



MOL CHARITABLE TRUST

PROJECT REPORT

**Call for Proposals 4
Year 2024/2025**

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INTRODUCTION

I61 Foundation is pleased to present the final report for the MOL Charitable Trust CFP 4 cycle. This document outlines the activities carried out by the supported nonprofit organisations, and the assistance offered to their beneficiaries, throughout this cycle. It also includes a project from the Université des Mascareignes and another from the University of Mauritius – projects from CFP3 that were completed in 2025..

Funding from the MOL Charitable Trust enabled organisation recipients to continue serving vulnerable communities across Mauritius through social support, education, community development, and environmental initiatives. Part of this cycle included environmental work focused on the protection and restoration of marine ecosystems. This included community clean-up efforts, awareness sessions on responsible use of natural spaces, and the set-up of laboratories dedicated to coral and seagrass research from the CFP 3 cycle. These laboratories provide a structured environment for ongoing studies, monitoring, and practical restoration activities, helping strengthen scientific capacity within local organisations.

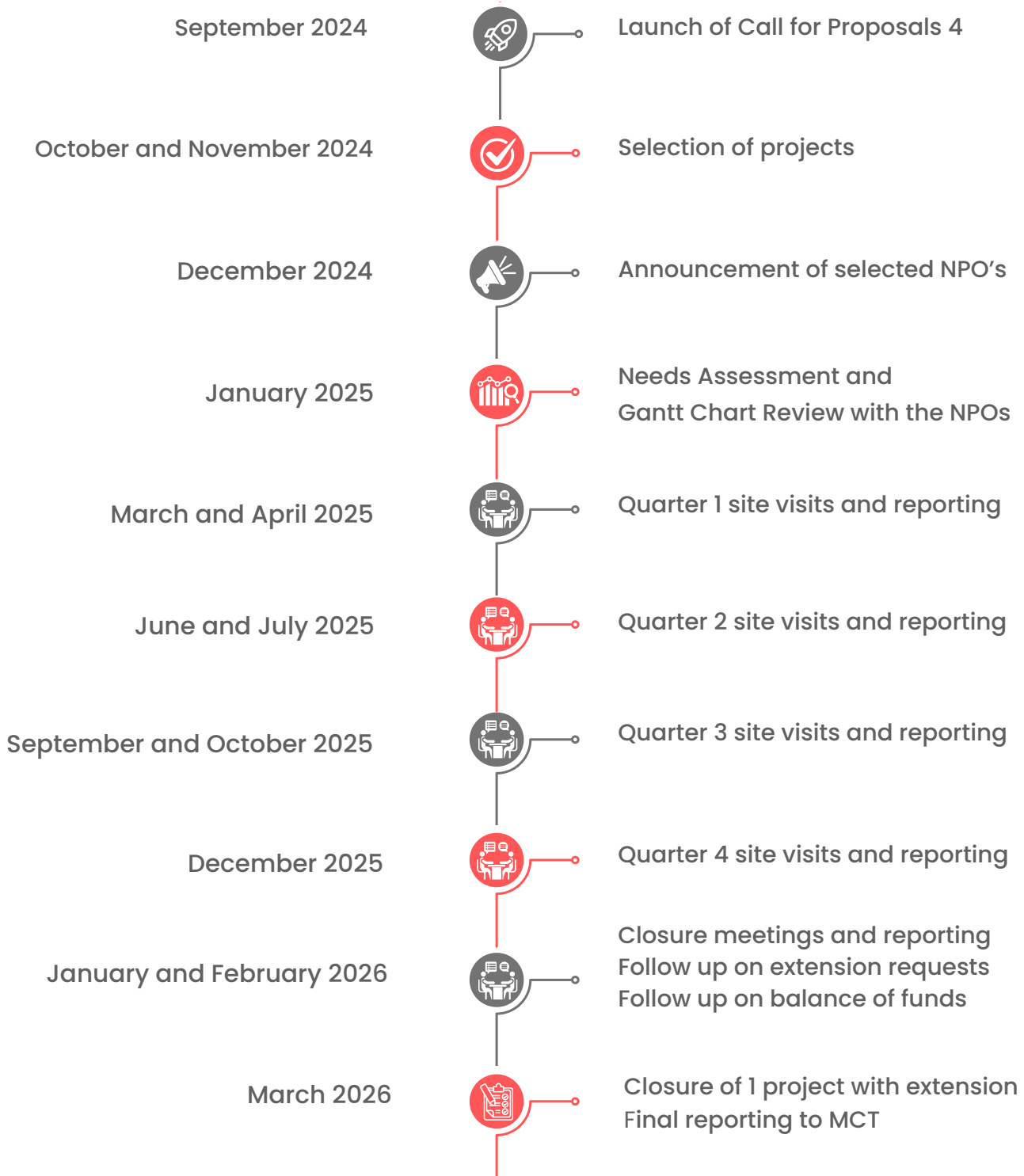
Organisations worked to maintain their activities beyond the funding period, reinforce local capacity, and encourage greater self-reliance among the people they support. This approach has contributed to stronger community structures and more sustainable outcomes.

Throughout the cycle, I61 Foundation remained engaged with all participating organisations, offering guidance, monitoring progress, and ensuring that reporting requirements were met.

The following sections outline the activities completed by each donor recipient, the outcomes observed, feedback shared by beneficiaries and the value created through the combined efforts of all partners.



CFP 4 TIMELINE





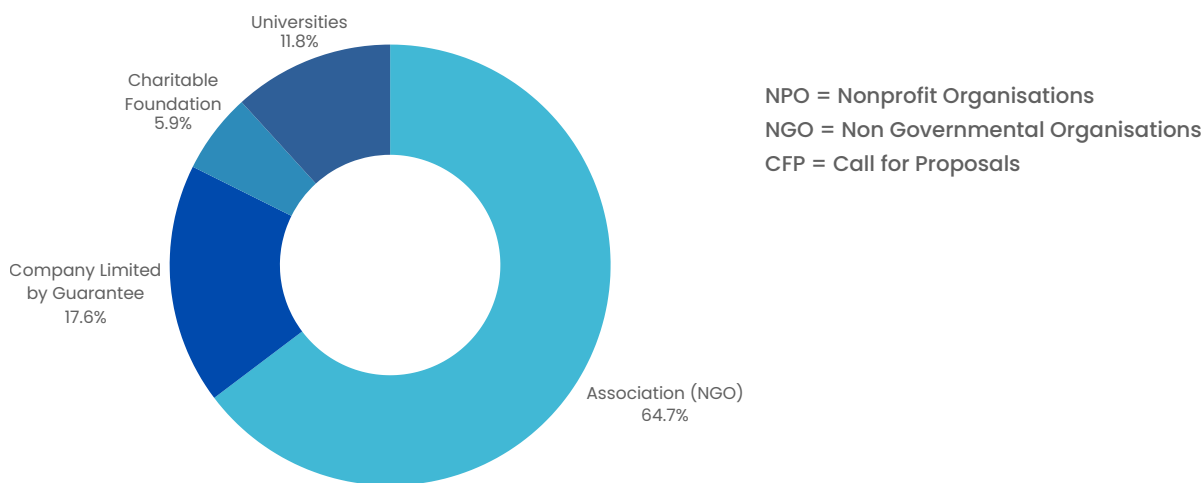
OVERVIEW OF PROJECTS

In the following pages you will find detailed project reports, a clear display of the project outcomes data, as well as photographic evidence of NPO activities. Together these strengthen the review of the project progress and results from MCT's CFP4 as well as the two from the universities from CFP3 that concluded during 2025.

Overview of Projects

1. Type of NPOs Funded Under CFP4

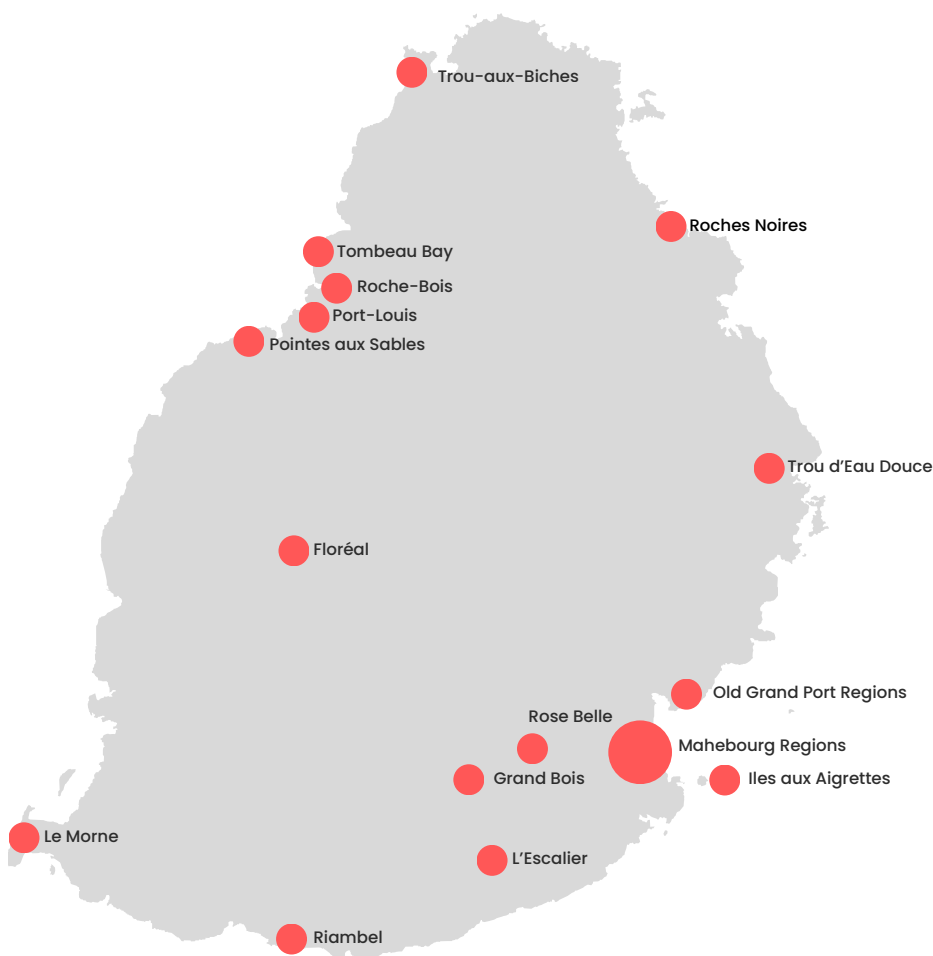
The graph below illustrates the different categories of the 17 NPOs selected for CFP4 and the 2 Universities from CFP3. More than half of the chosen applicants were NGOs.



