BOARD'S RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT

The National Children’s Board of the National Children’s Council is responsible for the proper keeping of accounting records which disclose, with reasonable accuracy, at any time the financial position of the National Children’s Council.

In line with the Statutory Bodies (Accounts and Audit) Act as subsequently amended, the Council shall, not later than four months after the end of every Financial Year, prepare and submit an annual report, including the financial statements of the Auditor.

Financial Statements

National Children’s Board is responsible for the preparation of financial statements in compliance with the Financial Reporting and Accounting standards issued under section 72 of the Financial Reporting Act.

The National Children’s Council’s Board is also responsible for the integrity of these annual financial statements and for the objectivity of any information presented therein. In preparing these financial statements, the National Children’s Council’s Board has:

- maintained proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy of any time the financial position of the Council.
- ensured that the financial statements provide an integral and transparent statement of financial position performance and statement of cash flow of the Council.
- selected suitable accounting policies and applying them consistently.
- safeguarded the assets of the Council by maintaining appropriate internal control systems and procedures.
- taken reasonable steps to prevent and detect fraud and any other irregularities.
- made judgments and estimated that are reasonable and prudent.

Governance

The Board endeavours to apply the principles of good governance within the Council.

Chairperson

Ag Council Secretary
The National Children's Council is a corporate body under the aegis of the Ministry of Gender Equality, Child Development and Family Welfare. It regroups both Governmental and Non-Governmental organisations working for the protection, welfare and development of children.

**BRIEF HISTORY**

The National Children's Council, was first set up in 1990 under the National Children's Council Act 1990. At that time, it has been under the aegis of the Ministry of Women's Rights and now known as the Ministry of Gender Equality, Child Development and Family Welfare. In the late 1990's a full review exercise was undertaken with the financial assistance of UNICEF and in 2003, the NCC was re-organised under a new NCC Act, the National Children's Council Act 2003.

1. **OUR VISION**

To uphold the best interest of the Mauritian Child in line with the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

1.1 **OUR MISSION**

To ensure priority for Childhood Development with Universal access to Health, Education and Protection to foster the Development, Welfare, Protection and Participation of the Child.

2. **OBJECTIVES OF THE COUNCIL**

The Council Shall:

1. be the key consultative and coordinating national body on all activities and issues related to children
2. protect the rights of children, promote their interest and well-being and ensure their participation in matters of interest to them
3. promote activities for the welfare of children in line with the Convention on the Rights of the Child.
3. CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

This Council views good corporate governance practices as integral to good performance. It is a parastatal body solely financed by Government, it is therefore committed to fulfilling its mandate in a manner which is consistent to good governance practices and especially with regard to accountability, transparency, responsibility and ethics.

In line with the code of Corporate Governance for Mauritius, this section delineates the corporate governance in place at the Council by describing the organisation of the Board's business. It therefore sets out the systems and processes established for maintaining and monitoring internal controls and for identifying and managing risks.

Some twelve Meetings of the National Children's Council Board and sub-committees have been held during the period 2016 and numerous matters were discussed and resolved.

Governing Bodies

The direction, control and accountability of the business of the Council are rested in the Board. The fulfilling of these responsibilities is facilitated by a developed governance structure comprising various Board’s Sub-committees. Management is accountable and subject to control of the Board and it operates within the legal and policy framework laid down by the latter. The existing systems, structures and governance processes held to stand up to this level and take up these challenges in a coherent and effective manner.

The Business of the Council is conducted in accordance with the National Children's Council Act 2003, other relevant statutory provisions and the principles of good corporate governance. All functions are exercised honestly in good faith with due diligence and care and in the best interest of the Council and the children of Mauritius.

The Board is ultimately responsible and accountable for the performance and affairs of the Council. It subscribes to sound corporate governance principles and ensures that the highest standards of ethics, honestly and integrity are maintained.
The aims of the Board included amongst others:

- Providing leadership and strategic directions.
- Reviewing the objectives, strategies and structures with a view to defend the best interest of children.
- Ensuring that the Council complies with all relevant legislations, code of best practice and guidelines laid down in the Code of Corporate Governance.
- Ensuring the integrity of the Council accounting and financial reporting systems, including the independence of audit, control systems for monitoring and managing of risks, financial control and compliance with existing law and relevant accounting standards.
- Ensuring higher levels of fairness, transparency and accountability in the decisions and acts of the Council.

