Project Outcomes:

- **Project Enrolment:** 5 fishermen (direct beneficiaries) signed contracts with CGC and contributed to restoration activities in the St Felix VMCA.
- **Training:** 5 direct beneficiaries (fishermen assisting in the implementation of the project) trained in coral restoration techniques; 35 indirect beneficiaries (other fishermen working in the St Felix VMCA region) received basic training during awareness programs.
- **Community Engagement:** 12 meetings held in village halls and community centers, sensitizing over 115 people in the communities of St Felix and its surrounds.
- **Coral Restoration:**
 - 10 spider frames installed with 800 coral fragments.
 - 8 table nurseries installed with 400 coral fragments.
 - 100 Acroporidae coral transplanted using the drill and epoxy technique.
- **Reef Restoration:**
 - 10 spider frames restored ~200 M² of reef.
 - Total reef area restored: 250 M² (short of target due to permit collection limitations)
- **Fish Biodiversity Increase:** Baseline surveys conducted with 3 monitoring and 3 control stations:
 - Pre-restoration: 6 fish species recorded.
 - Post-restoration: Species richness increased to 22.
 - Dominant fish genera observed: *Plotosus*, *Ephinephelus*, *Lethrinus*, *Chaetodon*, *Acanthurus*, others.



Aug 2024: Newly transplanted COP fragment.



Dec 2024: Coral growing considerably after 4 months.

ENL Foundation (ENLF)

Project Name: WE Matter



Community Development
Le Bouchon, Mahebourg
19 women entrepreneurs

MUR 1,000,000



Project completed

Project Summary:

“We Matter” targeted 19 unemployed women from Le Bouchon in the south of the island, aged between 18 and 55, who were eager to launch their entrepreneurial careers despite having limited formal training.

The project supported them through various means:

- Entrepreneurship Training
- Capacity Building
- One-on-One Coaching
- Peer-to-Peer Exchange
- Seed Capital.

Project Outcomes:

- Case Management & Counselling: 13 group sessions were conducted with the business coach. 40 counselling sessions were completed, exceeding the target of 30.
- Capacity Building & Training: Beneficiaries completed self-knowledge and communication training, a digital accounting course, and five personal development sessions.
- Peer Learning & Digital Skills: A session by Mr. Samuel Gaetan was completed covering digital tools, branding, and social media presence.
- Business Coaching: 8 group sessions in Q1 (95% attendance), 13 in Q2, and weekly one-on-one coaching from May to October provided tailored business guidance. Compliance checklists, (BRN, Health & Safety certificates) were set up, all 19 beneficiaries developed business plans through one-on-one coaching sessions.
- Seed Capital & Business Support: Funds were disbursed in two phases (June & September), following feasibility assessments, quotation submissions and site visits.
- Entrepreneur businesses included: duck rearing, basket weaving, bag making, making of pickles and cakes, massage therapist, nail artist, ornament creations
- Ongoing Support & Monitoring: Three group sessions and follow-ups were conducted by the Women Empowerment Specialist and project officers to track progress and ensure continuous support. This will continue into 2025.



Award ceremony for the beneficiaries held at Gros Bois.

Green Attitude Foundation (GAF)

Project Name: Sea Turtle Preservation



Education, Others

North (Roches Noires) and South

235 individuals

MUR

998,000



Project completed

Project Summary:

This project aims to assess sea turtle populations, their ecological importance, and community perceptions in Mauritius. Gathering data on their conservation status, will help develop and propose locally adapted measures for their preservation. Those data will be published in a scientific report.

Project Outcomes:

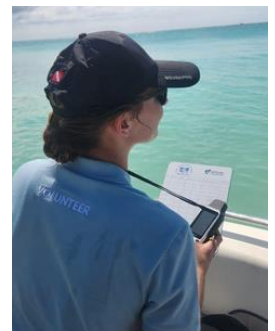
- 6 focus groups were carried out: 60 individuals took part in the focus groups – 30 in each project region. The aim of these meetings was to assess the community's understanding of turtles and to set up the perception survey.
- Perception Survey: 100 perception survey response received across the two project regions.
- Drone Survey: One drone survey conducted in the Roches Noires lagoon area to assess sea turtle populations.
- Manta Tow Surveys: 30 hours conducted to study sea turtle abundance – 44 sea turtles observed. Produced a manta tow board and ten slates for manta tow survey data collection.
- Photo Identification Surveys: 2 photo identification surveys (4 hours total) completed in the North.
- Educational materials: Creation of 2 educational materials were developed to the design stage – one magnetic game and 5 different posters.
- Youth Awareness Sessions: 2 large sessions were conducted:
 - 25 persons (scouts and leaders) participated in the North at the Marine Discovery Centre at Lagoon Attitude.
 - 50 persons (youth and leaders) participated in the Southeast at the Pointe Jerome Training Centre during a Youth Camp organised by the National Youth Council.
 - Target of 100 participants was not reached due to the withdrawal of a second group in the North
- Volunteers: 28 persons signed up as volunteers: 20 in the North and 8 in the Southeast. A small but reliable contact base of community volunteers for fieldwork has been established.
- Draft proposal for improved sea turtle protection created: Significant groundwork for the conservation proposal has been completed. Key data has been gathered, and partnerships for future fieldwork have been strengthened. The proposal is still in progress, with additional data collection scheduled for the Phase II of the project.
- Established good communication: Cultivating strong relationships with the National Coast Guard (NCG) and Fisheries Protection Service (FPS) will facilitate future fieldwork.
- Other deliverables:
 - Designed and printed 80 "Anou protez torti Moris" ("Let's protect Mauritius' turtles") t-shirts for children, youth, and adults.
 - Produced one roll-up banner for awareness sessions and restitution workshop.
 - Produced one awareness session video for social media.



Manta Tow Survey in the Southeast



Researchers at Roches Noires



Recording Data

Kolektif Rivier Nwar (KRN)

Project Name: Skippers Rescue at Sea Training for Unemployed People



Community Development, Education

Black River

55 youths reached

MUR

1,000,000



Project completed

Project Summary:

This project aimed to train and empower youth by helping them obtain their skipper's license and develop essential maritime skills through the KRN Maine Technical School (MTS). Sea rescue training to enhance their safety and preparedness was also included. A structured follow-up process ensured that participants receive ongoing support after their training and exams, with the goal of securing employment opportunities with pleasure craft operators in the region. Through this initiative, the project sought to provide the youth with valuable skills, career prospects, and a pathway to a more secure future.

Kolektif Rivier Nwar also collaborated with NGO AILES to raise awareness amongst the students at MTS regarding the dangers of drug and alcohol abuse.

Project Outcomes:

- Skipper License Theory Exams:
 - 47 of the 55 participants passed the theory exams – 85%.
- Skipper License Practical Exams:
 - 100% of the 47 participants who completed the theory exams passed the practical exams.
- Employment:

32 participants obtained stable employments in the maritime, tourism, or fisheries sectors within a few weeks of completing the Marine Technical School program of which the Skipper's Course (funded by MOL Charitable Trust) was a significant part.
- Poverty Alleviation:

Families of the beneficiaries experienced a tangible improvement in their standard of living due to increased household income.
- Unemployment and poverty rates: This project contributed significantly to the increased employment rates in the west coast region, fostering economic and social stability.



Skipper's License theory classes being held at the Marine Technical School in Kolektif Rivier Nwar.

Marine Megafauna Conservation Organisation (MMCO)



Project Name: EDUC Project (EDUC=Explore, Discover, Understand, Conserve)



Education



Mauritius, Rodrigues and Agalega



+95,000 children reached

MUR

1,000,000



Project completed

Project Summary:

This project aimed to create comic books that introduce children to the marine animals of Mauritius through engaging storytelling. Designed to be both entertaining and educational, these books teach children about biology, ecology, ecosystem processes, the importance of marine species, the threats they face, and ways to protect biodiversity. The comics were primarily distributed to public primary schools across Mauritius, Rodrigues and Agalega.

Project Outcomes:

• Creation of 3 books for children:

1. Sea turtles – Betty the Little Green Turtle – 2000 copies and printed
2. Whales – Betty and Eliot – 2000 copies printed
3. Sharks – story has been written, drawings completed. Colour and printing to be done.

• Book Distribution:

– 3,480 copies distributed through the Ministry of Education in 200 schools and 7 public libraries for more than 95,000 children in Mauritius, Rodrigues and Agalega.