2. Location of CFP4 Projects

The map below highlights where the CFP 4 projects were implemented across the island, illustrating the regional distribution of the fund allocation.

Although the funded projects supported communities from various parts of the country, nearly half were located in the Southeast. Some projects were implemented in more than one location.



3. United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Related to the Projects

This fourth call for proposals has once again shown strong support of the first three SDG's by combatting poverty (SDG 1), hunger (SDG 2) and poor health (SDG 3) through projects focusing on education (SDG 4) and reduction in inequality (SDG 10), across the island.

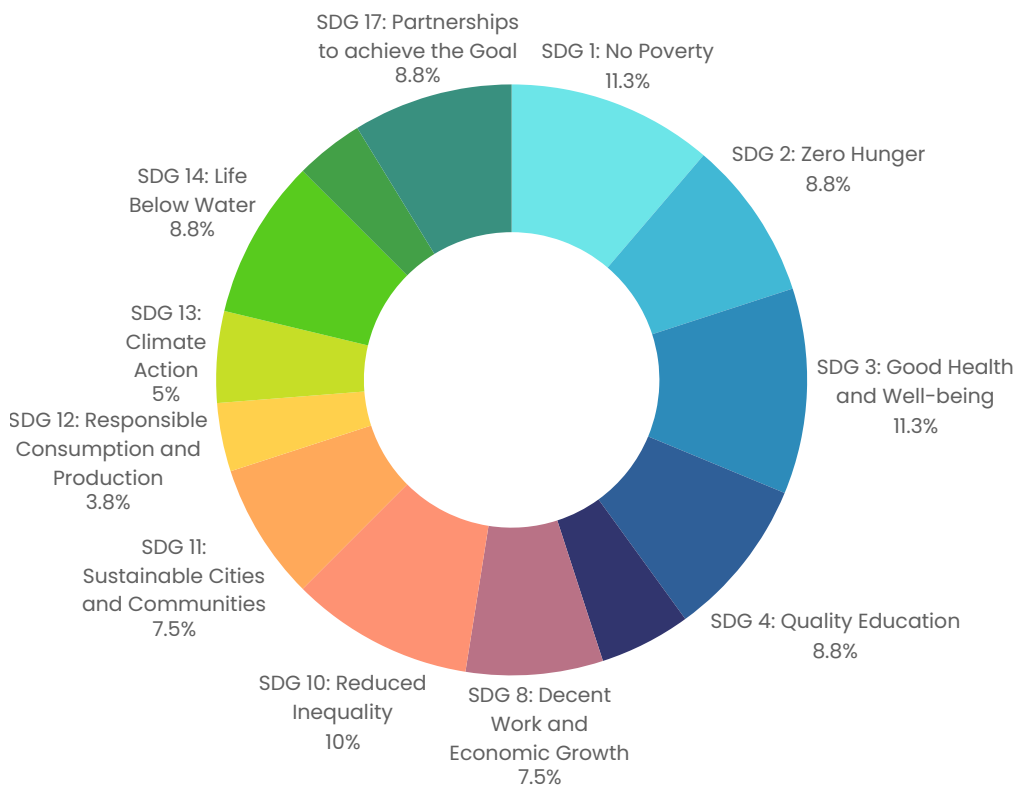
By reducing inequality amongst vulnerable people in Mauritius, most socially responsive SDGs are met. This has been seen clearly through the many empowerment and education projects implemented in 2025. Community development and raised standards of living bring new opportunity and economic growth (SDG 8) whilst it has been important to drive home the necessity of making sustainable choices (SDG 11).

MCT has encouraged collaboration amongst its recipient NPOs throughout the year resulting in creating new, and strengthening existing, partnerships to achieve the goals set at the beginning of the project period (SDG 17). Responsible consumption and production (SDG 12) have a been a key focus during this process, especially in projects related to recycling.

CFP 4 has seen true integration of social upliftment with environmental awareness. All environmentally focused projects have had an education element to their outcomes. Fishermen, mothers, children and the disabled, all had the opportunity to understand their impact on our island. Education institutions created frameworks for research to mitigate climate action (SDG 13) as well as protect life below water (SDG 14) and on life on land (SDG 15), ensuring that the future of Mauritius is protected for generations to come.

Overall, the CFP 4 and remaining CFP 3 projects have left a solid foundation for those to follow and continue their efforts.

SDG = Sustainable Development Goals
MCT= MOL Charitable Trust



4. Project Focus

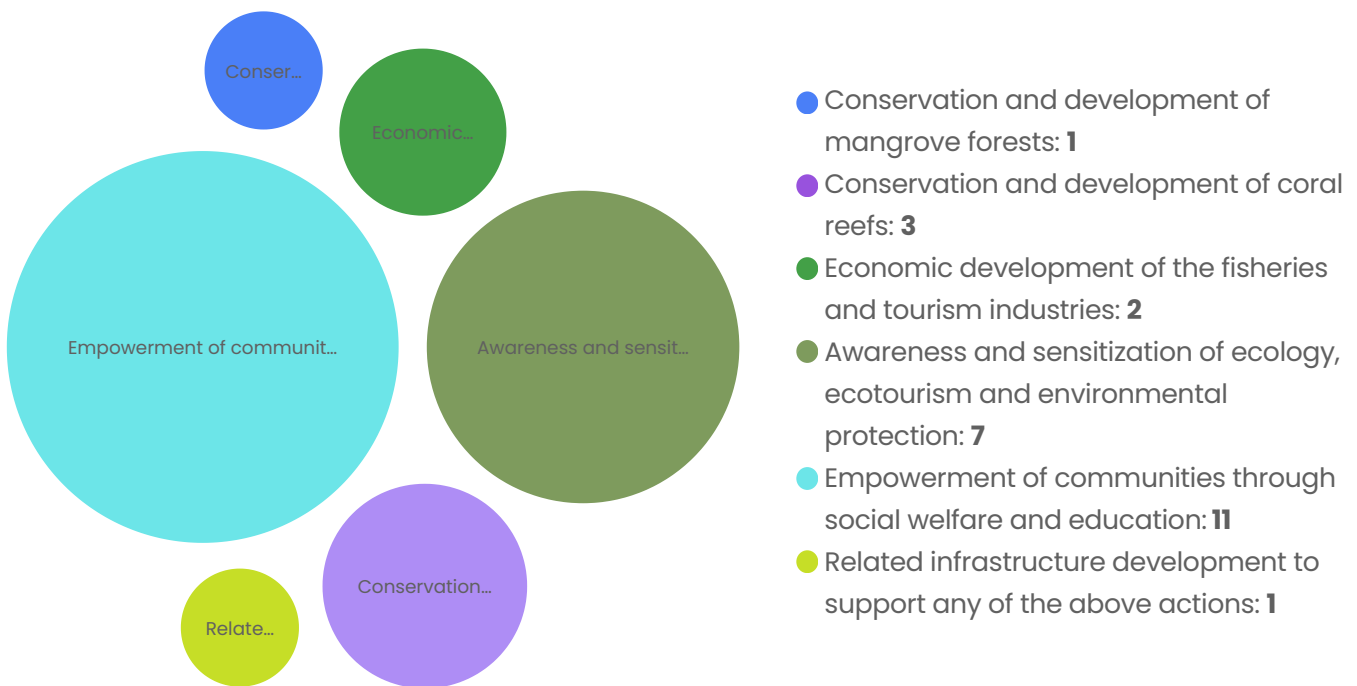
The graphical representations below illustrate, first, the number of projects according to the MCT Area of Intervention, followed by a broader categorisation.

The packed-circles chart indicates that more than half of the projects focused on strengthening the communities in which they were carried out. These initiatives provided beneficiaries with access to education and employment opportunities that supported their personal growth. The second-largest category, comprising seven projects, related to environmental themes and encouraging communities to be more aware of their surroundings.

