



Yearly Report

MOL Charitable Trust Call for Proposal 4 (CFP4)

Year 2024 - 2025

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Message from the Chairperson



The fourth Call for Proposals once again demonstrated the strong engagement of Mauritian civil society. More than eighty applications were received from organisations proposing initiatives addressing environmental conservation, sustainable agriculture, education and community development. Following a thorough evaluation process conducted with the support of the I61 Foundation, fifteen projects were selected for support under CFP4.

As the programme progresses, the Trust continues to build on the experience gained from previous cycles, strengthening its engagement with organisations working at the community level. Mauritius possesses a unique natural environment and vibrant communities, and the Trust is honoured to support initiatives led by local organisations working to address both environmental and social challenges.

Through the activities of the MOL Charitable Trust, Mitsui O.S.K. Lines remains committed to supporting actions that generate lasting benefits for communities and ecosystems. The work of the Trust also reflects MOL's broader commitment to supporting sustainable development and environmental stewardship in the communities where we operate.

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to all the organisations and individuals involved in the implementation of these projects. Their dedication and expertise play an essential role in advancing sustainable development across Mauritius.

We look forward to continuing our collaboration with partners across the country and to supporting initiatives that contribute to a more sustainable future for Mauritius.

Yasuo Suzuki
Chairman
MCT

2. ABOUT THE MOL CHARITABLE TRUST AND PROGRAMME APPROACH



Origin and Purpose

The MOL Charitable Trust (MCT) was established in Mauritius in June 2021 as part of Mitsui O.S.K. Lines, Ltd. (MOL)'s commitment to supporting environmental sustainability and community development in Mauritius.

Together with the MOL Mauritius International Fund for Natural Environment Recovery and Sustainability (MMIF), the Trust forms part of a broader programme aimed at contributing to long-term environmental and social resilience.



MOL's Commitment to Mauritius

Mauritius is home to unique ecosystems and communities whose livelihoods are closely connected to the natural environment. Through the MOL Charitable Trust, Mitsui O.S.K. Lines supports initiatives that respond to these interlinked environmental and social challenges.

The Trust focuses on locally driven projects that address real needs on the ground, while contributing to long-term sustainability. This reflects MOL's commitment to environmental stewardship and responsible engagement in the regions where it operates.



Scope of Support

The MOL Charitable Trust provides annual funding of approximately 50 million yen (around MUR 20 million), with individual project grants of up to MUR 1 million.

Supported initiatives span several key areas, combining environmental and social objectives:

- Environmental conservation and biodiversity protection
- Sustainable agriculture and resource management
- Education and capacity building
- Community development and social inclusion

This approach enables the Trust to support projects that deliver both environmental benefits and tangible improvements in the lives of communities.



Programme Approach

Since its establishment, the Trust has supported a diverse portfolio of projects implemented by Mauritian NGOs across the island. These initiatives address a wide range of challenges, including marine and terrestrial conservation, environmental awareness, youth development, sustainable livelihoods and social support.

The programme is designed to prioritise:

- **Locally led solutions that reflect community needs**
- **Practical approaches that can be implemented effectively**
- **Initiatives that strengthen skills and local capacity**
- **Outcomes that are sustainable beyond the project period**

By working in partnership with Mauritian organisations, the Trust contributes not only to project delivery, but also to the development of stronger and more resilient communities and ecosystems.



Alignment with Sustainable Development Goals

Projects supported by the MOL Charitable Trust contribute to several United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly those related to poverty reduction, education, economic opportunity and environmental protection.

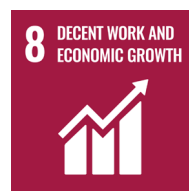
Key areas of contribution include SDG 1, 4, 8, 14 and 15, with additional links to SDG 7 and SDG 11, reflecting the interconnected nature of sustainability challenges in Mauritius.



SDG 1
NO POVERTY



SDG 4
QUALITY EDUCATION



SDG 8
DECENT WORK
AND ECONOMIC
GROWTH



SDG 15
LIFE ON LAND



SDG 7
AFFORDABLE AND
CLEAN ENERGY



SDG 11
SUSTAINABLE CITIES
AND COMMUNITIES

3. PROGRAMME DELIVERY, SELECTION & MONITORING



Call for Proposals Mechanism

Projects supported by the MOL Charitable Trust are selected through an open Call for Proposals process. Mauritian NGOs are invited to submit initiatives aligned with the Trust's objectives and designed to address environmental and social priorities.

This mechanism ensures that support is directed towards relevant, locally grounded projects with clear potential for impact.



Selection and Evaluation Process

Project proposals are evaluated with the support of the I61 Foundation, which provides technical expertise in assessing their feasibility, relevance and expected impact.

Applications are reviewed against a set of core criteria, including:

- Alignment with the objectives of the Trust
- Expected environmental or social impact
- Organisational capacity to implement the project
- Sustainability of the proposed activities
- Level of community engagement

This structured process ensures that selected projects are both credible and capable of delivering meaningful outcomes.



Launch of the first Call for Proposals in 2021



Financial support provided for projects



Expansion with local organisations



Support Environmental protection





Role of the I61 Foundation

The MOL Charitable Trust works closely with the **I61 Foundation**, which plays an important role in supporting the implementation and monitoring of funded initiatives.

The **I61 Foundation** assists in several key areas, including:

- **Conducting technical reviews of proposals**
- **Monitoring project progress and milestones**
- **Coordinating with implementing organisations**
- **Verifying deliverables and outcomes**

This collaboration strengthens the overall rigour of the programme and supports effective project delivery.



Monitoring Framework

Projects supported under the Trust are monitored through a structured framework designed to track progress and ensure that activities are implemented as planned.

Participating organisations are required to submit regular progress updates outlining:

- **Activities carried out**
- **Progress towards planned objectives**
- **Challenges encountered**
- **Adjustments made where necessary**

These reporting mechanisms support transparency and accountability, while allowing for continuous follow-up throughout the implementation period.



Support of
I61 Foundation



Monitoring of
selected projects



Strengthening
community



Commitment to
supporting locally initiatives



Role of the Enforcers

In addition to the support provided by the I61 Foundation, the Trust works with Enforcers who contribute to the follow-up of selected projects.

They provide on-the-ground insight into implementation, helping to ensure that activities are carried out as planned and remain aligned with agreed objectives.



Supporting Project Implementation

Beyond financial support, the MOL Charitable Trust maintains ongoing engagement with partner organisations throughout the implementation process.

This includes regular exchanges with NGOs, support in addressing operational challenges, and the sharing of lessons learned across projects.