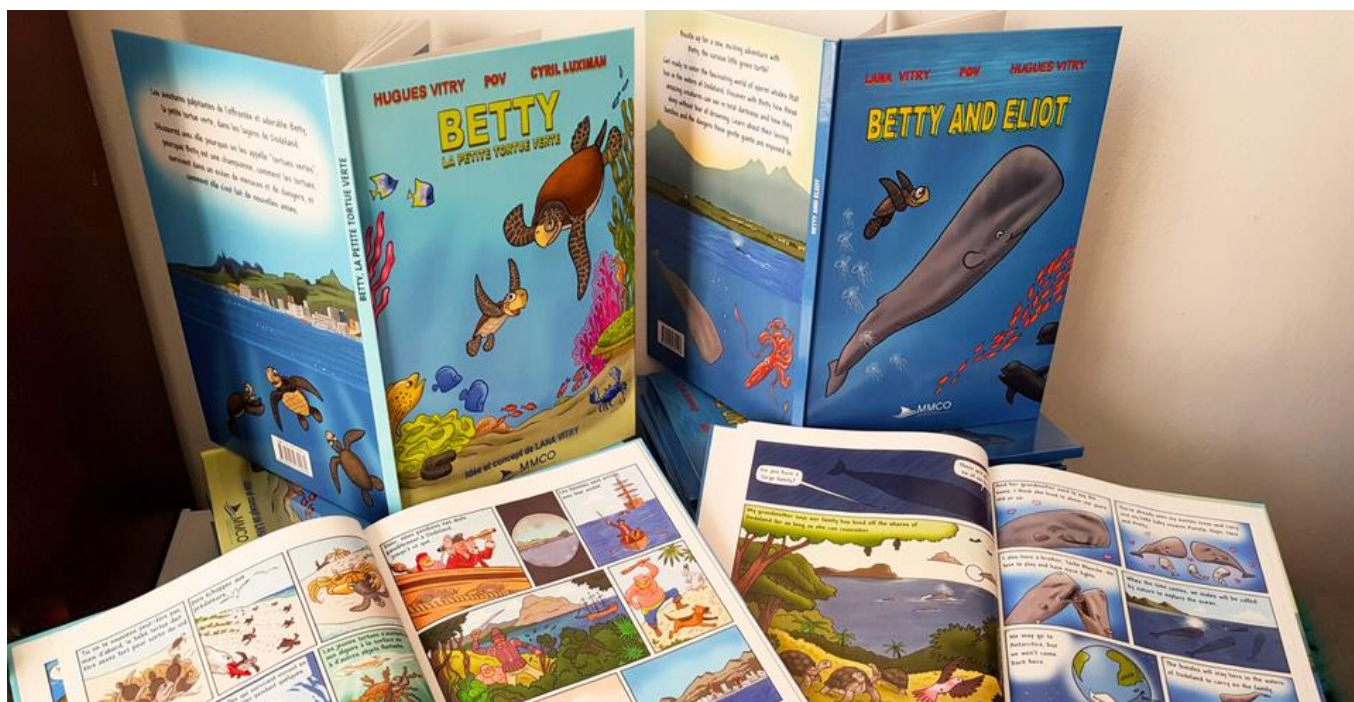
– Books will also be available in shops, hotels and supermarkets for sale. The funds from these sales will be used to fund the printing of the third shark book.

• Educative Sessions:

8 workshops in schools (768 students) – MMCO read the books to the children followed by end-of-reading surveys. Average score of knowledge of marine fauna afterwards was at least 60/100

• Awareness:

The project has successfully engaged children in marine conservation education and significantly raised awareness about threatened marine species in the region.



"Betty the Little Green Turtle" and "Betty and Eliot" – comic books created by MMCO.

Mauritius Wildlife Foundation (MWF)

Project Name: Learning with Nature



Education, Wild Birds and Others

Iles aux Aigrettes

519 individuals

MUR 445,000



Project extended till March 2025

Project Summary:

This program provided students with the opportunity to explore Iles aux Aigrettes, the nature reserve in the southeast lagoon of Mauritius managed and cared for by the Mauritius Wildlife Foundation (MWF). This tiny island showcases biodiversity and conservation efforts in the region and visits made by schools supports their academic curriculum. Initially, this project only catered for lower secondary school students. Later into the year tailored visits were included for all education levels, as well as youth and nonprofit organisations.