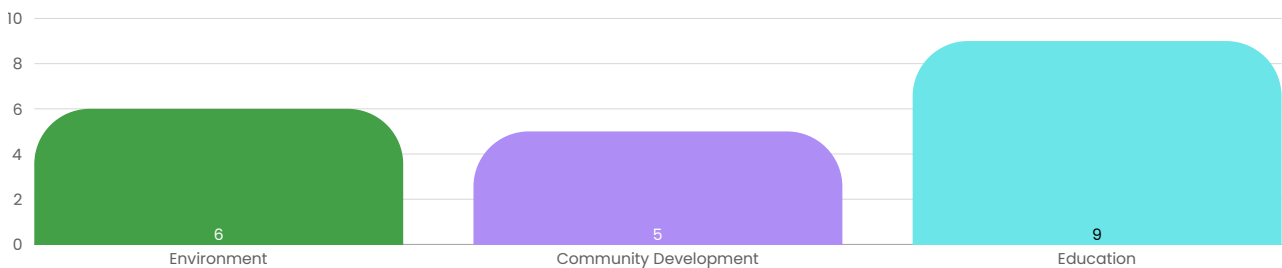
The bar chart aligns with these findings by showing that almost half of the projects supported education, followed closely by community development and environmental initiatives.

Overall, the charts show that community development and empowerment have been effectively complemented by environmentally oriented projects, resulting in a balanced approach supporting the communities involved.

MCT Areas of Intervention Related to the Project



Number of Projects by Focus Area



Note: Although this document reviews 17 projects, three of them have a dual focus area.



PRESENTATION OF PROJECTS

Join us as we celebrate with 15 NPOs from MOL Charitable Trust's CFP4, and 2 Universities from CFP3. Share in their success, and ultimately the generous opportunities given to them by the Trust, together with the significant impact they have made on their communities.

Association pour le Développement Durable (ADD)

Project Name: **Turning Seaweed into Sustainable Fertilizer**



 Community Development/Environment

 Ferney, Grand Port

 28 beneficiaries

MUR 1,000,865.20 allocated - 290,119.06 refunded to MCT

Project Summary:

The project focused on helping communities along the southeast coast of Mauritius convert seaweed into compost using 23 large composters at NPOs and schools, and 23 small ones to beneficiaries in their homes. Two batches of participants received theory and practical training from Ravi Rambujoo who has extensive experience in organic farming in Mauritius. Although this project was supposed to be in collaboration with the University of Mauritius, ADD managed to find alternative partners to ensure the success of the project.

Project Outcomes:

Training Sessions

- Batch 1: Three theoretical sessions were completed with good engagement, but participation declined once practical sessions began. Sessions took place in Bois des Amourettes Village Hall.
- Batch 2: 20 beneficiaries were identified in Ferney. The participants completed three theoretical and seven practical sessions. Their prior experience in gardening and composting helped speed up the practical component.

Beneficiaries Reached

- 28 people were reached through the participants: 11 co-workers at Ferney Agrihub, 11 family members, 6 NPO members.
- The beneficiaries began adopting small composting routines, creating early habits that support greener farming choices.

Large Composter - 23 Distributed

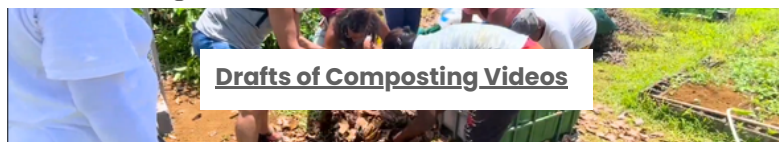
- 17 installed in Ferney Agrihub.
- 6 installed in the Grand Port area on land owned or managed by participants who are either landowners or staff working on these properties.

Small Composter - 23 Distributed

- 19 given directly to beneficiaries who had received large composters.
- 2 allocated to Loreto College Bambous Verieux secondary school.
- 2 allocated to ENL Foundation for their project in the south, Le Ferme Nou Leritaz.

Compost Production

Due to the early frustrations in identifying a supplier and trainer for seaweed composting, compost output, reduction in synthetic fertilizer use and the number of farmers actively using seaweed compost could not be measured. Please find below videos of the project which are still being edited:



Large composter at the Ferney Agrihub.



Beneficiaries in training with their trainer, Ravi.



“ We were already farming without chemicals – this project gave us the tools to close the loop and feed our soil the way nature intended.

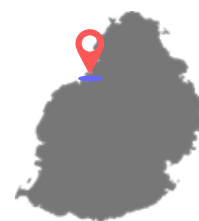
Through ADD's project, I received a large composter and practical training on how to combine collected seaweed with kitchen waste to produce compost.

The trainer, Ravi from Farm Basket, was outstanding. He went well above and beyond the scope of the project to make sure that our agroecological practices were functioning properly as part of a healthy ecosystem. He visited us on-site, answered questions patiently, and shared knowledge that I know I will carry forward for many years.

Working with ADD was a genuinely positive experience – the team was professional, supportive, and clearly committed to making a real difference in our community. ”



Beneficiary:
Sandy Monrose



Education



Roche Bois, Port Louis



92 individuals reached

MUR 812,000 allocated - 43,607.20 refunded to MCT

Project Summary:

The project helped children, parents and volunteers in Roche-Bois learn important skills through literacy classes, functional literacy courses and life-skills sessions. Children improved their reading, writing and confidence, while parents and volunteers also learned new skills that helped them support their families and community. The programme created a warm and encouraging environment where everyone learned at their own pace.

Project Outcomes:

Train-the-Trainer Programme

- 63% of enrolled participants completed the training, 5 out of 8.
- 100% of planned training hours were delivered - 40 hours completed across four quarters.
- Workshops on class management and emotional regulation were delivered to address observed challenges.
- Facilitators are now equipped to work with children facing learning difficulties.

Literacy Programme for Children

- 89% completion rate, 40 children out of 45 enrolled finished the programme.
- 100%+ of planned sessions delivered - 191 sessions were completed: above planned amount.
- 90% of children showed progress in their end-of-year school results.
- Children can now complete basic forms, introduce themselves, read and write days of the week, and identify syllables in simple words.

Functional Literacy for Parents

- 25 adults enrolled in the Basic Functional Literacy Course.
- 50 hours of training delivered across Quarter 3 and Quarter 4.
- 72% of enrolled parents had attendance $\geq 80\%$ - (18 out of 25) with a 92% retention rate. 2 out of 25 parents dropped out of the course.
- Parents gained practical skills such as filling forms, reading and writing days and months, using numbers up to 10,000, solving basic calculations, and introducing themselves in both English and French.

Life Skills Management Programme

- Two groups of training were implemented to accommodate availability.
- Total of 26 participants completed the programme.
- 83% completion rate overall - 26 out of 31 participants enrolled across both groups.
- Group 1: 83% (15/18 completed).
- Group 2: 79% (11/14 completed).

Participants reported improved confidence, communication and ability to set personal goals.



Beneficiary: Dominique Jackson

“The project allowed me to make a fresh start. I was able to accept myself as I am and gain self-confidence.

I learned how to handle tense situations in the family. It enabled me to fill out a bank form, to read, write, count, and speak French correctly. I managed to create a good family budget.

I was able to help others through the training I received.

It is a good project, and I would like it to reach more people so that there can be more opportunities in the future. ”

“

The project allowed me to pause and take a fresh look at my life. I was able to accept myself as I am, gain confidence, and find time to take care of myself and my family. I learned to plan my life and my time.

I became involved in the community through teaching catechism to children.

I was able to create a budget.

I became more open with others and developed a thirst for continuity to help me improve even more. It is a good project, and I would like it to reach more people. ”



Beneficiary: Melanie Drack



The children visiting Iles aux Aigrettes



Literacy classes run in the afternoon

Anou Progrese Ansam means Let's Progress Together.

Coral Garden Conservation

Project Name: **AquaVR Experience**



 Environment/Education

 Riambel and Le Morne

 65 students, 5 teachers and 22 fishermen

MUR 1,000,000

Project Summary:

The AquaVR Experience project introduced immersive marine education to students with disabilities, educators, fishermen and community members in the south of Mauritius. Through virtual reality (VR) sessions, participants were able to explore underwater coral reefs, seagrass meadows and restoration work in an accessible, engaging way. The initiative strengthened environmental awareness while building capacity among teachers, students and fishermen.

Project Outcomes:

Equipment & Technical Setup

- All planned equipment were bought – 10 VR headsets, 10 phones, high-performance laptop.
- Cloud storage and Microsoft 365 subscriptions were acquired to support the VR workflow.

Inclusion of Children with Disabilities

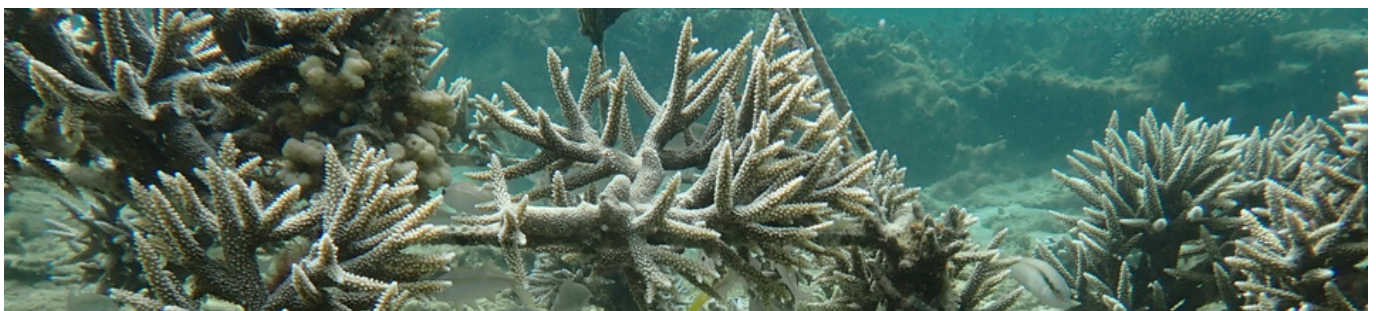
- The project reached approximately 65 students with disabilities, at Southern Handicapped Association in Riambel – compared to a target of 50 – 130% achievement.
- Sessions were adapted using step-by-step VR familiarisation, presentations and guided support.
- 5 out of 10 targeted educators were trained – the number of expected educators had been miscalculated. Only 5 educators were available at the association.
- A formal partnership was created with Southern Handicapped Association, Riambel and an informal partnership was initiated with their L'Escalier branch for future replication.