This collaborative approach helps ensure that projects remain responsive to local needs while contributing to the broader objectives of the programme.



Trust evolution



Engagement with partner organisations

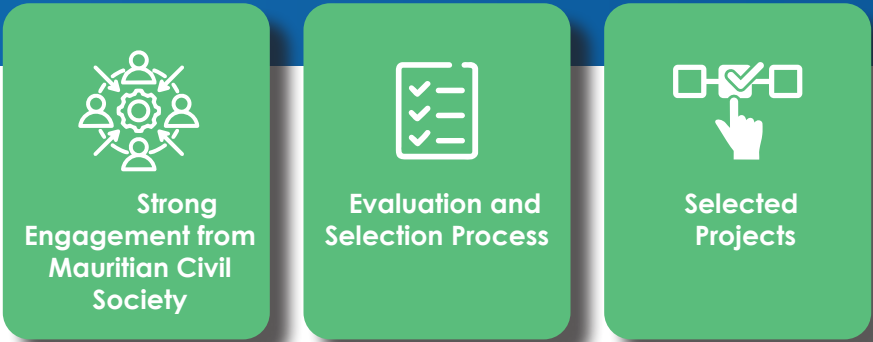


Collaborative approach



Operational challenges

4. CALL FOR PROPOSAL 4 (CFP4)



Strong Engagement from Mauritian Civil Society

The fourth call for proposals generated strong interest from Mauritian civil society. A total of more than eighty project proposals were submitted by NGOs representing diverse sectors and regions of the country. The wide range of proposals reflected the dynamism of local organisations and their commitment to addressing environmental and social issues affecting communities across Mauritius.

The high level of participation also highlighted the growing recognition of the MOL Charitable Trust as a platform supporting locally driven initiatives aimed at strengthening community resilience and promoting sustainable development.



Evaluation and Selection Process

All submitted proposals underwent a rigorous evaluation process designed to ensure that selected projects align with the objectives of the Trust and demonstrate the potential to deliver meaningful outcomes.

The evaluation process was conducted with the support of the I61 Foundation, which provided technical expertise in reviewing project proposals and assessing their feasibility, expected impact, and sustainability. Proposals were assessed according to several criteria, including:



Following this review process, fifteen projects were selected for support under CFP4.



Selected Projects

The fifteen projects selected under CFP4 represent a diverse range of initiatives implemented by Mauritian NGOs working in areas such as environmental conservation, sustainable agriculture, education, and community empowerment.

These projects reflect the commitment and creativity of Mauritian civil society organisations in addressing challenges affecting both communities and ecosystems. By supporting these initiatives, the MOL Charitable Trust aims to contribute to practical solutions that promote environmental protection while strengthening community resilience.

A detailed presentation of the projects supported under CFP4 is provided in the following sections of this report.

5. CFP4 PORTFOLIO OVERVIEW



Overview of the Selected Projects

Under the fourth Call for Proposals (CFP4), the MOL Charitable Trust selected **fifteen projects** proposed by Mauritian non-governmental organisations working in areas aligned with the Trust's objectives.

The selected initiatives reflect the diversity and dynamism of Mauritian civil society organisations addressing environmental and social challenges across the country. The projects supported under CFP4 focus on initiatives that promote environmental conservation, sustainable resource management, education, community empowerment, and sustainable livelihoods.

Together, these projects demonstrate the important role played by local organisations in developing practical solutions to challenges affecting both communities and ecosystems.



Thematic Areas

The CFP4 portfolio covers a range of thematic areas reflecting the priorities of the MOL Charitable Trust and the needs identified by local organisations. The selected projects contribute to several key areas, including:

- **Environmental conservation and biodiversity protection, including initiatives focused on ecosystem restoration, habitat protection and environmental awareness.**
- **Sustainable agriculture and resource management, supporting practices that promote responsible use of natural resources.**
- **Education and capacity building, particularly programmes aimed at strengthening environmental awareness and developing skills among young people and communities.**
- **Community development and social inclusion, including initiatives designed to improve livelihoods and strengthen community resilience.**

These thematic areas reflect the Trust's objective of supporting initiatives that address environmental protection while contributing to the well-being of communities.

Geographic Reach

The projects supported under CFP4 are implemented across different regions of Mauritius, reflecting the nationwide engagement of Mauritian NGOs in addressing local challenges.

Several initiatives focus on coastal and marine environments, while others address issues related to terrestrial ecosystems, agriculture, or community development in different parts of the island. This geographic diversity ensures that the programme supports initiatives that respond to the specific environmental and social priorities of communities across Mauritius.

Role of Local Organisations

The CFP4 portfolio highlights the essential role played by Mauritian NGOs in designing and implementing projects that respond to local needs. These organisations bring valuable expertise, community engagement and local knowledge to the initiatives they lead.

By supporting projects implemented by local organisations, the MOL Charitable Trust seeks to encourage locally driven solutions that generate sustainable outcomes and strengthen the capacity of communities to address environmental and social challenges.



6. Overview of Projects & Key Results

The CFP4 portfolio comprises 15 projects funded under the Call for Proposals 4 (CFP4), alongside two projects initiated under CFP3 and completed during the current reporting cycle. Therefore, these two projects, implemented by the Université des Mascareignes and the University of Mauritius, are included in this report to reflect the full scope of activities and outcomes delivered over the period.



Project Summary

Through *Turning Seaweed into Sustainable Fertiliser*, the project explored how locally available natural resources could be used more productively in support of greener agricultural practices. By introducing communities in the southeast to composting methods using seaweed and organic waste, the initiative encouraged a more practical understanding of sustainability, rooted in reuse, soil health and lower-impact cultivation. Although early implementation challenges affected the pace of the project, it still helped establish new habits and infrastructure that can support more resource-conscious farming over time.



Location
Ferney,
Grand Port



28
Beneficiaries



MUR
1,000,865

Testimonial

Sandy Monrose: "I now have a reliable source of organic compost produced on-site, which directly supports our farm's agroecological approach. The soil is responding well and we expect improved yields."

Project Outcomes / Achievements

- i)** The project delivered training in composting and sustainable agriculture across two batches of participants, with the second batch showing particularly strong engagement due to prior experience in gardening and composting. This helped create a more solid base for the practical adoption of the methods introduced.
- ii)** In total, the initiative reached 28 beneficiaries, including co-workers, family members and NPO members connected to the main participants. In this way, the knowledge shared through the project extended beyond the immediate training group and began to circulate more widely.
- iii)** A total of 23 large composters were distributed and installed, including 17 at Ferney Agrihub and 6 in the Grand Port area, helping establish the physical basis for composting activity within participating sites.
- iv)** The project also distributed 23 small composters to beneficiaries, Loreto College Bambous Virieux and the ENL Foundation, widening its practical reach and supporting composting at household and institutional level.
- v)** Participants began integrating small composting routines into their everyday practices, while also adopting greener farming habits that reflect a more sustainable approach to resource use.