Composition of the Board (as per Section 8 of the NCC Act 2003)

The Council is managed by a Board.

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As from February 2018 Mr A. Murtuza has been appointed as Chairperson
4.2 **Allowances paid to Board Members:**

1. Monthly allowance of Chairperson: Rs.12,970
2. Allowance per sitting of Board Members: Rs 890
3. An allowance per sitting of Sub-Committees: Rs.815

5. **Finance Sub-Committee**

The Finance sub-committee has been set up as per Section 12 (1) of the NCC Act 2003.

5.1 **The functions of the Finance Sub-committee include:**

- Examination of major expenses of the Council
- Analysis of all proposals for any major expenses to be incurred by the Council.
- Providing advice on the Financial policies of the Council.
- Recommendations on the proposed expenses.

6. **Staff Sub-Committee**

The staff subcommittee has been set up under Section 12(1) of the NCC Act 2003.

6.1 **The functions of the staff sub-committee include:**

- Human resource strategies.
- Selection and appointment exercise
- Industrial relations
- Training and development
- Remunerations and performance management
- Planning of Human Resources in the Council.

7. **Management Processes**

The day-to-day operational activities are performed throughout different organisational processes which are subject to rules and regulations. These rules and regulations aimed at detecting and preventing malpractices and corruption. Some of these processes are hereunder examined:
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<td><strong>Accountability</strong></td>
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<td>- Access to capture invoices and process payments are restricted.</td>
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<td>- Cheques and bank transfer are signed by Top Management only and have to bear two signatures.</td>
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<td>- All payments are accounted under appropriate General ledger Code.</td>
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<td>- Physical access to accounts payable section restricted to authorised personnel.</td>
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<td>- Invoices can be processed only if goods services have been received and are in accordance with contractual terms as evidenced by authorised persons.</td>
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<td>- All documents are stamped 'PAID' and filed after payments</td>
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<td><strong>Integrity Management</strong></td>
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8. **Human Resources of the Council**

From July 2017-May 2018, Mr R. Bheemul was the Council Secretary. The Council Secretary has the role of an administrative head of the organization and is responsible for the execution of the objectives of the Council and for the control and management of the day-to-day business of the Board.

Mr Bheemul is on leave without pay for a period of one year and Mr Boodhoo Coordinator has been assigned duties of the council secretary.

(a) **Mr J. Boodhoo** Coordinator is responsible for the following projects:

- International Events such as Day of African Child and Universal Children’s Day among others
- UNFPA Project
- 21 Children's Clubs islandwide
- Mahebourg Child Creativity Centre
- Atelier Partage Parents.
- Responsible for all creativity activities and cultural programmes among others.

(b) Mr Ghunowa Coordinator is responsible for the following projects:

- Child Day Care Centre at Baie-du-Tombeau and
- The Shelter La Colombe for children in distress at Pte aux Sables
- Oasis Drop in Centre situated at Grand River North West which is operational since 26 May 2016.
- IEC Campaigns as well as School Child Protection Clubs.
(c) The other members of staff are one Child Programme Officer, (CPO), 1 MSO, 1 Accounts Clerk, 1 APSO, 2 Clerical officers (one posted Mahebourg Child Creativity Centre), 7 Child Caregivers and One Nursery Attendant at the Baie du Tombeau Child Day Care Centre, 2 Drivers, 1 Office Attendant and 2 General Workers, 8 Assistant Child Programme Officers (ACPOs) contract basis.

18 Resource Persons for the Children’s Clubs, their services are enlisted on a part-time and sessional basis.

(d) **NGO Affiliates for 2017-2018**

National Children's Council is a National body regrouping both Governmental and Non-Governmental organisations, it has under its aegis a group of NGOs who are affiliated to the Council.

(1) Bethleem Crèche Diocese  
(2) Pathfinder's Club  
(3) Mauritius Scout Association  
(4) Probation Home for Girls  
(5) Children's Foundation  
(6) OMEP  
(7) Bahai Child Education  
(8) CEDEM  
(9) Terre de Paix  
(10) MFPWA  
(11) L'APEIM  
(12) Halley Movement  
(13) Federation of Playgroup  
(14) SACIM  
(15) SOS Village  
(16) Mauritius Mental Health  
(17) Fondation Georges Charles  
(18) SENS
Services of the Council

1. Children’s Club

Information on Children’s Club

Twenty-one Children’s Clubs was run islandwide mostly in socially difficult areas. Children aged 4 years to under 18 years old are members of these organisations. They operate from 8.30 hrs to 11.30 hrs or 12.30 hrs to 15.30 hrs on Saturdays. During school holidays, these clubs also operated during weekdays. Trained resource persons were attached to these clubs and they were responsible for activities pertaining to the welfare and development of children.