Community Sensitisation

- 16 sensitisation sessions were completed instead of 8 – 200% of the target.
- This included 8 formal sessions and 8 informal outreach activities with 22 fishermen from St Félix and Le Morne Voluntary Marine Conservation Areas (VMCAs).
- Over 90 community members, including fishermen and teachers, were sensitised through VR showcases and outreach.
- Students and community members experienced the ocean in an entirely new way, sparking curiosity and a deeper emotional link to marine life.

Digital VR Content Creation

- 12 VR video modules were produced against a target of 4.
- Footage captured from over 35+ dives across multiple ecosystems including reefs, seagrass meadows, coral nurseries and Crown of Thorns (COTs) control.



Coral Nursery set up by Coral Garden Conservation which has been used in the videos



Beneficiary:
Student - Manisha Bissesur

“ I was very happy to see the fish and corals in the AquaVR. It felt like I was swimming in the sea to see all those colours, fish and corals. Now I know that it is important to protect the ocean and keep it clean.

After the session, I learned many new things about the ocean. I saw different kinds of fish and corals with many colours. I also learned that the sea has plants like algae and many living creatures.

Now I understand that we must protect the ocean. We should not throw rubbish into the sea because it can harm marine animals. We must keep the sea clean.

I feel happy that I learned about the ocean and how to take care of it. ”



Beneficiary:
Teacher - Soonita Kanhye

“ This experience opened a new world for our learners. Through technology and marine awareness, our pupils did not just learn - they explored, felt, and understood. It has strengthened their confidence and love for the ocean that surrounds our island.




Some pupils who are usually passive became excited and expressive during the VR session. They were proud to describe fish, coral reefs, and sea creatures they “visited” virtually.

The session also encouraged discussions about protecting our beaches and keeping our environment clean – directly connecting learning to daily life in Mauritius. ”

Currimjee Foundation

Project Name: **Enn Zardin Pou Mwa**



-  Community Development
-  Cité Bethlehem, Rose Belle and Grand Bois
-  60 beneficiaries
- MUR** 1,000,000

Project Summary:

The Enn Zardin Pou Mwa Project supported 60 low-income households across Rose-Belle and Grand Bois. The activities helped beneficiaries set up home gardens, adopt sustainable gardening methods and improve their household vegetable supply. Participants reported high engagement, good harvests and meaningful reductions in food expenses, with many households becoming almost self-sufficient in their vegetable consumption. The initiative also strengthened community cohesion through collaborative learning, beneficiaries sharing ideas and regular follow-up.

Project Outcomes:

Garden Establishment

- All 60 gardens were established.
- Households in both regions sourced more than 90% of their vegetables from their gardens.
- All households surpassed the goal of producing 70% of their vegetables at home.
- Beneficiaries began growing new vegetable varieties and sharing produce within the community.
- All 60 households adopted sustainable gardening methods taught during training.
- Regular site visits and active WhatsApp support helped sustain engagement across both batches.

Food Expense Reduction

- Households reported average savings of Rs 2,500–3,000 per month, representing 25 to 30% reduction in food expenses. A tracking system confirmed the financial KPI was fully reached (100%).
- All participants were briefed on how home gardening contributes to long-term financial relief.
- Families discovered that growing their own vegetables brought healthier meals and a stronger sense of independence.

Economic Empowerment

- 13 out of 60 households sold vegetables: 22% of households, exceeding the 20% target.
- Sales occurred mainly within neighbourhoods, generating Rs 3,000–5,000 per month depending on availability and demand.
- Participants in Grand Bois showed a stronger interest in income-oriented gardening than those in Rose-Belle.

Community Engagement

- 93% of all beneficiaries were women, 56 out of 60.
- 50% of all participants were housewives.
- 80+ attendees were reached through two community events.
- Feedback from all participants showed strong interest in continuing and expanding their gardens.



Lettuce and chilli growing in the garden of a beneficiary



Beneficiary: Marie Louise Speville

“ We never stop learning, and the more we learn, the more experience we gain. Before joining this project, we used to do things very fast, without really understanding the importance of each step.

Through Enn Zardin Pou Mwa, I have learned to take my time, to care for the soil, and to put more love into everything I plant. Today, I see the difference in the quality of what we grow, and I feel proud knowing that I am providing healthier, better food for my children.

This project has truly changed the way I look at gardening and at caring for my family. ”

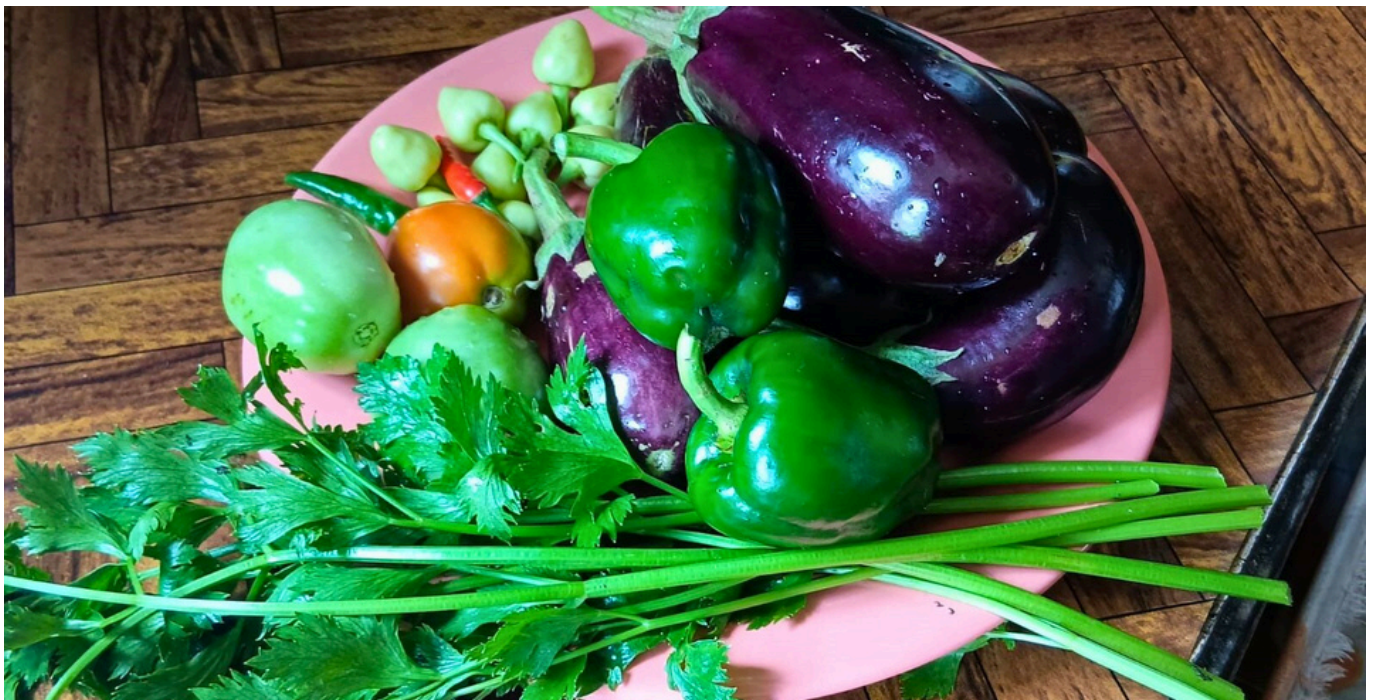
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Through Enn Zardin Pou Mwa, I have discovered the real value of planting organically.

Today, I clearly see the benefits of growing vegetables in a natural way, without harmful chemicals. I now plant my own vegetables, which allows me to protect my family's health and also contribute to the wellbeing of others who buy from me. This project has empowered me with knowledge, confidence, and a new sense of purpose. ”







Beneficiary: Kelly Napolimo



Fresh celery, chillies, peppers and egg plants from a harvest!

Enn Zardin Pou Mwa means A Garden for Me



-  Environment/Coral Reefs
-  Trou aux Biches
-  1330 individuals
-  MUR 500,000

Project Summary:

The project aimed to restore coral reefs in Trou-aux-Biches by growing coral fragments, transplanting them onto degraded reefs, and running awareness sessions for fishers, tourism operators, students and coastal families. While the restoration work could not continue due to the government's long waiting period to grant the required permit, the education and community engagement components reached a large audience. The project helped people understand the value of coral reefs and inspired strong interest in marine conservation across the community.

Project Outcomes:

Community Awareness and Sensitisation

- 1,330 people reached in total: 30 local fishers, 750 students and youth, 250 tourism operators (divers, skippers, beach staff) and 300 coastal residents.
- Many participants had limited knowledge of coral reefs and left with a better understanding of how reefs support fishing, tourism and coastal protection.
- The youth showed strong curiosity and interest in continuing marine work, especially after demonstrations.
- Tourism operators expressed willingness to adopt more eco-friendly practices.

Educational Training Activities

- Students from the University of Mauritius and secondary schools participated directly in coral farming demonstrations (fragmenting and attaching coral pieces), reef surveys, and fish biodiversity assessments.
- The youth gained a new appreciation for lagoon ecosystems.
- Families and beach visitors learned simple practices to protect coral reefs, such as avoiding anchoring on reefs and reducing waste disposal.