Although compost output and fertiliser reduction could not yet be measured because of early implementation challenges, the project laid an important foundation for future compost production and more environmentally responsible agricultural practices, creating long-term potential for lower-impact local cultivation.

Collaboration with Other NGOs / Partners

The project involved collaboration with Ferney Agrihub, educational institutions and partner organisations to support composting infrastructure, training delivery and wider dissemination of sustainable practices.



Project Summary

Through *Anou Progrese Ansam*, Caritas Île Maurice approached learning as a practical means of restoring confidence, strengthening autonomy and widening everyday opportunities for children and adults alike. By combining literacy support, functional learning and life-skills development, the project created a setting in which participants could progress at their own pace while building abilities directly linked to family life, communication and personal organisation. In this way, the initiative went beyond instruction alone, helping translate learning into greater self-reliance and more confident participation in community life.

Project Outcomes / Achievements

i) A Train-the-Trainer component was implemented during the project, with 5 out of 8 enrolled participants completing the programme and all 40 planned training hours delivered. Workshops on class management and emotional regulation helped strengthen facilitators' ability to support children experiencing learning difficulties.

ii) For children, the literacy programme delivered 191 sessions, with 40 out of 45 enrolled participants completing the course. Around 90% of the children showed progress in their school results by the end of the year, indicating that the support provided had a tangible effect on learning outcomes.

iii) Adults also benefited from structured support through the Functional Literacy programme, where 25 participants received 50 hours of training. This helped parents strengthen everyday skills such as reading, writing, numeracy and completing basic forms and calculations with greater confidence.

iv) The Life Skills Management component was delivered across two groups, with 26 participants completing the programme. Participants reported improved confidence, stronger communication and a greater ability to set goals and organise their lives more effectively.

v) Across these different strands, the project supported participants in developing practical and personal capacities linked to budgeting, communication, self-confidence and community engagement. This made the learning process relevant not only in educational terms, but also in day-to-day life. The result was stronger literacy, improved life management skills and a greater sense of personal autonomy among both children and adults, across the 92 individuals reached by the initiative.

Collaboration with Other NGOs / Partners

The project combined work with children, parents and facilitators in a shared learning framework that strengthened both individual development and community support structures



Location
Roche Bois,
Port Louis



92
individuals
reached

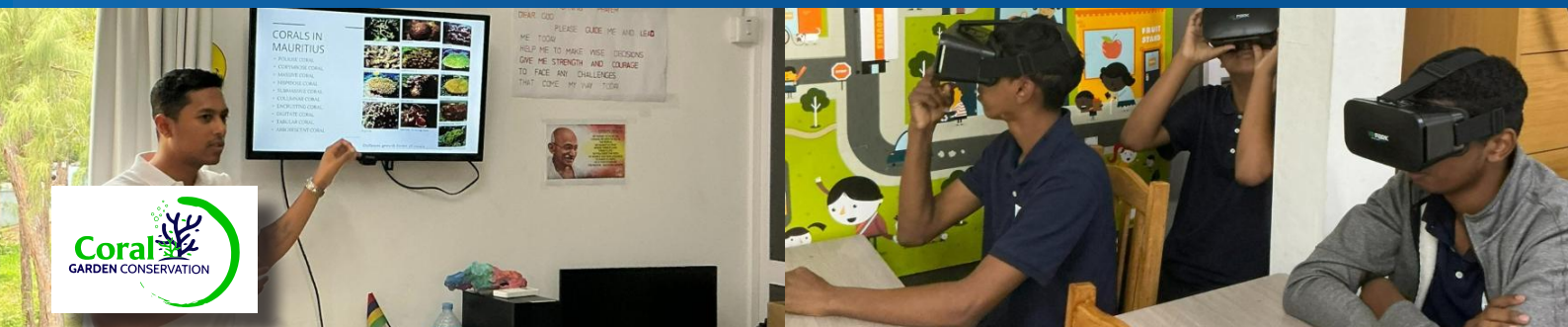


MUR
812,000

Testimonials

Dominique Jackson: "I was able to accept myself as I am and gain self-confidence. I was able to manage difficult situations within the family. The training enabled me to fill in a bank form, and to read, write, count, and speak French properly."

Melanie Drack: "I was able to accept myself as I am and gain self-confidence, and in doing so find time to take care of myself and my family. I was able to plan my life and my time."



Project Summary

Through the *AquaVR Experience* project, marine ecosystems were brought closer to audiences who do not usually access this kind of environmental learning directly. Using virtual reality as a practical education tool, the initiative opened up coral reefs, seagrass meadows and marine restoration sites to students with disabilities, educators, fishermen and community participants in the south of Mauritius.

Beyond awareness-raising alone, the project sought to make marine conservation more understandable, more inclusive and more immediate, while creating educational content that can continue to support learning and engagement over time.

Project Outcomes / Achievements

i) The project enabled approximately 65 students with disabilities at the Southern Handicapped Association in Riambel to experience marine ecosystems through an adapted and immersive learning approach, extending access to environmental education beyond conventional classroom methods.

ii) Across the implementation period, 16 sensitisation sessions were carried out with teachers, fishermen and community participants, creating multiple entry points for discussion around reefs, seagrass habitats and the need for marine protection.

iii) The initiative also reached more than 90 community members through VR showcases and outreach activities, helping deepen local awareness of marine conservation and the ecological importance of coastal habitats.

iv) A total of 12 VR video modules were produced from footage captured during more than 35 dives, covering coral reefs, seagrass meadows, coral nurseries and Crown of Thorns control areas. This created a body of visual educational material that can continue to support awareness and learning beyond the life of the project.

v) To support delivery, all core equipment required for the programme was secured, including 10 VR headsets, 10 phones and a high-performance laptop, allowing the content to be used in a practical and accessible format for different participant groups.

In this way, the project helped strengthen understanding of marine ecosystems among students, educators and coastal stakeholders, while encouraging more active reflection on the protection of beaches, reefs and marine biodiversity.

Collaboration with Other NGOs / Partners

The project involved collaboration with Ferney Agrihub, educational institutions and partner organisations to support composting infrastructure, training delivery and wider dissemination of sustainable practices.