The objectives were to enhance the physical, mental, social and cultural development of children. Further it also promoted child protection, participation and educational activities among others.

List of Children`s Clubs islandwise:

- Goodlands Children`s Club
- Triolet Children`s Club
- Plaine des Papayes Children`s Club
- Riviere du Rempart Children`s Club
- Pamplemousses Children`s Club
- Riche Terre Children`s Club
- Chitrakoot Children`s Club
- Les Mariannes Children`s Club
- Long Mountain Children`s Club
- Lallmatie Children`s Club
- Brisee Verdiere Children`s Club
- Flacq Children`s Club
- Mare La Chaux Children`s Club
• GRSE Children`s Club
• St Pierre Children`s Club
• Rose Hill Children`s Club
• Bambous Children`s Club
• Allée Brillant Children`s Club
• St Hillaire Children`s Club
• Mahebourg Children`s Clubs
• Le Morne Children`s Clubs

**Activities organized at the level of Children`s Clubs Island wise**

Members of Children`s Clubs island wise participated in various creative and recreative activities at the level of their respective clubs, went for educational outings and attended talks on different themes. Children also participated in exchange programmes with other clubs and associations.

17,424 Children benefitted from various activities as listed below:

**July 2017**

Educational Tours/ Outings/Creativity Activities/Awareness Campaigns

• Outing to Eau Bouille Site – Les Mariannes
• Visit of Aquarium – Pointe aux Piments
• Creative needlework and patchwork
• Dream catcher making
• Flower vase and wall hangers with newspapers
• Creativity with pate a sel-modelling
• Creative flower making with various materials
• Awareness on clean environment, clean water, water purification
• Awareness on sustainable development
• Talk on the Convention on the Rights of the Child, child abuse, child protection, on risky behaviours, CSEC. Teenage pregnancy, Violence, Teen Dating Violence
• Sensitization on hygiene, on balanced diet and healthy eating habits
• Awareness on moral values.
• Participation in walks for health/ Randonnée/ Treasure hunts
• Participation in exchange programmes with other clubs and visit homes

**August 2017**

• Educational visit of Vieux Grand Port and Mahebourg Museum
• Outing to Domaine Lagrave and Visit of Fishing Farm
• Visit of SSR International Airport and Mahebourg Waterfront
• Educational Visit to Natural History and Blue Penny Museum Port-Louis
• Basket making
• Creativity with colliers sipayes – collage – bracelet making – curtain making
• Creative drawing and poster making
• Talk on the Convention on the Rights of the Child, child abuse, child protection, on risky behaviours, CSEC. Teenage pregnancy, Violence, Teen Dating Violence
• Awareness on HIV AIDS and behaviour change
• Awareness on risky behaviours and child protection
• Awareness on human and sexual development
• Awareness on diabetes
• Awareness on hygiene and balanced diet
• Assumption Day celebration

**October 2017**

• Talk on Child Abuse and protection
November 2017

- Outing to Baie aux Tortues – Mont Choisy
- Outing to Pont Suspendu and La Cambuse beach
- Visit of Palankon Cooperative Society to learn about recycling of bottles
- Kites making and flying
- Puppet making/ doll making with newspapers and banana leaves
- Collage work with waste materials
- Bracelet making
- Paper folding – origamy
- Paper quilling creativity
- Creative Rangoli fun competition
- Creative embroidery
- Creativity with scrap materials/ plastic bottles/ newspaper, etc...
- Creative Divali decorations with various materials
- Creative flower making with various materials
- Awareness on drug and substance abuse and related problems
- Awareness on road safety
- Awareness on human and sexual development

December 2017

- Educational outing to Le Morne Site
- Visit of glass gallery and outing to Flic en Flac beach
- Outing and Fun games at Medine Leisure Park
- Kites making and flying
- Creative Divali decorations and Christmas decorations with various materials
- Awareness on road safety
- Christmas Party at National Women Empowerment Centre – Phoenix
January 2018