Project Outcomes:

• Invitations sent out to schools/nonprofit organisations:

593 invitation letters were sent out successfully, and MWF received a positive response from 20 schools/NGOs. As the initial response was low, a reminder was sent midyear to help with bookings.

11 spontaneous booking requests were also received. 10 of these visits could be accommodated.

• Students reached:

19 visits were carried out during the year, reaching 519 children and 82 adults, exceeding the target of 500 individuals.

• Communication Awareness:

Quarterly targets of communication were not met due to some schools/NGOs not consenting to pictures of children being published. Nevertheless, 5 posts were published on MWF's social media platforms in 2024.



Sensitization session taking place with the beneficiaries on Iles aux Aigrettes.

Mission Verte

Project Name: Development of Circular Economy Initiatives and Awareness



Education and Others

Southeast of Mauritius

314,173 individuals reached

MUR 970,000



Project completed

Project Summary:

This project aimed to raise awareness among youth about reducing, reusing, recycling, and composting waste while showcasing local recycling initiatives. It encouraged citizens to take action for a cleaner environment and highlighted the job opportunities within the circular economy sector. This project also sought to increase the visibility of awareness efforts and community initiatives.

Project Outcomes:

- **Educative Sessions:** 40 educative sessions completed in schools of the southeast region with 958 participants attending these sessions, with an average of 26 pupils per session.
- **Clean ups:** 4 clean-up events were organized, with participation from young people from private companies, bringing in 335 participants.
- **Sensitization through Green Ambassador:** The Green Ambassador, using a cargo bike in Mahebourg, sensitized approximately 880 people by directly engaging with them while collecting plastic and aluminium cans during his daily rides. And also because of the message on the bike trailer, "mo ramas plastik" (I collect plastic),
- **Sensitization through Videos:** 3 videos promoting environmental awareness were shared across social media platforms, ensuring reach to a diverse audience of 312,000 individuals.
- **Recycled Plastic Items Distributed:** Keyrings made from recycled plastic were distributed during school visits and at clean-up events to raise awareness and promote recycling.
- **Recyclable Waste Collected:**
 - 11.3 tons of carton and paper
 - 4.8 tons of plastic
 - 0.35 tons of aluminium cans.



The green ambassador's cargo bike that is used to collect recyclable waste in the village of Mahebourg.

Mo'zar Espace Artistic

Project Name: Fly Me to The Moon



Education, Community Development

Roches Bois

31 children reached

MUR 786,000



Project completed

Project Summary:

The Fly Me to The Moon Project is a five-year excellence program which started in 2024. Designed to complement music education by offering young musicians advanced training, participation in specialized courses, and opportunities for scholarships in renowned music schools. This initiative addresses key challenges such as limited access to culture and quality education, idleness, social stigma and unequal opportunities for girls. It fosters inclusivity and artistic growth from an early age.

Project Outcomes:

- Attendance Rate: All courses scheduled in the program were successfully conducted, with an attendance rate of 96% for the "Small Band" and 70% for the "Intermediate Band." KPI was 95%.
- Syllabus Completed: The annual syllabus was completed with 15 additional theory classes.
- Supplementary Classes: 20 extra classes were held upon the advice of teachers as some students required more individual attention.
- Parental Involvement: Regular communication with parents and meetings were held to discuss their children's progress. Some parents also assisted the classes.
- Purchase of Musical Equipment: a set of drums, a keyboard, two bass guitars, two electric jazz guitars and percussion instruments were bought. Remaining funds from this budget were used to buy two dehumidifiers for better preservation of the instruments.
- End of Year Concert: Initially scheduled for December 2024, the concert was held in February 2025 at Otentik in Vieux Grand Port.



The beneficiaries performing at a concert at the Ti Rayons Soleil site in Black River.



Revey Twa

Project Name: Revey Twa Fam



Education, Community Development



Mahebourg



34 women and their families

MUR

980,808



Project completed

Project Summary:

This project supported 30 vulnerable women by providing them with professional training in domestic activities as well as life skills training which helped participants build their self-esteem. Thereafter the project facilitated job placements through partnerships between Revey Twa and companies requiring domestic staff. This served as a vital link between participants and employers, ensuring sustainable employment opportunities and ongoing support once employed.