Location
Riambel and
Le Morne



65
students,
5 teachers and
22 fishermen



MUR
1,000,000

Testimonials

Manisha Bisesur (Student): "When I wore the VR headset, it felt like I was inside the ocean. I could move my head and look around, and I saw different fish and corals around me. It was very exciting because it looked real, like I was exploring under the sea."

Soonita Kanhye (Teacher): "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."



CURRIMJEE
FOUNDATION

Project Summary

In *Enn Zardin Pou Mwa*, home gardening became more than a food-growing activity: it became a practical way for vulnerable households to regain a measure of stability, reduce pressure on daily expenses and strengthen self-reliance. Implemented in Rose Belle and Grand Bois, the project supported families in establishing and maintaining household gardens through training, follow-up and regular guidance.

By linking food production to savings, healthier consumption and small-scale income generation, the initiative demonstrated how everyday practices can contribute to more resilient and sustainable community life.

Project Outcomes / Achievements

i) The project resulted in the establishment of 60 household gardens, with participating families sourcing more than 90% of their vegetables from their own plots. This gave households more direct control over part of their food supply and reduced dependence on regular market purchases.

ii) All participating households adopted the sustainable gardening methods introduced during the project, and many began diversifying what they grew while also sharing produce within their communities. In this way, the project extended beyond individual plots to encourage wider habits of mutual support and practical learning.

iii) Households reported average monthly savings of Rs 2,500 to Rs 3,000, reflecting a meaningful reduction in food-related expenses and reinforcing the value of home production as a buffer against financial vulnerability.

iv) For some participants, the gardens also became a modest source of income. A total of 13 out of 60 households generated revenue through the sale of surplus vegetables, exceeding the original target for income-oriented gardening.

v) The project also maintained strong levels of community engagement, with more than 80 people reached through two community events and regular follow-up carried out through site visits and WhatsApp support. This continuity helped sustain participation and encouraged beneficiaries to remain actively involved in the process.

At household level, the initiative contributed to stronger food security, healthier eating habits and greater confidence among participants, particularly women, who made up the large majority of beneficiaries. By rooting sustainability in daily household practice, the project helped translate small-scale cultivation into a more durable form of resilience.

Collaboration with Other NGOs / Partners

The project relied on regular site visits, active WhatsApp support and community events to sustain participation and strengthen engagement among beneficiaries across the two regions.



Location
Cité Bethleem,
Rose Belle and
Grand Bois



60
Beneficiaries



MUR
1,000,000

Testimonial

Isabelle Boyroo: "This project has significantly reduced our stress, especially regarding household expenses. We now always have fresh vegetables available at home, if I only need two branches of thyme, I can harvest exactly what I need, unlike buying from the market where vegetables often spoil after a few days. This has greatly reduced food waste in our home."



Project Summary

With *La Ferme Nou Leritaz*, vulnerable families in the south were supported not only in learning how to grow food, but in rebuilding practical links between land, livelihood and community life. The project combined training, cultivation support and production planning to help families and children engage directly with sustainable agriculture in ways that were both useful and locally grounded.

By strengthening food-growing skills, preparing land for use and laying the basis for future diversification into small-scale production, the initiative reflected a broader approach to resilience - one built step by step, through knowledge, participation and the steady development of local capacity.

Project Outcomes / Achievements

- i) A first group of 12 families completed both theoretical and practical training in sustainable agriculture, gaining the knowledge and confidence needed to begin producing food more independently.
- ii) The project also extended this opportunity to 6 additional families, who were allocated prepared land plots for cultivation. This created a concrete basis for household food production and opened up the possibility of future income generation through small-scale agricultural activity.
- iii) Children were included as active participants in the process, with 25 children trained in planting, cultivation and composting. Their involvement helped introduce environmental awareness and practical food-growing skills at an early stage, while reinforcing the project's family-centred approach.
- iv) Beyond cultivation itself, community members also received support in product development, production and basic business planning, supported by the completion of a strategic plan to guide future marketing activities. This added an important livelihood dimension to the project by linking agricultural practice with the possibility of value-added production.
- v) Key machinery required for production was procured, and the rearing units were almost fully completed by the end of the reporting period, with animal acquisition scheduled immediately afterwards. This marked an important transition from training and preparation toward the next phase of practical implementation. These activities helped strengthen food autonomy, practical agricultural knowledge and confidence among participating families. More broadly, the project created a stronger basis for a more sustainable and locally rooted approach to livelihood development in the community.

Collaboration with Other NGOs / Partners

The project involved collaboration with Ferney Agrihub, educational institutions and partner organisations to support composting infrastructure, training delivery and wider dissemination of sustainable practices.



Location
La Baraque,
L'Escalier



46
individuals



MUR
1,000,000

Testimonials

Melanie Nunkoo: "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."

Andre Barbe: "The impact goes beyond me: less spending, no waste, reusing instead of throwing away, and a deeper understanding of the ecosystem. I've seen how organic food benefits families and society, and what started as work has become an extraordinary discovery."

Coral Reef Evaluation and Restoration in Trou aux Biches



Environment



Coral Reefs



Project Summary

The *Coral Reef Evaluation and Restoration in Trou aux Biches* project sought to deepen community understanding of reef ecosystems while laying groundwork for their protection and eventual recovery. Although the restoration component could not proceed as planned because the required government permit was not obtained in time, the project still played an important role in expanding public awareness, engaging coastal stakeholders and generating scientific observations on reef conditions. By combining outreach, educational activities and ecological monitoring, the initiative helped translate marine conservation from a specialist concern into a more widely shared local responsibility.

Project Outcomes / Achievements

i) The project reached a total of 1,330 people, including 30 fishers, 750 students and youth, 250 tourism operators and 300 coastal residents. This broad outreach helped connect different parts of the community to the ecological and economic importance of coral reefs.

ii) Students and tourism operators took part in coral farming assessments, giving participants a more practical understanding of lagoon ecosystems and the pressures affecting them.

iii) Online and social media activities extended the project's visibility to an additional 10,000 people, helping widen public exposure to marine conservation issues beyond those directly involved in field activities.

iv) Scientific surveys recorded 44 fish species across 16 families, representing 1,055 individual fish, while also documenting coral rubble, seaweed dominance and other indicators of ecological stress within the lagoon. These observations provided a clearer picture of the condition of the site and the urgency of protection efforts.

v) Although the project was unable to advance its coral restoration targets, with coral-related KPIs remaining at 0% because of the permit issue, weekly monitoring of existing nursery corals continued. This allowed the team to gather useful observations on species resilience and bleaching tolerance, which remain relevant for any future conservation or restoration work.