Social Media and Public Outreach

- Social media reached 10,000 people with posts on coral species, marine life, and project activities.
- Work began on an online platform to document lagoon species.
- Online engagement increased public interest, with many people resharing posts and asking how to help protect reefs.
- The digital outreach encouraged transparency and community involvement despite field activity limitations.



TAB 8 on the far right - EcoMode Coral Nursery Site in Trou aux Biches

Coral Nurseries and Scientific Monitoring

- All coral related KPIs (growth, survival, transplantation) remained at 0%, due to project termination.
- Weekly monitoring of existing nursery corals continued; species present include *Acropora* spp and *Pocillopora* spp.
- Even without the permit, the team still monitored existing corals, learning which species handled bleaching better – crucial knowledge for future restoration.
- Findings showed *Porites* spp. survived better than *Acropora* spp., helping identify climate-resistant species that could be used later.

Fish Surveys

- 44 fish species recorded across 16 families, totalling 1,055 individuals.
- Surveys indicated high seaweed dominance (*Sargassum*, *Turbinaria*) and significant coral rubble.
- Fieldwork helped reveal clear signs of climate pressure and tourism impacts on the lagoon.
- Students and fishers gained a better understanding of lagoon deterioration and why restoration is urgently needed.



Leptoria Phrygia and *Oulophylla Crispa*, two coral types on the Trou-aux-Biches Site



Biodiversity in the nursery on the Trou-aux-Biches Site

ENL Foundation

Project Name: **La Ferme Nou Leritaz**



 Community Development

 La Baraque, L'Escalier

 46 individuals

MUR 1,000,000

Project Summary:

The project supported vulnerable families in the south by helping them grow food, gain practical farming skills, and start small production activities. Through training, land preparation, and step-by-step coaching, families and children learned sustainable agriculture techniques. The year closed with almost all activities completed and strong participation from families and youth.

Project Outcomes:

Families trained in sustainable agriculture

- 12 families received both theoretical and practical farming training, with a 100% completion rate.
- Families gained confidence in growing their own food and felt more secure knowing they could produce vegetables independently.
- 6 other families were allocated prepared land plots for cultivation. Access to land gave them a sense of ownership and purpose. They feel more hopeful about future income opportunities.

Children trained in agriculture & composting

- 25 children were enrolled and fully trained in planting, cultivating and composting activities. They became more curious and confident outdoors, discovering how food grows and building early habits of caring for the environment.

Community members trained

- Community training covered product development, production and basic business planning.
- A strategic plan to guide community marketing activities was completed at 100%. Community members felt motivated, learning simple ways to create and sell products.

Equipment procurement & animal-rearing foundations

- Machinery was bought, supporting production activities.
- The rearing units structure is completed. The contractor is now finalising the units' roof. Due to the bad weather, the cleaning on the units has not been done yet but will be completed by the first week of April 2026. Plumbing and electric system will be installed after the cleaning.
- Animals will be bought to La Ferm Nou Leritaz during the second week of April 2026.
- Families are excited about the opportunity to diversify into small-scale livestock production, as it is a new income pathway.



Children enjoying their time in the garden of La Ferm Nou Leritaz



Rearing units nearly completed on the farm.



“

My involvement in the project has allowed me to increase my household income and improved my collaboration with other planters, allowing to buy and sell other products.

I am especially proud to have been able to bring my children with me at LFNL and initiate them to organic planting. Today, my involvement in LFNL is not an individual one, but a family one. ”

Beneficiary
Melanie Nunkoo

“*This project gave me the opportunity to contribute to educating Mauritian society on healthier eating through organic products and the risks linked to pesticide-related diseases.*

I am committed to advocating for a better, safer future for our children. The impact goes beyond me: less spending, no waste, reusing instead of throwing away, and a deeper understanding of the ecosystem.

I have seen how organic food benefits families and society, and what started as work has become an extraordinary discovery. ”






Project Manager
Andre Barbe

La Ferme Nou Leritaz means The Farm of Our Heritage.

Fondation Solidarité

Project Name: **Nou Baz Solider**

-  Community Development
-  Cite Mangalkan, Floréal
-  76 households and 80 beneficiaries

MUR 995,000 allocated – Rs16,021.68 refunded to MCT



Project Summary:

Nou Baz Solider, a second-hand shop, also selling subsidised food, was created to support vulnerable households in the region. This offering was complemented with home visits, social follow-up, community outreach and other stakeholder partnerships offering skills-based training and promoting waste-reduction initiatives. The project supported 76 households and provided targeted support in food security, education, employability and sustainable consumption. Activities throughout the year helped strengthen resilience, reduce expenses, improves school attendance and empower individuals to take steps toward long-term stability.

Project Outcomes:

Household Support

- Although the target was to reach 100 households, 76 households were well supported.
- 84 home visits were completed; 52 households (87%) regularly engaged in activities and services.
- 45 households (75%) accessed essential goods monthly at solidarity prices.
- Social worker follow-ups ensured ongoing engagement and strengthened behaviour change.
- Families felt supported and less isolated as they learned new skills, improved savings and built trust through regular contact and community activities.

Solidary Customers

- Targeted 200 solidary customers and 150 customers recorded due to delay in project rollout.
- Growth driven by outreach sales, seasonal events, online communication and visibility at markets.

Monthly Savings for Beneficiary Households

- Targeted Rs 2,000 in monthly savings – 30 active beneficiary households achieved an average savings of Rs 1,500 per month.
- Active beneficiaries: Those who have been using their solidarite cards the past 3 months.
- Savings were redirected to home repairs, children's needs and debt reduction.

School Attendance

- 100% attendance recorded for all beneficiary children.
- Close monitoring was done by the project's Social Worker.
- Partner NGOs on the ground also helped in the support of these families.

Waste Reduction & Circular Economy

- 5.55 tons of second-hand items collected.
- 75% of donations repaired, upcycled or sold.
- 5.55 tons diverted from landfill – 198% of KPI targeted.
- Weekly repair sessions and a mobile repair station supported reuse and awareness.



Women upcycling fabric through crochet

Employability & Training

- 30 youths enrolled across 6 focus areas
- 9 entrepreneurs trained in employability/entrepreneurship
- 80 people attended a health day workshop.
- Training included culinary, nutrition, tailoring, shoemaking, entrepreneurship and life skills.



Beneficiary: Rozy Achille

“

I am truly grateful to Nou Baz Solider for their invaluable support and for always being there when I needed help.

Sometimes, all it takes is for someone to believe in you, and you realize that you are capable of achieving so much.

I can proudly say that I have become a small business owner, and my life has improved in many positive ways.

I am more independent financially and able to look after my family as I am a single grandmother.

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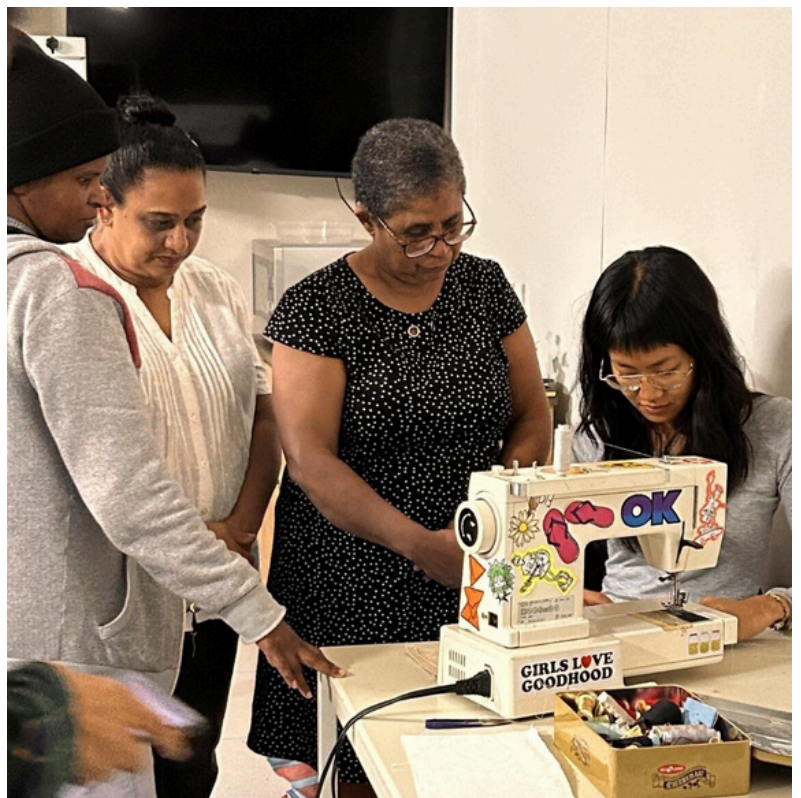
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I want to express my gratitude to Nou Baz Solider for believing in me and supporting me in my personal and professional development. I am now able to earn additional income through my sewing work, which has greatly improved my financial stability.

This extra source of revenue helps me better support my household and manage my expenses with more confidence. Moreover, I have been able to apply what I learned in my training to my daily life.

For example, I now practice better time management, which allows me to organize my tasks efficiently and balance my responsibilities more effectively.

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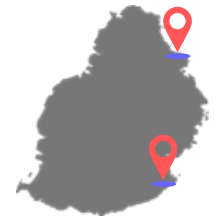


Beneficiary: Trivenee Moonien

Nou Baz Solider means Our Place of Solidarity.