- Awareness on clean environment, clean water, water purification
- Awareness on IT by National Computer Board

February 2018

- Talk on abolition of slavery
- Awareness on Cancer Prevention

March 2018

- National Day Celebration

April 2018

- Creative Fabric painting
- Awareness on healthy life style and smoking
- Easter Celebration
- World Water Day

May 2018

- Creative Fabric painting and printing
- Awareness on human values and Family values
- Mothers` Day Celebration

June 2018

- Creative musical instrument making
- Awareness on environmental changes and protection of the environment, cleaning of environment through cleaning of beaches and club environment
- Awareness on the girl child and gender equality
- Day of African Child Commemoration
2. One Off Grant Project

One Off Cash Grant Scheme of up to Rs 200,000 for the Upgrading of Child Day Care Centres

The One-Off Grant Project was under the supervision of the Council Secretary assisted by Mrs M. Janson - Child Programme Officer (CPO), Mrs K. Tapsee - Assistant Child Programme Officer (ACPO) and Mrs S. Mustapha - Assistant Child Programme Officer (ACPO).

The project meant to upgrade those CDCC’S / Crèche found in disadvantaged areas that were already in operation but have never been registered.

Objectives of One-Off Cash Grant Scheme:

- The objectives of one-off grant were to ensure that there was a minimum standard delivery of service and that all CDCC’S in operation in Mauritius were in compliance with the norms and requirements of the Child Protection Act 1994 (regulation 2000)
- To provide child care facilities beyond the hours of operation so as to allow more women to join the labour force and engaged in remunerative jobs.

3. Mahebourg Creativity Centre

Mahebourg creativity Centre has been set up on the model of ‘Bal Bhawan’ under the Indo-Mauritian Cultural Agreement.

The objective of the creativity Centre was to promote the creative development of the growing child in a conducive environment and impart knowledge through play and learning by doing approach.

The total number of children benefitted from arts and craft works were 6,351.
List of activities amongst others done at the Creativity Centre

- Paper plate Xmas mask-making
- Christmas paper chains
- Mehendi application, fabric painting
- paper folding techniques
- tips & tricks of hand embroidery,
- art of decoupage / Free Drawings
- Initiation to music
- Workshop on Drug and Substance abuse
- Talk on Security and Fire
- Papier Macheé
- Fresque making
- Pottery

4. Atelier Partage Parents (APP)

The Ecole des Parents has been restyled as Atelier Partage Parent (APP) in 2016.

The main objectives of the ATELIER PARTAGE PARENTS are:

- To enhance the relationship between parents and children in general;
- To remove and reduce intergenerational gaps that leads to conflicts between parents and children;
- To improve the parenting skills of parents particularly those faring in deprived areas, and are in disadvantaged circumstances;
- To empower parents with the capacity to manage and develop coping mechanism with regards to their family problems.
- The APP is normally conducted in the afternoon during weekdays.
- Number of sessions held per APP, (Atelier Partage Parents) - At least 11 -16 sessions of 11/2 hrs → approximately 2 ½ months.
The modules developed during the 11 session of APP were as follows:

- Parenting and challenges of parenting by a psychologist
- Rights and responsibilities of children, CRC, Symptoms of child violence
- Food and Nutrition
- Health – Aspects

Further the training also includes the following topics

- Getting to know ourselves
- Parenting style
- Me and my child
- Starting a family
- Different stages of my child’s development
- Communication within the family
- Keeping my child safe
- The Convention on the Rights of the Child
- Healthy and Unhealthy relationships
- Family sensitive approach to substance abuse
- Becoming a parent
- Giving Birth
- My new Born Baby

Two Atelier partage parents were held at Gros Cailloux and St Catherine St Pierre. 30 Parents were trained.
5. **Child Day Care at Baie Du Tombeau**

A Child Day Care Centre is operational at Baie du Tombeau since 2006. The Centre welcomes babies and toddlers from the vulnerable families.

**Objectives of the CDCC is:**

- To offer quality Early Child Care Education in a deprived area and to enable the mothers of these children to take gainful employment.
- Free services are offered to babies/toddlers coming from household earning less than Rs 6200 monthly.
- An average of 23 toddlers attended the Child Day care Centre.