Even within these constraints, the initiative strengthened awareness of how coral reefs support biodiversity, coastal protection and local livelihoods. It also helped build a more informed and engaged base of community support for marine stewardship.

Collaboration with Other NGOs / Partners

The project involved local fishers, tourism operators, students and coastal residents, and supported continued scientific monitoring despite restrictions on the full restoration component.

Location Trou aux Biches	1,330 individuals	MUR 500,000



Project Summary

With *Nou Baz Solider*, support to vulnerable households was approached in a way that combined immediate relief with longer-term stability. By linking access to subsidised goods with social follow-up, skills-based activities and waste-reduction practices, the project addressed hardship not as a single issue, but as a set of connected challenges affecting food security, household expenses, education and livelihoods. In doing so, it showed how solidarity, practical support and circular-economy principles can work together to strengthen resilience at community level.

Project Outcomes / Achievements

i) The project supported 76 households, with 52 households engaging regularly in activities and services and 45 households accessing essential goods each month at solidarity prices. This provided families with more dependable support while also helping reduce pressure on everyday household spending.

ii) Among active beneficiary households, average monthly savings reached Rs 1,500, with these savings redirected towards children's needs, home repairs and debt reduction. This gave the project a concrete economic impact at household level.

iii) The project also generated strong environmental value through reuse and repair. A total of 5.55 tons of second-hand items were collected, with 75% repaired, upcycled or sold, and the same 5.55 tons diverted from landfill. This showed how circular-economy practices can be integrated into social support in a practical and measurable way.

iv) On the training and employability side, the initiative engaged 30 youths across six focus areas, supported 9 entrepreneurs through training, and reached 80 people through a health day workshop. These activities widened the project's impact beyond material support alone by helping participants build skills and confidence.

v) All beneficiary children recorded 100% school attendance, supported through close follow-up by the project social worker and partner organisations. This reflects the project's ability to stabilise household conditions in ways that positively affected children's continuity in education.

More broadly, the project contributed to stronger financial stability, greater self-reliance and a more resilient support network for participating families. Its value lay not only in the assistance provided, but in the way it connected social, economic and environmental responses within a more sustainable model of community support.

Collaboration with Other NGOs / Partners

The project combined household follow-up, stakeholder partnerships, skills training and waste reduction activities to provide multi-layered support to vulnerable families.



Location
Cité Mangalkan,
Floréal



76
households and
80 beneficiaries

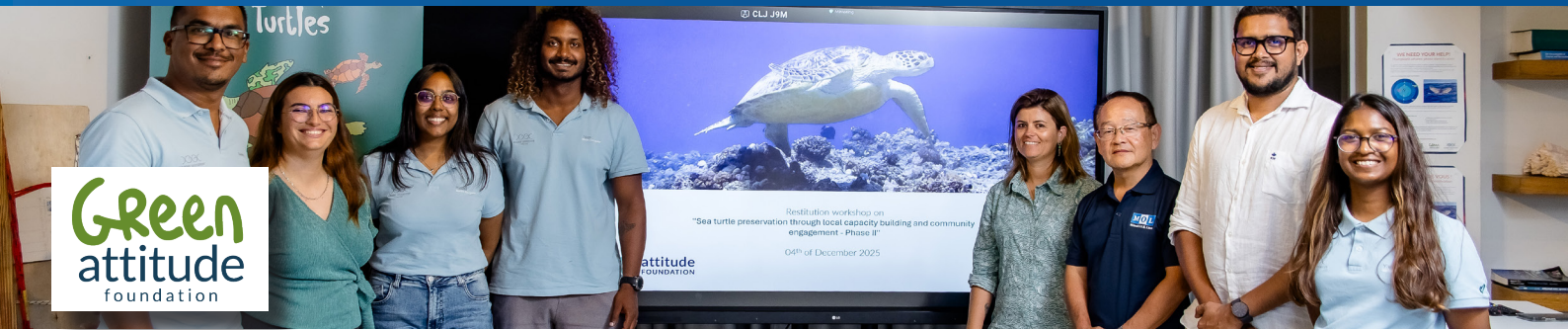


MUR
995,000

Testimonial

Rozy Achille: "I am now able to manage my small business on a daily basis and earn a stable income independently. I no longer have to worry about purchasing food supplies, as supermarket prices often increase. I have gained the confidence to make sound business decisions and to think ahead about how to grow and develop my business in the future."

Sea Turtle Preservation - Phase 2



Project Summary

In *Sea Turtle Preservation - Phase 2*, the project combined scientific monitoring, volunteer engagement and public awareness to strengthen local participation in marine conservation. Rather than treating biodiversity protection as the responsibility of specialists alone, the initiative helped bring conservation closer to coastal communities by training volunteers, involving young people and generating field-based knowledge on sea turtle presence and habitat use. In doing so, it reinforced the idea that environmental stewardship depends both on data and on the sustained involvement of people who live alongside these ecosystems.

Project Outcomes / Achievements

- i)** A functional volunteer network was established through the project, with 28 volunteers trained in beach patrolling across the northeast and southeast of Mauritius. This helped create a stronger local base for continued monitoring and awareness activities.
- ii)** Community awareness sessions reached 85 children and youth as well as 12 adults, helping participants build a better understanding of sea turtle conservation and the importance of protecting coastal habitats.
- iii)** Scientific monitoring remained a central part of the initiative. Across 120.64 km of manta tow surveys, the project recorded 58 sea turtles, while 23 beach patrols were completed across six sites and two drone surveys were carried out. Together, these activities contributed to a stronger evidence base on turtle presence and habitat use.
- iv)** Awareness and training materials developed during Phase 2 were finalised and printed, supporting outreach efforts and helping provide continuity across the project's educational and field components.
- v)** The project also strengthened links with institutional stakeholders, including through initial discussions held during a restitution workshop involving the National Coastguard and the Albion Fisheries Research Centre. This helped place local monitoring efforts within a wider conservation framework.

In this way, the initiative contributed to a stronger sense of shared responsibility for marine wildlife protection. By combining volunteer participation, youth engagement and scientific monitoring, it helped anchor biodiversity stewardship more firmly within the communities and coastal spaces concerned.

Collaboration with Other NGOs / Partners

The project involved collaboration with Ferney Agrihub, educational institutions and partner organisations to support composting infrastructure, training delivery and wider dissemination of sustainable practices.



Location
Southeast and
northeast regions
of Mauritius



28
patrollers,
85 youth and
12 adults



MUR
997,400

Testimonials

Meghana: "Despite the lack of turtle nesting, the experience was incredibly meaningful. We learned, we laughed, we bonded, and we left feeling more connected to nature and more aware of our responsibility to protect it."