To ensure the continued attendance and commitment of the women during the program, they were provided with food support for their families through food packs. Each month a food pack was provided until the course was completed and the women obtained their certificates.

Project Outcomes:

• Trained 32 Vulnerable Women:

Enrolment: 34 vulnerable women were enrolled in the training program for 2024 and 32 out of 34 women successfully completed their training. 2 more than planned.

The program was run in two batches, six months each.

• 32 Women were Employed:

Training Focus: 32 women were trained in various skills to help them become more employable, find and maintain employment.

Employment Outcome:

- 26 of the 32 participants secured employment.
- 6 participants self-employed as food vendors.

• Partnership Expansion:

- Preskil Resort: Collaboration established to provide training for receptionist roles.
- Holiday Inn: Partnered for job placement opportunities for the trained women.
- Shandrani Hotel: Partnered for job placement opportunities for the trained women.

• Food Packs: KingSavers was identified as the supplier with the most cost effective products. 98 food packs were provided to the women over the year.



Beneficiaries of Revey Twa proudly holding their certificates.

Social Circus of Cité La Chaux

Project Name: Cirque Social de Cité La Chaux



Education, Community Development

Cité La Chaux, Mahebourg

79 individuals and 45 families

MUR 1,000,000



Project completed



Project Summary:

This project provided support to 72 vulnerable children aged 5–14 years, from Cité La Chaux, La Grotte, La Vierge Noire, and La Pleine at the NGO's premises in the heart of Cité La Chaux. The children received academic and literacy support, along with art classes and life skills to build confidence. A safe space with meals and holiday activities kept them occupied in a safe space and supported their development. Cultural activities like music, theatre, and storytelling helped them strengthen their identity and self-esteem. Parents also received guidance to care for their children better and were encouraged to be involved in the running of the program by volunteering their time and skills.

Project Outcomes:

• Children Empowerment:

- Workshops delivered: 74 dancehall, 78 theatre, 32 percussion, 30 acrobatics, 23 jugglery = 237
- 77 Literacy classes delivered providing support with literacy and with academic studies.
- Achieved an overall attendance rate of 91,61% for the yearly Art and Education Program – these children received support to strengthen their cultural identities, ties and collective self-esteem – supported through artistic expression (theatre, singing, dance, paintings, storytelling, music)
- 90 Arts & Crafts sessions were implemented – bringing creative competencies, multiple life skills and self-confidence to become successful adults
- Social Circus of Cité La Chaux also provides the children with a safe space to be. A place where they can avoid street threats and receive a meal – after school and during holiday periods.

• Parents Empowerment:

- Attendance of parents to NGO activities – 30 parents attended the workshop, 40 attended the Fun Sports Day and 80 parents attended the Family Fair with an average attendance rate of 100%
- The parents of 72 children received support from the NGO by providing care and education support to their children.

• Community Empowerment of 5 Women and 1 Youth:

- 90% attendance to ongoing training and workshops
- received revenue and self-development.
- received recognition and valorisation of their capacity and skills.



The beneficiaries performing at the family fair in Cité La Chaux.



Education, Community Development

Petit Bel Air, Mahebourg

41 children

MUR 1,000,000



Project completed



Project Summary:

Les Ti Serins Pre-Primary School provides education for 41 boys and girls aged 3 to 5 years old as well as the support of occupational therapists, social workers, and psychologists. Ti Serins has a daily feeding program which ensures provision of proper nutrition to the children.

Community development through the parents is another key aspect of the activities at Ti Sirens. An empowerment program offers specialized workshops to empower parents, women, and children. Through these initiatives, the project fosters education, well-being, and long-term empowerment within the community.

Project Outcomes:

- **Educational Programme:** Children learned letters, numbers, and problem-solving through Montessori methods, sensory learning, and special needs support. Attendance improved with school van services, while academic progress was monitored through developmental grids and evaluations.
- **Health Support:** A nurse engaged children in hygiene and health activities, with regular check-ups addressing medical concerns.
- **Occupational Therapy:** A sensory room, group play sessions, and teacher training enhanced children's motor and social skills. Water play and the "mud kitchen" concept were introduced for interactive learning.
- **Psychological Support:** A psychologist worked closely with teachers and conducted 16 one-on-one sessions with parents and children to provide tailored guidance.
- **Family Empowerment:** Social workers supported families, engaging mothers in sustainable agriculture, organizing "Parents and Kids Day," and collaborating with the NGO, "Action Familiale" to promote women's independence.



