(i) Gender Mainstreaming Strategies

In line with the National Gender Policy Framework of 2008, which calls upon all Ministries to en-gender their respective policies, the Government of the Republic of Mauritius introduced the Gender Responsive Budgeting Initiative in the fiscal year 2016/2017 on a pilot basis. An amount of (Rs 200, 000) was allocated to 5 Ministries. These are as follows:

- The Ministry of Youth and Sports organized a **Training of Trainers in Life Saving Skills** (Self-Defense and Swimming) **on 24 April 2017** for a group of **20 women** aimed at creating a pool of trainers who would be tasked to train other women.

- The Ministry of Health and Quality of Life organized an **Open Day on Feminisation of Cancer** **on 04 May 2017** to raise awareness on preventive measures amongst the women-folk.

- The Ministry of Social Security, National Solidarity, and Environment and Sustainable Development (Environment and Sustainable Development Division) trained a group of female prisoners for the production of Eco-Friendly folders that would, thereafter, be sold amongst Government’s institutions.

- The Ministry of Education and Human Resources, Tertiary Education and Scientific Research conducted a course on **Essential Housekeeping** targeting some **23 girls** with hearing disabilities from “Ecole des Sourds” to provide skills to the girls for their employability.

- The Ministry of Civil Service and Administrative Reforms is undertaking a study on **Gender Issues impacting the whole Civil Service** to identify gender gaps that impede on women’s empowerment.

The pilot projects has been a success. For budget 2017-2018, a sum of Rs 200, 000 has been allocated to each Ministry for the implementation of new programmes to enhance women’s empowerment.