Lovish: "Even though we didn't find any trace of turtles on these beaches, we were very motivated for the next one, because we knew that the data collection would be useful."



Project Summary

With *Green Entrepreneurship - GREENT*, environmental education was positioned not simply as an academic subject, but as a way of preparing young people to think more responsibly about the future. By working with both teachers and students across secondary schools, the project combined learning materials, training and practical activities to help embed sustainability and green entrepreneurship within the school environment.

In doing so, it supported a longer-term approach to change: one that builds awareness early, strengthens teaching capacity and encourages young people to see environmental responsibility as part of the world they will help shape.

Project Outcomes / Achievements

i) The programme engaged 16 schools, exceeding its original target and extending its reach across a broad cross-section of the education sector. This helped create multiple entry points for sustainability-focused learning within different school contexts.

ii) A total of 540 students completed both pre- and post-tests, allowing the programme to measure learning progression while ensuring that participation translated into a more structured educational process.

iii) Teacher capacity was also significantly strengthened, with 59 teachers trained through the Train-the-Trainer approach. This was a particularly important outcome, as it increased the potential for the programme's ideas and methods to continue being used beyond the project period.

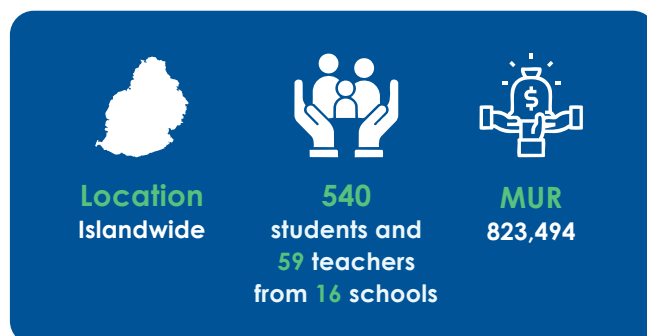
iv) Across the year, the project delivered 24 workshops and distributed 54 teachers' manuals together with 1,926 pre- and post-tests, providing schools with both the content and tools needed to support implementation.

v) The initiative also generated broad public visibility, with social media and outreach activities reaching 339,448 individuals. This helped extend the conversation on sustainability beyond the participating schools and into a wider public space.

These achievements helped strengthen awareness of sustainability and green entrepreneurship among students while equipping teachers to carry the programme forward. In this sense, the project contributed not only to immediate learning outcomes, but also to the gradual development of a more sustainability-aware educational culture.

Collaboration with Other NGOs / Partners

The programme worked with schools and educators across Mauritius, using a Train-the-Trainer approach to strengthen ownership and continuity within the education system.



Employability of Youth with Little Education Background



Project Summary

Through *Employability of Youth with Little Education Background*, the project created a practical alternative pathway for young people whose educational journey had not followed a conventional route. By combining vocational training in hairdressing and agriculture with practical exposure, placements and greenhouse production, the initiative helped participants develop usable skills, stronger discipline and a clearer sense of direction. More broadly, it showed how structured training can help transform vulnerability into capability by giving young people the tools, environment and encouragement needed to move towards employment and greater self-confidence.

Project Outcomes / Achievements

- i)** Training in both hairdressing and agriculture was delivered consistently throughout the year, with the hairdressing stream providing 28 practical classes and 25 theory classes per group, and the agriculture stream 23 practical classes and 23 theory classes, both with around 90% attendance. This regular participation reflected strong engagement from students across both areas.
- ii)** Beyond technical learning, educators observed stronger peer relationships, improved teamwork and better emotional regulation among students, with practical classes playing an important role in increasing motivation and attendance.
- iii)** Academic performance within the vocational streams was also strong. In hairdressing, 22 out of 24 students passed, while in agriculture 25 out of 28 students were successful. These outcomes point to the effectiveness of the training model and the seriousness with which participants approached the programme.
- iv)** The agriculture component also produced tangible results through the cultivation of a 100 m² greenhouse, where 20 crop varieties were grown and 60% of crops harvested. This not only strengthened practical learning but also helped reduce vegetable costs for the school canteen.
- v)** Feedback from placement firms and educators highlighted students' seriousness, respect, concentration and willingness to learn, confirming that the project was helping build behaviours and attitudes relevant to the workplace.

The project contributed to stronger confidence, discipline and vocational readiness among participants. In this way, the project helped turn practical training into a more credible pathway towards employability and personal resilience for young people facing limited educational opportunities.

Collaboration with Other NGOs / Partners

The project worked with educators, placement firms and the school canteen to connect training with practical work experience and daily institutional use of project outputs.

Location
Ville Noire,
Mahébourg

33
youth

MUR
1,000,000

Testimonial

Cedric: *"The greatest impact on my life is my new acquired passion for planting. 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 neighbours."*

11. Mauritian Wildlife Foundation

Learning with Nature



Education



Project Summary

With *Learning with Nature*, the project created opportunities for children and educators to encounter Mauritius' biodiversity in a direct and memorable way. By taking participants to Île aux Aigrettes for guided visits, the initiative moved environmental learning beyond the classroom and into a protected natural setting where conservation could be seen, discussed and experienced firsthand. In doing so, it helped strengthen a sense of connection to local ecosystems and showed how exposure to nature can play an important role in building lasting environmental awareness.

Project Outcomes / Achievements

i) The project completed 8 visits to Île aux Aigrettes, reaching 233 children and 32 adults through guided environmental education activities. These visits gave participants direct exposure to native species, conservation practices and the ecological significance of protected habitats.

ii) A total of 365 invitations were sent to schools and organisations, with all targeted institutions responding positively. This reflected strong interest in the programme and confirmed the value placed on nature-based learning opportunities.

iii) In addition to the planned visits, MCT funded 5 spontaneous requests, showing that the initiative generated demand beyond the original outreach process and was seen as relevant by a wider set of organisations.

iv) Educational packs were distributed successfully to support continued learning after the visits, helping participants retain and build on what they had discovered about endemic species, conservation and environmental responsibility.

v) Feedback from beneficiaries was positive and pointed to a stronger awareness of Mauritius' unique biodiversity, as well as a deeper appreciation of the importance of protecting natural habitats.

In this way, the project helped transform environmental education into a lived experience rather than an abstract concept. By connecting children and educators more directly with nature, it contributed to a more grounded and lasting understanding of conservation.

Collaboration with Other NGOs / Partners

The programme worked with schools and organisations to expand children's access to outdoor learning and conservation-focused educational experiences.