Story telling time with the children.



Others

Bel Air, Nationwide

Islandwide

MUR 1,000,000



Project extended till November 2025

Project Summary:

This project aims to enhance the understanding and conservation of seagrass ecosystems in Mauritius. The project will create a detailed seagrass extent map, assess their carbon storage potential, and analyze their vulnerabilities to climate change and human activities. It will also address the lack of scientific research and management strategies for seagrass conservation set up a permanent monitoring station for the tracking of seagrass. By raising awareness among students, academia, and the public, this initiative seeks to promote the protection and sustainable management of seagrass ecosystems in Mauritius.

Project Aims:

- Run Surveys – To assess and quantify the extent and carbon sequestration storage potential of seagrass meadows around Mauritius through GIS and drone surveys
- Set Up a Monitoring Station – To set up and implement a permanent monitoring station for the tracking of seagrass cover around the island at the UdM satellite campus in Bel Air.
- Drive Policy – Implement policy recommendation strategies and plans aimed at conserving seagrass ecosystems around Mauritius
- Sensitisation – To raise awareness and disseminate results outcomes to key stakeholders and the public at large, in view of highlighting the importance of seagrass species.

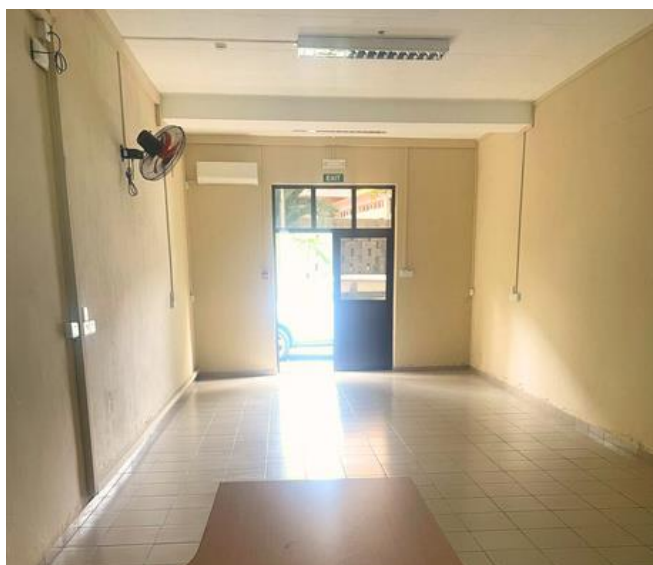
Project Outcomes to Date:

- Secured Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) with UdM and MOL Charitable Trust (MCT):

After a year of conferring between with the different Ministries and the Board of UdM, the MoA between UdM and MCT was signed in March 2025.

- Disbursement Status:

50% disbursement was processed in April 2025. UdM is now seeking quotations to set up the monitoring station for the tracking of seagrass around the island.






Room at the UdM Campus in Bel Air where the monitoring station will be set up.



Antenna on the roof of the UdM Campus in Bel Air that will be used to extract the GIS satellite images.



-  Coral Reefs
-  Odysseo Oceanarium, Port Louis
-  Islandwide

MUR 1,000,000



Project extended till May 2025

Project Summary:

This project focuses on a marine station being established under and at the Odysseo Centre for Marine Studies and supported by the University of Mauritius (UoM). The Marine Station will be situated on the property of the Odysseo Oceanarium and will support coral conservation research and education. It will serve students in marine sciences from the UoM, providing facilities for experimental studies on coral culture, thermal stress responses, and climate resilience. This project will also focus on culturing rare and endemic corals while enabling researchers and organizations to study the effects of ocean warming and pollution. Through collaborative efforts, this initiative aims to advance coral conservation and marine education in Mauritius.

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Project Outcomes to Date:

- Signing of Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) between UoM and MCT:
After an extended period, the necessary administrative clearances and approvals were received from the Ministerial Cabinet. The MoA between UoM and MCT was signed on 10th October 2024.
- Collaboration with Odysseo:
Several meetings and communications discussing the revision of the plan and budget have been conducted. A Research Collaborative Agreement (RCA) has been finalized.
- Marine Station planning set and setting up:
Quotations have been secured and the UoM has launched the bidding process as per the Procurement Act of Mauritius.
- 70% disbursement:
Was made to secure the refurbishment of the container, but the payment has been paused due to the bidding process required, as mentioned above.