Green Attitude Foundation

Project Name: **Sea Turtle Preservation – Phase 2**



- Environment
- Southeast and northeast regions of Mauritius
- 28 patrollers, 85 youth, 12 adults
- MUR** 997,400 with rollover of 16,671.47 to CFP5

Project Summary:

The Phase II Sea Turtle Preservation Project strengthened local capacity through training, monitoring and community engagement across the north and southeast regions of Mauritius. Volunteers were trained in beach patrolling, scientific monitoring and awareness delivery, while scientific surveys provided more data on sea turtle presence and habitat use. The initiative also expanded outreach through education sessions and strengthened collaboration with relevant authorities. This project is a continuity of the phase I project funded by MCT.

Project Outcomes:

Volunteer Network

- A functional community volunteer network was established.

Training of Volunteer Beach Patrollers

- 28 volunteers were trained in beach patrolling – 12 in the northeast and 16 in the southeast.
- Training sessions were held in both regions, with consistent engagement in the north and a core group active in the southeast of Mauritius.
- 7 out of 28 trained patrollers expressed willingness to continue in future activities.

Manta Tow Surveys

- Following directives from Attitude’s HR department, volunteers were not permitted to take part in in-water activities and therefore cannot be covered by their insurance policy.
- Manta tow surveys were conducted exclusively by members of the Marine Discovery Centre team.

Training Materials

- All awareness and training materials from Phase II were finalised and printed.



Restitution Workshop involving the National Coastguard and Albion Fisheries Research Centre

Community Awareness Sessions (97)

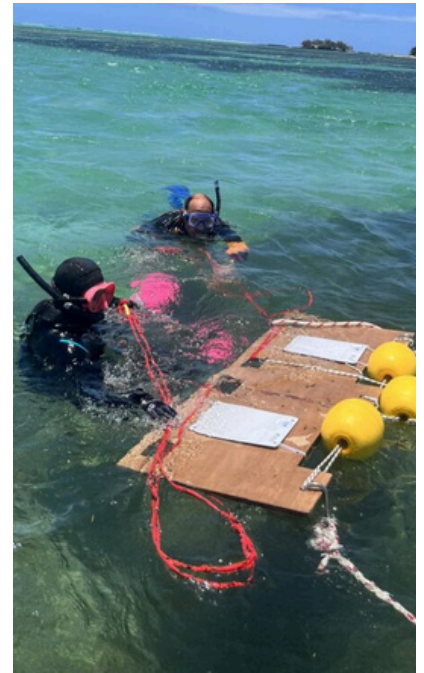
- Awareness sessions engaged 85 children and youth, plus 12 adults, strengthening local understanding of sea turtle conservation.
- Young patrollers and community members developed pride in caring for local beaches and felt more connected to the wildlife around them.

Scientific Monitoring

- Manta tow surveys: 120.64 km surveyed, 58 sea turtles recorded (higher than in Phase I).
- Both drone surveys completed and reported.
- Nesting monitoring: 23 beach patrols completed across 6 sites
- Scientific report with all data is fully completed.
- Draft conservation paper proposal was initiated but not yet presented. Will be finalised and submitted during Phase III (2026).

Stakeholder Engagement

- Initial discussion held during a restitution workshop involving the National Coastguard and Albion Fisheries Research Centre.



Manta tow survey



Beneficiary: Meghana, beach patroller in the North

“Joining the Sea Turtle Nesting Monitoring was such a wholesome and unexpectedly funny adventure. We met super early in the morning – half-awake, half-frozen, but fully excited – ready to become turtle detectives.

The sad reality of waste pollution caused by both humans and animals, seeing the litter scattered across such a beautiful coast really hit us. It made our mission feel even more important.

I genuinely recommend the Sea Turtle Nesting Monitoring to anyone who wants to contribute, learn, and share a morning filled with purpose, humour, and unforgettable moments – even if the turtles decide not to show up.”

“Beach monitoring was an incredibly enriching and wonderful experience for me, and I can assure you that was the case for the small team that accompanied us each day.

A huge thank you first and foremost to the two girls from the Marine Discovery Centre for their excellent presentation at the beginning of the program.

Thanks to them, we learned so much about sea turtles.”



Beneficiary: Lovish, beach patroller in the Southeast

Junior Achievement Mascareignes (JAM)

Project Name: **Green Entrepreneurship – GREENT**



Education



Islandwide



540 students and 59 teachers from 16 schools

MUR

823,494 allocated – 56,603.88 refunded to MCT

Project Summary:

The GREENT Programme, generated through MMIF Funding, strengthened environmental learning in secondary schools by training teachers, distributing educational resources and engaging students through hands-on activities. The initiative exceeded all key participation targets, reaching schools across Mauritius while also building teacher capacity for continued programme delivery. Strong visibility through social media and workshops supported wider awareness and uptake.

Project Outcomes:

School Engagement

- 16 schools participated during the year, exceeding the annual target of 10.
- 540 students completed both pre and post-tests, surpassing the target of 400.
- 24 workshops were conducted across four quarters, achieving 120% of the annual KPI.
- A total of 820 pre-tests and 556 post-tests were collected, with 540 matched to measure learning outcomes.

Teacher Training

- 59 teachers trained across the year – 295% of the 20 teachers targeted.
- The Train-the-Trainer model helped strengthen programme sustainability.
- 28 teachers attended the final GREENT workshop – 140% of the target.
- Over the year, teachers expressed concerns about integrating the JA GREENT programme into their existing syllabus and finding sufficient time for implementation. Time constraints, particularly during end-of-semester periods, exams, and holidays, also limited opportunities to enrol new schools and fully deliver planned activities. To address these challenges, the programme was highlighted as adaptable to different subjects, and schools were encouraged to adopt a flexible, phased approach, implementing core components first while deferring selected activities.

Learning Materials Distributed

- 54 teachers' manuals distributed – 135% of target.
- 1,926 pre and post-tests distributed – 214% of target.

Public Visibility & Social Media Reach

- Social media and outreach activities reached 339,448 individuals.



Teachers posing for a symbolic photo with their GREENT Manual



“ The implementation of JA GREENT demonstrates a meaningful contribution to strengthening young people’s understanding of sustainability and green entrepreneurship.

The findings show improvements in participants’ awareness of sustainability, alongside a reduction in uncertainty around key environmental concepts. Importantly, the majority of learners perceived the program as highly relevant to their future, underscoring its alignment with the skills and knowledge required in a sustainability-driven world.

While the results highlight strong progress, they also reveal areas for further development, notably in deepening conceptual understanding for a minority of participants. ”

Project Manager
Anousha Duva Pentiah-Hurkhoo



Students of Manilal Doctor State Secondary School, Lalmatie

Mahebourg Espoir

Project Name: **Employability of Youth with Little Education Background**



Education



Ville Noire, Mahebourg



33 youth

MUR

1,000,000

Project Summary:

The project supported vulnerable adolescents in Mahebourg by providing training in hairdressing and agriculture, helping them build practical skills, confidence and readiness for future employment. Students showed steady improvements in discipline, attendance and engagement, while both training streams recorded strong performance and positive feedback from educators and placement partners. The activities created a structured learning path for youth with limited educational background and helped prepare them for the real work environment.

Project Outcomes:

Practical & Theory Training Delivery

- Hairdressing:
 - 28 practical classes and 25 theory classes completed per group with 90% class attendance.
 - Field work attendance at 54%, limited by legal age requirements of 16yrs.
 - Placement participation at 42%, limited by legal age requirements of 16yrs.
- Agriculture:
 - 23 practical classes and 23 theory classes completed with 90% class attendance.
 - Field work participation at 86%.
 - Placement participation at 36%, limited by legal age requirement of 16yrs.
- Practical classes
 - Improved motivation and attendance (50% attendance improvement).
 - Students showed stronger peer relationships, teamwork and emotional regulation.
- Workshops and placements built discipline, responsibility and workplace readiness.
- Adolescents found motivation and hope through hands-on learning, giving a clearer sense of direction.

Student Pass Rates

- Hairdressing: 22 out of 24 students passed (98%).
- Agriculture: 25 out of 28 students passed (90%).
- Coaches highlighted discipline, motivation and strong progress in both streams.
- Placement firms praised students' seriousness, respect and eagerness to learn.
- Educators noted improved concentration, cooperation and discipline.



Mahebourg Espoir staff with harvest from their greenhouse

3. Agriculture Production

- Greenhouse built on site – 100 m² greenhouse cultivated throughout the year.
- 20 varieties of crops grown with yield measured across 10 crop varieties – 100% achievement.
- 60% of crops harvested, meeting the annual target.
- School canteen reduced vegetable costs and benefited from organic produce.



Beneficiary: Cedric

“I am grateful towards all those who initiated and worked towards the realization of the agricultural project. Together with my school peers, who alike benefited from the project, we wish to express our warmest gratitude for the impacts this project has had in our lives and will have in our future.

The greatest impact on my life is my new acquired passion for planting. I have stopped loitering aimlessly with the village gang, and my whole free time is with my plants. The vegetables my father and I grow, not only feed our large family but also bring some additional income home, through the surplus yields that we sell to neighbors.

The skills and knowledge I have acquired have increased my self confidence and belief in my worth. My past academic failure in primary school is no longer a hinderance to my professional advancement.”

“I am very grateful towards MOL for the creation of the hairdressing salon and for the hairdresser coach. My peers and I are now well equipped to enter, in a couple of years, the work market.

The project has made it possible for youth who have not completed their formal education, to embrace a fruitful career.