Location
Île aux Aigrettes,
Mahébourg Bay



233
children and
32 adults



MUR
1,000,000

Testimonial

Michele-Ange Carriapen (Monad Charity):
"Educators observed a notable increase in engagement and attention during subsequent science, reading, and discussion-based activities related to nature and conservation. 100% of the children actively shared their experience with peers and family members, demonstrating improved confidence, communication skills, and curiosity."

Initiatives to Raise Awareness of Waste Reduction, Reuse, Recycling and Composting



Project Summary

Through its waste reduction, reuse, recycling and composting initiative, Mission Verte worked to make environmental responsibility more visible and more practical within everyday community life in the southeast of Mauritius. Rather than approaching awareness as a one-off message, the project relied on repeated contact through school sessions, clean-up activities, on-site sensitisation and direct community outreach. In doing so, it helped translate sustainability into concrete habits and small-scale actions, showing how environmental stewardship can take root through regular exposure, participation and example.


Project Outcomes / Achievements

- i) The project reached 2,719 beneficiaries through a combination of educational sessions, community activities and Green Ambassador outreach, giving it one of the widest public footprints within the CFP4 portfolio.
- ii) A total of 29 educational sessions were delivered, involving 841 participants and helping children and community members develop a more practical understanding of sorting, recycling and responsible waste management.
- iii) Through four clean-up activities, the project mobilised 81 participants, encouraging visible community involvement and reinforcing the idea that environmental care depends on shared responsibility at local level.
- iv) Daily rounds by the Green Ambassador sensitised 1,800 residents, giving the project a regular presence in the community and helping keep messages around waste reduction and recycling in public view.
- v) The distribution of 1,000 recycled keyholders provided a simple but tangible illustration of circular-economy principles, showing participants how discarded materials can be transformed into useful items.
- vi) Collection efforts resulted in 1,103 kg of plastic and 32 kg of aluminium being recovered, reflecting stronger public awareness and participation in plastic recycling in particular.

At community level, the initiative contributed meaningfully to the spread of more responsible waste practices, helped embed environmental awareness in daily routines, and reinforced a more active culture of sustainability within the communities reached

Collaboration with Other NGOs / Partners

The project combined school-based activities, public outreach and visible field presence to encourage more sustainable waste practices across communities in the southeast.



Location
Southeast region
of Mauritius



2,719
beneficiaries



MUR
966,356.50

Testimonial

Mary Joyce Thatiah: "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."



Project Summary

Through *Revey Twa Fam*, vocational training was used as a practical route towards greater confidence, employability and household stability for women from vulnerable backgrounds. Delivered in two batches, the project combined technical learning with personal development, recognising that access to work often depends not only on acquiring skills, but also on rebuilding self-belief, readiness and a sense of possibility. By linking training to placements, employment opportunities and small-scale income generation, the initiative helped turn learning into a more concrete pathway towards autonomy and resilience.

Project Outcomes / Achievements

i) A total of 27 out of 31 women completed the training programme across two batches, with graduation ceremonies held in June and November 2025. This strong completion rate reflected sustained participation and commitment throughout the project period.

ii) Participants received training across a range of vocational and personal development areas, including cooking and pastry, cleaning, laundry, sewing, florist work, babysitting, grooming and life skills. This multi-skills approach helped widen the options available to beneficiaries in both employment and self-employment.

iii) By the end of the project, 25 out of 27 participants had moved into employment or self-employment, demonstrating a strong conversion of training into livelihood outcomes.

iv) Employment pathways included placements in hotels, supermarkets, retail and housekeeping, while others developed micro-businesses in areas such as braiding, food production and floral work. This diversity of outcomes reflected the project's ability to respond to different profiles and opportunities.

v) The project also secured the engagement of three new hotel partners - Victoria Hotel, Le Suffren Hotel and Lagoon Attitude Hotel - which supported grooming sessions, practical training and job placements. These partnerships helped strengthen the connection between training and the realities of the labour market.

vi) Beyond the direct participants, the project supported 132 direct and indirect beneficiaries across participants' families, with food vouchers helping to ease pressure on households during training days. This wider family dimension reinforced the project's social impact beyond the women enrolled.

For participants, this translated into greater confidence, improved work readiness and more stable income opportunities. In doing so, it supported not only employability, but also a stronger sense of agency and possibility among participating women.

Collaboration with Other NGOs / Partners

The project worked closely with hotel partners and training providers to strengthen the transition from skills development to employment, while also securing wider community support for women's participation.



Location

Port Louis, Pointe
aux Sables



27

women
supporting **132**
family members



MUR

999,952

Testimonial

Alvina Padiachy Veerlapin: "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."

Acquisition of Trailers for Launching Sailing Dinghies at Sea



Project Summary

Through the *Acquisition of Trailers for Launching Sailing Dinghies at Sea* project, a relatively modest equipment intervention was turned into a practical improvement in how the sailing programme could be delivered to young participants. By easing the movement of boats, reducing handling time and improving safety, the project helped protect the continuity of a structured activity that supports discipline, teamwork and confidence among vulnerable youth. In this sense, the value of the initiative lay not only in the trailers themselves, but in the more stable and efficient learning environment they made possible.

Project Outcomes / Achievements

- i)** The project financed the purchase and delivery of four new trailers, significantly improving the transport of sailing dinghies and reducing the physical strain previously associated with moving equipment to and from the sea.
- ii)** By improving logistics, the trailers saved approximately 26 hours overall, exceeding the original time-saving target and helping training sessions start more smoothly and with less disruption.
- iii)** A total of 26 training sessions were carried out using the new trailers, allowing the association to maintain regular programme delivery despite operational constraints.
- iv)** Although no new recruitment took place because of health constraints affecting the leadership of the association, the programme still recorded 543 trainee attendances across sessions and supported 15 to 20 youth per session, including participants with disabilities and youth registered on the Social Register of Mauritius.
- v)** The project also contributed to safer operations, with zero boat damage recorded during the reporting period. This points to the practical importance of the equipment in improving handling conditions and reducing avoidable risk.

This helped sustain a structured recreational and developmental activity for vulnerable youth. By making the programme easier to run and more reliable over time, the project supported continuity, discipline and positive social engagement rather than one-off participation alone.

Collaboration with Other NGOs / Partners

The association used the trailers to sustain a structured sailing programme for vulnerable youth, combining logistics support with broader community and social development objectives.



Location
Tombeau Bay



20
youth



MUR
174,000

Testimonials

Beneficiary A.S. 14 years: "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 J.R. 15 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."