6. **Residential Care Institutions**

It provides a safe and secured place for children in distress and victims of violence and promotes one basic principle of UNCRC, that is the best interest of the child.

6.1 **Shelter La Colombe**

**Residents at the Shelter La Colombe**

The Shelter la Colombe situated Pointe aux Sables is operational since 2008.

An average of 60 residents, comprising of babies, teenage girls and teenage boys were accommodated there.

6.2 **Oasis Residential Care / Drop in Centre**

The Residential Care Institution, Oasis Drop- In- Centre is operational since May 2016 and is situated at Debarcadeur Street, Grande Riviere North West.
6.2.1 **Residents**

Between July 2017 to June 2018, there were an average of 23 residents at shelter Oasis comprising of Female children and teenage mothers.

6.2.2 **Schoolings**

The residents attended Pte aux Sables Government School, Bhujoharry Government school, Oasis de Paix preprimary school, Frank Richard SSS and Labourdonnais College, Lyceé Beau-Bassin, New La Tour Koenig Govt school and Hamilton College.

6.2.3 **Extra-Curricular Activities organized at the Shelters**

1. Aerobics by instructor from the Home Economics Unit of the Ministry of Gender Equality, Child Development and Family Welfare.
2. Dance Repetition by instructor from the Home Economics Unit of the Ministry of Gender Equality, Child Development and Family Welfare.
3. Creativity Classes including Drawing/ Painting/ Stitching by Resource Person, Mrs. Consens.
4. Creativity course including Flower Making, Flower Arrangement, Pot Decoration, Making Decorations and Handbag, Making of Bracelets, Transfer Warli design on Ball by Craft Workers from the National Women Council.
5. Session (theory) by Resource Person from Food and Agricultural Research and Extension Institute (FAREI)
6. Watching TV/ Cartoon
7. Playing Volleyball
8. Reading Books
9. Playing Babyfoot
10.Playing Carrom
11.Playing Snakes and Ladders
12.Playing Snooker/ Billard
13.Playing Uno
14. Playing Dominoes
15. Playing Noms, Fruits, Pays, Animaux
16. Playing Lamarelle
17. Playing Badminton
18. Physical Exercise

List Activities organized for special occasions:

1. Birthday Celebrations
2. Music Day Celebration
3. Mother’s Day
4. Day of the African Child
5. Universal Children’s Day
6. Celebration of Independence Day

Religious Festivals and Activities:

1. Thaipoosum Cavadee
2. Maha Shivaratree
3. Easter
4. Assumption of the blessed Virgin Mary
5. All Saints Day
6. Diwali
7. Christmas
8. Holy Communion/ Confirmation
9. Weekly Mass
10. Hindu Prayer
Courses followed by residents:

1. Essentials of Housekeeping by the Mauritius Institute of Training and Development.
2. Pastry and Dessert Course by the Home Economics Unit of the Ministry of Gender Equality, Child Development and Family Welfare.
3. Judo Course at the DOJO of G.R.N.W
4. Rehabilitation Programme for minors who were Victims of Abuse by Centre d’Education et de Développement pour les Enfants Mauriciens (CEDEM).
5. Basic Course in Beauty Care by the Home Economics Unit of the Ministry of Gender Equality, Child Development and Family Welfare.

List of outdoor activities involving attendance/participation of residents from July 2017 to June 2018 including educational and recreational tours.

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<td>Outing to Casela Bird Park, Flic en Flac Public Beach</td>
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<td>Participation in the Interactive Theatre on Youth Issues by Ministry of Youth and Sports at the Chinese Cultural Centre, Bel Village</td>
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<td>Participation in the Independence Day Celebration by the Brigade pour la protection des Mineurs at Shelter La Colombe</td>
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**6.2.4 List of major items purchased:**

- Burners
- DVD Player
- Freezer
- Refrigerator
- Wall Fans
- Lockers for caregivers
- Drawers for administration
- Carrom Board
- TNT
- Sofa Set
- Carpet
- Pool Table
- Soccer Table
- 50” TV Set
6.2.5 **Repairs and Upgrading Works**