From the timid and frightful little 10 years old girl I was when I enrolled in Mahebourg Espoir and with my difficult family background, I can say that I am now a positive and outspoken teenager.

The family does not have to pay salons for societal gatherings, and I even earn some pocket money, doing relatives' and neighbours' shampooing and hair.

I have already made a name as hairdresser in my family circle.”



Beneficiary: Chloe

Mauritian Wildlife Foundation

Project Name: **Learning with Nature**



Education



Ile aux Aigrettes, Mahebourg Bay



233 children and 32 adults

MUR 1,000,000

Project Summary:

The Learning with Nature programme enabled children and educators from various schools and NPOs to experience guided environmental tours on Île aux Aigrettes. Despite scheduling constraints and delays in communication materials, the project successfully hosted multiple groups and generated strong interest through spontaneous requests. Participants gained exposure to native species, conservation actions and hands-on outdoor learning in a protected natural environment.

Project Outcomes:

Outreach and Invitation Response

- 365 invitations sent out of 500 targeted.
- All targeted schools/organisations responded positively.
- Delay in sending invitations (May instead of January 2025) affected booking uptake.
- Expected 5–10 spontaneous – MCT funded 5 spontaneous requests.
- Rodrigues schools also reached out but could not be accommodated due to group size.

Communication Materials

- Target was 9 posts reflecting 9 visits but only 6 posts were published.
- Some schools declined photo sharing for privacy reasons, limiting content available for posting.

Visits and Reach

- Planned 9 visits; 8 visits completed – 88%.
- 233 children and 32 adults reached.
- Q2 and Q4 saw the highest bookings; no visits in Q1 (start-of-year prep) and Q3 (exam period).

Education Impact & Engagement

- 8 schools/organisations benefitted from the programme.
- Positive feedback received from beneficiaries and social media engagements.
- Education packs distributed successfully despite cost overruns in book printing.



School visit to Ile aux Aigrettes



Beneficiary: Valery Matombé Antoinette

“ This project has transformed our community and given us new opportunities for the future. As a result of this project, students developed a deeper understanding of environmental protection, conservation, and the dangers of pollution.

They are now more aware of the importance of preserving endemic species and protecting natural habitats. Many students expressed pride in discovering that Mauritius has unique plants and animals found nowhere else in the world.

This project has enriched their knowledge beyond textbooks by allowing them to experience learning in a real-life setting. ”



“ This experience allowed our children to learn beyond the classroom, connect with nature, and discover the importance of protecting our environment in a meaningful and lasting way.

The experience was exceptionally well structured and child-centred. The children benefited from guided learning on endemic flora and fauna, conservation practices, and environmental responsibility.

The facilitation was engaging, inclusive, and adapted to the learning needs of the children, making the experience both educational and enjoyable. ”

Beneficiary: Michele-Ange Carriapen

Mission Verte

Project Name: **Initiatives to Raise Awareness of Waste Reduction, Reuse, Recycling and Composting**



Education



Southeast region of Mauritius



2,719 beneficiaries

MUR

966,356.50 allocated – 206,249.00 refunded to MCT

Project Summary:

The project raised awareness about waste reduction, reuse, recycling and composting among communities and young people in the southeast region of Mauritius. Through a combination of school sessions, clean-ups, on-site sensitisation and recycled product distribution, Mission Verte engaged more than 2,700 people and promoted environmentally responsible habits. Despite challenges in mobilising institutions and implementing training on composting, the project strengthened public understanding of sustainable waste practices.

Project Outcomes:

Educational Sessions

- Targeted 40 educational sessions, 29 sessions delivered (72.5%). Cancellations from schools and difficulty securing new venues reduced numbers.
- Target: 4 out of 20 workshops on reduce–reuse–recycle completed. Low mobilisation from schools, associations and centres limited delivery of the sessions.
- Target: 1 out of 20 composting sessions delivered. Very limited interest from targeted institutions.
- 841 participants reached – 60.07% achievement.
- Educative sessions helped children develop new recycling habits, with many starting to sort and recycle for the first time.

Clean-up Activities

- Target: 200 participants.
- 81 participants over 4 clean-ups. Difficulty mobilising groups and coordinating with contact persons.
- Clean-ups encouraged youth participation and community pride.

Green Ambassador Sensitisation

- Target: 1,800 people with 1,800 residents sensitised.
- Daily rounds with a cargo bike increased visibility and engagement.



Community education on recycling

Awareness Videos

- Target: 90,000 people sensitised via videos.
- Videos were not released in 2025 due to delays in scripting and production – 0%.
- First release planned for March 2026.



Video Educating on How to REUSE Materials



Video Educating on How to REFUSE Materials

Distribution of Recycled Plastic Items

- Target: 1,000 items with 1,000 keyholders distributed (100%).
- Distributed across workshops, school sessions, clean-ups and by the green ambassador.
- Recycled keyholders and green ambassador rounds modelled practical circular-economy behaviour.

Plastics & Aluminium Collection

- Plastics collected: 1,103 kg out of 1,300 kg target (84.9%).
- Aluminium collected: 32 kg out of 72 kg target (44.4%).
- Stronger public awareness of plastic recycling compared to aluminium.



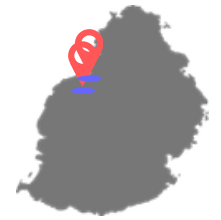
“This project has empowered our beneficiaries to convert waste into a sustainable product. After the training, many beneficiaries started to make their own compost. Some who were already involved in this field improved their work thanks to the techniques they learned in this session. Others began to sort their household waste.




Among the participants were two young sisters who were so motivated that they set up a small vegetable garden in their yards.”

Beneficiary: Mary Joyce Thatiah

Revey Twa

Project Name: **Revey Twa Fam**



-  Education/Community Development
-  Port Louis, Pointe aux Sables
-  27 women supporting 132 members of their families
- MUR** 999,952

Project Summary:

The project supported women from vulnerable households through practical skills training, life-skills development and employment pathways. Two batches completed training across several vocational areas, with strong engagement from participants and growing support from hotel partners for placements. The programme contributed to improved confidence, household stability and meaningful entry-level job opportunities for women in Pointe-aux-Sables and Port Louis.

Project Outcomes:

Training Participation & Completion

- Targeted 30 women trained (15 per batch).
- 27 out of 31 women completed the full training
 - Batch 1: 14 enrolled → 11 completed and graduated.
 - Batch 2: 17 enrolled → 16 completed and graduated.
- Classes delivered across multiple modules: cooking & pastry, cleaning, laundry, sewing, florist, life skills, babysitting and grooming.
- Graduation ceremonies were held in June and November 2025.

Employment & Income Generation

- 25 out of 27 placed for work or self-employed (93%)
- Employment pathways included:
 - 2 placed at Victoria Hotel & Suffren Hotel
 - 2 assistant cook positions at La Croisette
 - 5 placed in supermarkets
 - 3 in retail roles
 - 7 in housekeeping roles
 - 6 launched micro-businesses (braids, food, florist).
- Only 2 participants remained unemployed at project end.



Smiles all round at the Graduation Celebration after the completion of the course

Partnerships

- 3 new hotel partners engaged:
 - Victoria Hotel
 - Le Suffren Hotel
 - Lagoon Attitude Hotel
- Partners supported grooming sessions, practical training and job placements.

Programme Engagement & Family Impact

- 132 direct and indirect beneficiaries, including adults, children and babies supported across both batches.
- Food vouchers helped families during training days.
- Strong community acceptance – husbands enrolling wives for Batch 2.
- Participants showed increased confidence, improved grooming and readiness for work settings.



“ I would like to thank the whole team.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to learn new things and to grow.

I learned several skills such as sewing, cooking, floral art, personal development and housekeeping.

The project helped me gain confidence. I feel more useful and valued.



Beneficiary:
Marie – Louise Pha

“ I joined Revey Twa Fam because of the sewing course, and it has helped me discover a talent and confidence I did not know I had.

Thanks to this project, I have developed a valuable new skill that I am truly proud of. I can now create clothes for myself and my family, and I feel a great sense of accomplishment each time I complete a piece.

The sewing course has strengthened my confidence and allowed me to explore my creativity.

Being part of Revey Twa Fam has been a positive and enriching experience for me.

Beneficiary:

Alvina Padiachy Veerlapin







Revey Twa Fam means Wake Up Women.

St Malo Sail Training and Yaching Association

Project Name: **Acquisition of Trailers for Launching Sailing Dinghies at Sea**



-  Education
-  Tombeau Bay
-  20 youth
-  174,000

Project Summary:

The Boat Trailers Project strengthened the sailing programme in Baie du Tombeau by improving logistics, reducing equipment handling time and ensuring safer transport of boats for training sessions. Despite recruitment challenges, the initiative enabled consistent activities throughout the year, supporting young people from vulnerable backgrounds through structured and engaging sailing sessions. The upgraded equipment helped maintain continuity and operational efficiency even during leadership health constraints.

Project Outcomes:

Equipment & Logistics Efficiency

- Four new trailers (Laser, Enterprise, Optimist) were purchased and delivered on time.
- New trailers reduced manual handling, improved safety and allowed sessions to start on time.
- Trailer use saved approximately 26 hours, equivalent to 217% of the expected time-saving target (initial target: 30 minutes per session).
- Zero boat damage recorded – 100% reduction in incidents.

Training Sessions

- Target: 40 sessions using the trailers.
- 26 sessions delivered with the new trailers – 65% achievement.
- Targeted 700 trainees but reached 543 trainees only – 77.8% achievement.
- Targeted 20% increase in youth enrolment but this could not be achieved, as no new recruitment occurred due to health constraints of the President and Vice-President of the Association.