Project Summary

Through *Les Boulbous Play Centre*, support to vulnerable children was approached as something that could not be separated from the wellbeing of their families. The project combined early learning, health follow-up, psychosocial support and parent guidance in order to strengthen the conditions in which young children grow, learn and prepare for school. Rather than focusing on one area alone, the initiative worked across child development, family engagement and daily care, helping to build a more stable foundation for longer-term wellbeing.

Project Outcomes / Achievements

- i) The project supported 21 families, including 22 vulnerable children, through a combination of early childhood education, health monitoring, psychosocial support and parent-empowerment activities. This integrated approach helped ensure that children's development was reinforced both at the centre and at home.
- ii) Children recorded strong developmental progress over the year, including 100% achievement in fine motor skills, 92% progress in gross motor development and 86% progress in understanding and comprehension. These gains point to steady improvement in children's ability to participate, communicate and engage with structured learning.
- iii) All children who transitioned to kindergarten in 2025 were fully potty trained, reflecting greater independence and stronger readiness for the next stage of schooling.
- iv) Health and wellbeing were supported through 20 nurse visits, while children's BMI categories improved by 22% overall. Hygiene classes and Scientific Awareness for Early Childhood sessions further contributed to healthier routines and a more supportive learning environment.
- v) Psychosocial support included 14 psychologist-parent meetings, helping parents build confidence, better understand their children's needs and strengthen consistency between home and centre routines.
- vi) Family support remained a central part of the project, with 9 parent workshops, 63 home visits, 105 office visits and 20 food packs distributed during the reporting period. These activities helped reinforce parental engagement and reduce some of the pressures affecting vulnerable households.

Over time, the project contributed to stronger child confidence, better social interaction and more active family involvement in early development. In doing so, it helped create a more sustainable foundation for learning, care and family stability.

Collaboration with Other NGOs / Partners

The project integrated the work of educators, nurses, psychologists and family support staff to provide children and parents with coordinated support across both learning and home environments.



Location
Cité Beau Vallon,
Mahébourg



21
families
including
22 children



MUR
174,000

Testimonials

Yasmina Bibi Lazer: "During periods when I was unemployed, the centre's provision of food packs was a lifeline, ensuring we never went hungry. This holistic approach - caring for both my son's health and our basic nutrition - provided the stability we desperately needed to move forward."

Mary Shirley Paul: "The workshops and the guidance from the psychologist did more than just teach me skills; they helped me break through my own emotional barriers. I learned to identify, understand, and channel my emotions constructively. This emotional regulation has completely changed the atmosphere in our home, replacing stress with patience."

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



Project Summary

Through the seagrass monitoring project, scientific research was positioned as a practical tool for better environmental stewardship. By combining national seagrass mapping, research outputs, laboratory development and stakeholder engagement, the initiative helped strengthen Mauritius' capacity to understand and protect a coastal ecosystem that often receives less public attention than coral reefs, yet remains essential for shoreline stability, marine life and carbon storage. In this way, the project linked knowledge generation with longer-term sustainability, showing how research infrastructure and environmental awareness can support more informed coastal management.




Project Outcomes / Achievements

- i) A full national mapping of seagrass ecosystems was completed for 2017 and 2025, creating an eight-year comparison baseline that can support future conservation planning and a better understanding of ecological change over time.
- ii) The project also produced a research paper, a full technical report and a policy brief, providing Mauritius with a more structured scientific framework for monitoring seagrass ecosystems and strengthening the basis for evidence-led decision-making.
- iii) An important institutional outcome was the establishment of the Earth and Ocean Lab, equipped with a workstation, furniture and a real-time monitoring system. The facility is now used by approximately 20 university students for marine ecosystem research, helping anchor this work within a longer-term educational and scientific setting.
- iv) The project's outreach component included a sensitisation campaign that reached 112 participants, including students and representatives from NGOs and public sector organisations. This helped widen understanding of seagrass ecosystems beyond the academic sphere.
- v) A national Blue Policy Strategy Forum brought together 85 stakeholders from the public, private and NGO sectors, creating space for dialogue between scientific research and those involved in coastal governance and environmental decision-making.

These achievements strengthened both knowledge and institutional capacity around a critical coastal ecosystem. By linking research, education and policy engagement, the project contributed to a more durable foundation for the protection and sustainable management of Mauritius' coastal zone.

Collaboration with Other NGOs / Partners

The project bridged universities, NGOs, public institutions and policy stakeholders through research dissemination, sensitisation and national dialogue on coastal ecosystem resilience.

 Location Bel Air Campus, Trou d'Eau Douce	 197 beneficiaries	 MUR 1,000,000 (CFP3)
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Project Summary

Through the University of Mauritius and Odysseo Marine Station project, investment in infrastructure was used to create a more lasting foundation for marine science in Mauritius. By supporting the establishment of a dedicated research station, the initiative moved beyond short-term project activity and contributed to a setting where practical learning, scientific collaboration and coral conservation research can continue to develop over time. In this way, the project reflects a broader understanding of sustainability: protecting marine ecosystems not only through immediate action, but also through the long-term strengthening of local research capacity and knowledge.

Project Outcomes / Achievements

i) A major institutional milestone was reached through the approval, at Cabinet level, of a Memorandum of Agreement between the University of Mauritius and MCT. This established the formal basis for a new type of public-private collaboration in marine science and conservation in Mauritius.

ii) The project also led to the signing of a full Research Collaboration Agreement with Odysseo, creating the framework needed for joint work, site access and a more structured partnership around research and education.

iii) At infrastructure level, a refurbished marine research station container was procured and installed on 2 September 2025, then equipped with the tables, seating and technical systems required for marine experimentation, including incubation facilities, pumps, heaters, aerators, a chiller and seawater reservoirs.

iv) This new facility now provides a dedicated environment for practical classes, demonstrations and research activity, helping make marine science more accessible and hands-on for students and researchers.

v) The station is also designed to support future international collaboration, including coral thermal tolerance studies with partners from Japan. This gives the project an added strategic dimension by linking local capacity-building with the possibility of deeper scientific exchange.

As a result, the project contributed to a stronger national foundation for coral conservation research and education. More broadly, the project helps position marine stewardship as something that depends not only on field action, but also on the institutions, facilities and partnerships needed to sustain knowledge and innovation over time.

Collaboration with Other NGOs / Partners

The project was implemented through collaboration between the University of Mauritius, Odysseo and multiple public authorities involved in approvals and support for marine science infrastructure.

Location Odysseo, Port Louis	Institutional / research and education users	MUR 900,000 (CFP3)
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7. Events and Activities in 2026 to date