- Repair works in connection with leakage issue in bathroom (tiling, plumbing)
- Fixing of fire extinguishers
- Fixing of wall fans
- Fixing of kitchen hood
- Repair of water pump
- Absorption pit works carried by private contractor, Mr. Clarel Jean
- Metal Beds manufactured by the MPI
- Unblocking of septic tank
- Fixing of Fog Lights
- Services of Maintenance Team from the Parent Ministry for General Cleaning of shelters.
- Gas shed manufactured by the MPI

6.2.5 **List of donations/ Sponsorships**

- Food Items/ Snacks/ Desserts
- Lunch / Dinner
- Drinks
- Bedsheets/ Quilts
- Games and Toys
- Glasses
- Stationaries
- Clothes

7.0 **Sensitization Campaigns/ IEC**

The National Children’s Council conducted awareness campaigns in schools and colleges. Amongst others, to sensitize children on various issues pertaining to the best interest of the child.
7.1 **Themes Covered for sensitization campaigns**

- Human Growth and development
- Life skills and social skills
- Adolescent crisis
- Effectiveness of leisure and child participation
- Teenage Pregnancy & Consequences of Early Marriages
- Negative effects / Social evils
- Commercial Sexual Exploitation of the Child (CSEC)
- Teen Dating Violence
- Misuse of Electronic devices

7.2 **School Child Protection Clubs (SCPC)**

The School Child Protection Clubs is a multi-staged holistic project which aimed to initiate home grown protection clubs for children by children at the level of school itself.

**Objectives:**

The School Child Protection Clubs seeked to provide a well-structured platform.

1. To develop the skills and competencies to both curtail and combat violence against children ‘a priori’ within the school premises and also to empower the child for his overall development.
2. To conduct in a coherent and systematic contribute towards the creation of violence free and child friendly approach activities on Child Rights/Child Protection.
3. To address issues against bullying gang violence and discipline.
7.2.1 Statistics

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7.2.2 Campaigns on drugs and substance abuse

Sensitization campaigns on Drug and Substance Abuse were conducted in educational institutions.

1,115 children were sensitized on that particular issue

7.2.3 Teenage Pregnancy

Awareness campaigns were carried out in secondary schools on Teenage pregnancy.

The objective of the awareness campaigns was to sensitize both girls and boys on the overall consequences of teenage pregnancy.

7.2.3.1 Statistics

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7.2.4 **Interaction Sessions**

On 20\textsuperscript{th} February 2018, the police force in collaboration with Centre organized an interactive session on child abuse, domestic violence, drug and substance abuse, amongst others. Some 300 students from the following educational institutions below were present. Additionally, 55 teachers/ Coworkers also participated.

7.2.4.1 **Schools which participated in the above-mentioned awareness campaigns:**

- Hamilton College
- Mauritius Institute of Training and Development
- Loretto College, Mahebourg
- Emmanuel Anquetil SSS
- Notre Dame RCA School
- Willoughby Government School

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8.0 November 2017

8.1 Celebration of Universal Childrens’ Day 2017 (UCD)

The UCD is a regular feature and is celebrated on the 20th November every year. On 14 November 1954, the UN General Assembly recommended that all countries should establish a Universal Children’s Day (UCD), to be observed as a day of fraternity and understanding between children all over the world. This day is used to promote the ideals and welfare of children.

The Universal Children’s Day was celebrated on Monday 20th November 2017 at the National Women Development Centre located at Phoenix.

The theme chosen this year was “Zanfan L’Avenir Nou Pays”.

A one-day activity was organized for the welfare and development of children including a cultural programme by children.

It was also an opportunity for children to share their culture and beliefs as well as participate in healthy organized leisure and fun activities. Children were also sensitized on the various dangers lurking around them.

Around 350 children from the various residential care institutions around the island and from children’s organizations participated in the activities. Around 75 adults were present for the activities and were sensitized on the rights of the child. The activities were conducted in collaboration with various stakeholders.

8.2 Activities Conducted during the UCD:

- Creativity with scrap materials
- Zumba,
- Macrame
- Showcase of Services of NCC/ CDU
- Mobile Traffic Playground (Road Safety Unit)
- Tir a L’Arc
- Counselling Corner by CDU
- Exhibition of posters by students of schools and colleges
- Campaign on Drug and substance-abuse
- Story Telling
- Cultural Programmes

9.0 December 2017

9.1 Christmas party and end of year celebration
In the context of the above, a Fun day and Christmas Party was organized on 20th December 2017 as from 09.00-15.00.