Community Development

- Programme supported 15–20 youth per session, including 2 participants with disabilities and 2 registered on the Social Register of Mauritius.
- Sailing activities promoted teamwork, discipline and healthy habits.
- A festive year-end event helped strengthen social connections among participants.



Trailers funded by MOL Charitable Trust to facilitate the transport of dinghies to and from the water.



“

Before, we had to carry the boats ourselves from the SMSTAYA yard to the sea, which was heavy and tiring.

Now, with the trailers, everything has become easier.

We save time and energy, and we can spend more of the day enjoying sailing activities. It feels like we are truly part of something special.”

Beneficiary:
A.S. 14 years

“*The trailers have changed our experience. The boats used to be kept in the association yard, about 15 metres from the sea, and carrying them back and forth was difficult for us.*

With the trailers, we can move them quickly and safely, which gives us more time to learn, play, and grow through sailing. It makes us feel stronger and more hopeful.”

Beneficiary:
J.R. 15 years



Ti Rayons Soleil

Project Name: **Les Boulbouls Play Centre**



 Education

 Cite Beau Vallon, Mahebourg

 21 families

MUR 1,000,000

Project Summary:

The Les Boulbouls Play Centre supported 22 vulnerable children and 21 families through early learning activities, health monitoring, psychosocial support and parent-empowerment sessions. Children showed steady improvement in motor skills, communication, behaviour and independence, while parents benefited from workshops, home visits and practical guidance. The programme helped prepare young children for kindergarten and strengthened family wellbeing.

Project Outcomes:

Early Learning & Development

- Fine motor skills: 100% of children able to complete all activities (100%).
- Gross motor skills: Teacher assessments showed 92% progress for the year.
- Understanding & comprehension: 86% progress, with stronger ability to follow routines, instructions and express needs.
- Among all children who transitioned to kindergarten in 2025, 100% were fully potty trained.
- 86.8% average child attendance – 109% achievement.
- Staff attendance averaged 87.7%, supporting consistent routines for learners.

Health & Nutrition Monitoring

- 20 nurse visits completed – 100% achievement.
- Children's BMI categories improved by 22% overall, reflecting better nutrition.
- For long-term children (full year): BMI improved by 7.1%.
- 14 hygiene classes completed – 100% KPI.
- 37 SAEC sessions completed instead of 8 per quarter.

Psychological Support

- 14 psychologist–parent meetings held.
- 92.3% of children were able to eat independently.
- Parenting support improved confidence and strengthened home–centre alignment.



Children out for an outing



Workshop with the parents

Parent Empowerment & Family Support

- 9 parent workshops delivered, 63% overall attendance – progress despite challenges scheduling.
- 63 home visits completed with constant phone follow-ups for regular support.
- 105 office visits, meeting 64 parents – 100%+ achievement.
- 20 food packs distributed – 100% KPI.

Behavioural & Social Progress

- Outings with the children boosted sensory learning, exploration and group interaction.
- Children demonstrated better emotional expression, social interaction and confidence.
- Parents became more engaged, participative and open to guidance.
- Staff punctuality and reliability ensured smooth daily operations.



“From a silent house to a home full of life-this project gave us back our hope and happiness. Thank you for helping my son shine.

The project has catalyzed a profound transformation in our lives, shifting our family dynamic from one of isolation to active connection. The most immediate change is in our daily rhythm; the silence of the television has been replaced by the vibrant sound of Essaie playing joyfully with his relatives and friends.

Above all, I am deeply moved to see Essaie's true personality emerge. My proudest achievement is witnessing his independence and his blossoming.

Seeing him develop a stronger, more loving relationship with his father has healed our family unit in ways I didn't think possible.

Today, I don't just see a child growing up: I see a happy, confident individual who is thriving.”

Beneficiary: Mother of Essaie Paul

“He came to us broken and silent, but this project helped him find his voice and his smile. Watching him transform from a violent, scared child into a loving boy is the greatest gift of my life.

On a personal level, I have gained invaluable knowledge about trauma and potience, transforming me into a more confident guardian. Today, watching Ayush blossom into a confident, eager learner is my greatest pride. He is no longer defined by his past, but by the bright, thriving boy he has become.

This holistic approach-caring for both Ayush's health and our basic nutrition-provided the stability we desperately needed to move forward.This holistic approach-caring for both Ayush's health and our basic nutrition-provided the stability we desperately needed to move forward.”

Beneficiary: Mother of Muloolah Ayush



Université des Mascareignes

Project Name: **Development of a Seagrass Monitoring System using Remote Sensing for Enhanced Management of the Mauritius Coastal Zone**



Education



Bel Air Campus, Trou d'Eau Douce



197 beneficiaries

MUR

1,000,000

Project Summary:

Université des Mascareignes developed a full seagrass mapping system for Mauritius, and raised awareness about the importance of seagrass ecosystems among students and national stakeholders. The team completed scientific research, created high-resolution maps for 2017 and 2025 in order to compare the effect on seagrass meadows over time, and set up a new Earth and Ocean Lab to support long-term monitoring. Through sensitization events and a national workshop, the project helped people better understand coastal protection and the role of seagrass in the marine environment due to its significant carbon sequestration effect.

Project Outcomes:

Research & Methodology Development

- Research paper, full technical report and policy brief completed and shared.
- This gave Mauritius its first structured scientific framework for monitoring seagrass, helping experts understand how the coastal ecosystem is changing and how to plan responses.

National Seagrass Mapping

- Northern half of Mauritius mapped in Q2 and remaining half in Q3 for full national coverage.
- Mapping completed for both 2017 and 2025, creating an 8-year comparison baseline.
- These maps give Mauritius a clear picture of where seagrass is thriving or declining, allowing government and NGOs to make better decisions on restoration and protection.

Establishment of the Earth & Ocean Lab

- New lab set up with workstation, furniture and a real-time monitoring system fully installed.
- Approximately 20 university students use the facility for research on marine ecosystems.
- Students now have a dedicated space to explore marine conservation, strengthening the next generation of environmental researchers and allowing long-term monitoring to continue.

Sensitization Campaign for Students & NGOs

- 112 participants attended the September 2025 sensitization campaign.
- Audience included 70 students and members from 20 NGOs/public sector organisations.
- Students and practitioners learned how seagrass protects coastlines, supports marine life and stores carbon, motivating further engagement in conservation.

National Blue Policy Strategy Forum

- 85 stakeholders from public, private and NGO sectors engaged at the November 2025 policy forum.
- The workshop encouraged open discussion between experts and policymakers, helping bridge the gap between scientific data and real-world coastal management decisions.

Replacement of Field Visits with Desktop Validation

- Completed all mapping validation digitally due to MoU restrictions on site visits.
- Desktop validation reached 100% completion.
- This approach allowed the team to meet scientific requirements despite limitations, showing adaptability and strengthening collaboration with government authorities.



Honourable Dr Kaviraj Sukon, Ministry of Blue Economy and Mr Yasuo Suzuki, Chairman of the MOL Charitable Trust, unveiling the inauguration plaque of the Earth and Ocean Laboratory at Université des Mascareignes, Bel Air Campus.



Earth and Ocean Laboratory equipped by the MOL Charitable Trust

University of Mauritius



Project Name: **University of Mauritius & Odysseo Marine Station for Coral Conservation Research & Education**



Education



Odysseo, Port Louis



University of Mauritius

MUR 900,000

Project Summary:

The University of Mauritius (UoM) set up a new marine research station that supports coral conservation, research and education on the Odysseo Education Hub. The project involved completing all national-level approvals, finalising formal agreements, securing the refurbished container-lab, and installing all essential equipment needed for marine experiments. The station will serve students, researchers and collaborators, ensuring hands-on marine science is more accessible, and strengthening national capacity in coral conservation.

Project Outcomes:

Establishment of Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) Between UoM & MCT

- First MoA of its kind in Mauritius, approved by the Cabinet, after multiple ministries reviewed and cleared the document.
- This milestone unlocked national permission for future public-private partnerships in marine science, setting an important precedent for collaboration in conservation.

Research Collaboration Agreement With Odysseo

- A full Research Collaborative Agreement was signed on 22 January 2025, enabling joint work and site access. The agreement strengthened trust between the university and Odysseo, showing that academic institutions and private marine centres can work together toward shared conservation goals.

Procurement & Installation of Marine Research Station

- Refurbished container purchased and installed on 2 September 2025; station fitted with tables, seating, incubation table, pumps, heaters, aerators, chiller and seawater reservoirs.
- The new space gives students and researchers a dedicated hub for real marine experimentation, making learning more practical and engaging.

Strengthened Learning Opportunities for UoM Students

- The Marine Station is designed to host practical classes, demonstrations and international collaborations.
- Future capacity includes hosting partners from Japan for coral thermal tolerance studies.
- Students will gain hands-on experience that deepens their understanding of coral ecosystems and prepares them for real conservation work.



Marine Research Station on the Odysseo Education Hub in Port Louis



H.E Mr Kan Masahiro, Ambassador of Japan in Mauritius, Honourable Dr Kaviraj Sukon, Ministry of Blue Economy and Mr Yasuo Suzuki, Chairman of the MOL Charitable Trust at the Marine Station.



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We also recognise the unwavering commitment of the nonprofit organisations working directly in vulnerable communities. Their daily efforts, often carried out in challenging circumstances, help drive steady and meaningful change to the beneficiaries they support.

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