Where the Marine Station will soon be installed – next to an existing container at the Odysseo Centre for Marine Studies in Port Louis.

Youth With Disabilities Empowerment Platform (YWDEP)

Project Name: Training Sessions for Youth with Disabilities



 Education, Community Development
 Mahebourg
 18 youth

MUR 501,000

 Project completed

Project Summary:

This project empowered 18 youth with disabilities by providing training in different types of activities. The project aimed to equip them with life skills, train them to become self-sufficient and independent, as well as open opportunities for entrepreneurship and employment. Through this project, the participants developed skills in cooking, bag making, and cleaning, as well as learning how to use plastic waste to create eco bricks and beautiful items from mosaics. All these activities not only improved their self sufficiency but improved their fine motor abilities too.

Project Outcomes:

- **Mosaic:** Completed 15 mosaic classes creating 20 beautiful mosaic mirrors that will be sold at local market.
- **Ecoblocks:** By filling 2 litre plastic bottles with pieces of plastic waste the youth created 150 Ecoblocks used to make ottomans, as seen in the photo below. They were given Rs200 per block they made. These blocks will also be used to build shelters for stray dogs.
- **Pastry/cooking classes:** A total of 12 classes were given and the participants are now able to bake a cake or cook lunch once a week at the YWDEP Centre. The dishes they learnt to prepare include banana pie, Gato Zinzli, sandwiches, pizza, Napolitain, popcorn, plum cake, lentil soup, and more...
- **Bag Making:** 6 beneficiaries worked together to make 35 tote bags each month. With a total of 315 bags having been created since July 2024. These tote bags were sold to Kuanfu Tea generating Rs7,000/month providing financial sustainability for the NGO. 45 crochet bags were also made.
- **Cleaning Classes:** Cleanera ran 4 sessions at the YWDEP Centre to teach the youth how to keep their homes clean. Now the beneficiaries work together to keep their centre clean themselves.
- **Shelving:** Funds were used to purchase and install shelving to assist with the organisation of all the items required for the activities at the YWDEP Centre.



Cooking sessions happening!



*Ecoblock Ottoman
Mosaic Mirror*



Shelves installed in the store for storage

CLOSING NOTE



From the previous pages of this report, you can see why I61 Foundation is proud to have once again supported the MOL Charitable Trust's ongoing endeavours to uplift the vulnerable communities of Mauritius and drive social and environmental change.

This report has provided only a taste of what these 16 impactful nonprofit projects have accomplished through education, empowerment, and the conservation of vital natural resources. These projects exemplify the power of collaboration and innovation in addressing some of the most pressing challenges of our time. By focusing on the preservation of water, coral, and mangroves, we are investing in the future of our planet, while empowering communities through education and sustainable practices.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude and congratulations to all the NPOs for their dedication and commitment to creating lasting change. The collective efforts of these organizations contribute to the global movement for a more sustainable and equitable world. As we look ahead, I61 Foundation remains committed to supporting initiatives that foster positive, long-term impact, and we are excited to continue partnering with the MOL Charitable Trust to support future endeavors that champion the well-being of both people and the planet.

Thank you MOL Charitable Trust for the lasting change you are bringing to the Mauritian people and environment.

Disclaimer:

All information herein, in part or in whole, is that of the said nonprofit organizations and not of the I61 Foundation. If you have any questions, we would be more than happy to answer them.

All photographs and project details are confidential, and we thank you for using the information in this report for internal corporate or personal use only.

Call for Proposals 3 (CFP3)



Thank you to all the NPOs for receiving the I61 Foundation Team so warmly in your offices and schools and on fields and beaches. We are in awe of all you do and the commitment you have made to your communities.

Thank you to MOL Charitable Trust for your ongoing collaboration and trust in I61 Foundation. It is a privilege to work with you ensuring your funding reaches where it is intended to go - and have the impact you wish it to have,

Lastly, thank you to our tireless team at I61 Foundation that provides the NPOs with the support and encouragement needed to ensure outcomes are reached and reporting requirements are met timeously. And for providing comprehensive feedback to MOL Charitable Trust.



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