Some 278 children and 75 adults from 21 residential care institutions participated in various activities.

9.2 The programme of the day comprised of:
- Distribution of gifts to children.
- Fun Day activities
- Cultural programme
- Donation of Xmas Gifts.
- Arts and crafts
- Film shows
- Free distribution of Popcorn, Barbe à Papa and Juice to the children.

10.0 March 2018

10.1 Independence Day Celebration
In the context of the 50th Anniversary of Mauritius and the 26th Republic of Mauritius, the Council organized free drawings and paintings activities through its 21 children’s clubs.

Around 400 clubs members participated.

10.2 She Fighter Programme -Empowering Women through Self Defense
In the context of the above, the services of the Council were retained to organize Creativity activities for adults as well as children.
The Residents of the Shelter La Colombe and shelter Oasis participated in the above programme.

11.0 April 2018

11.1 European Union (EU) Calls for Proposals

A half-day workshop on EU Calls for Proposals under the European Union Thematic Programme was organized on 6th April 2018 at NWDC, Phoenix. The theme was “Enhancing Civil Society Organisations Contributions to Governance and Development processes in the Republic of Mauritius.”

85 participants (affiliates of NCC, women associations and different NGOs) participated in this workshop.

12.0 Consultative meeting on Children’s Bill at La Pirogue Hotel

A one-day participatory workshop on Children’s Bill was organized on 12th April 2018 at La Pirogue Hotel, Flic en Flac whereby children were given a platform to express their views and opinions on the below-mentioned themes.

- Substance Abuse
- Right to Health
- Corporal Punishment
- Minimum age of marriage
- Child beyond control
- Age of criminal responsibility etc.

Around 120 children aged between 12 to under 18 years from the following NGOs below participated in this Consultative meeting namely;

- Children’s clubs
- Mauritius Scouts Associations Vacoas/Trianon
- Guide clubs
- APEIM
- SOS Children’s Village - Beau Bassin
SOS Children’s Village-Bambous
KDZM
Vent D’un Reve
CEDEM
shelter for Women and Children in distress Forest Side
Shelter La Colombe
Oasis Residential Care Institutions/Drop in Centre
Terre de Paix

13.0 June 2018


The theme proposed by the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child (of the African Union) for the year 2018 was:

“Leave no Child Behind for Africa’s Development”

However, as a usual practice, a theme that was more relevant to the local context was chosen: “Zanfan pran kont to Lavenir”


The programme of the day included the following:

- Children participated in a Participatory Children’s Forum on Drugs & Substance Abuse with particular attention to synthetic drugs.
- A Panel of Experts comprised of Ombudsperson for Children, a Psychologist, Medical Practitioner, a Sociologist, Representative from State Law Office, ADSU officer, Head of CDU responded to queries of the students.
- A poster exhibition created by students based on Drugs and Substance Abuse was also part of the programme
- Cultural Programme
A Film Projection by ADSU on the consequences of drugs and substance abuse.

14.0 ‘16 Jours 16 Droits’/ 16 Days 16 Rights Campaign
In the context of 16 days 16 rights campaign, the Council conducted a special awareness program from 1st to 16th June 2018 to sensitize the children on the theme “Leave no child behind Africa”.

Emphasis were laid on the following themes:

- Protection and development of the girl child
- Climate change and protection of the environment
- Clean water and sanitation
- Sustainability
- Gender Equality

The number of children sensitized for 16 days and 16 Rights Campaign were:

14.1.1 The Calendar for “16 Jours 16 Droits” is given below:

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<td>Staff NCC or R. Person NCC</td>
<td>Interactive session on CRC, Rights &amp; Duties for the best interest of the child</td>
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<td>Lower Secondary Students</td>
<td>Resource Person NCC</td>
<td>Interactive session on CRC, Rights &amp; Duties for non-discrimination &amp; protection</td>
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<td>(b) A. Sok Appadu</td>
<td>Grade V or Grade VI Students</td>
<td>Resource person NCC</td>
<td>Interactive session on CRC, for Health and Health Services</td>
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<td>(a) X. Barbe Govt School, Pailles</td>
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<td>(a) Beau-Vallon Govt School, Mahebourg</td>
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<td>Staff NCC or R. Person Interactive session on CRC, Rights and Duties for education, leisure recreation &amp; cultural activities</td>
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