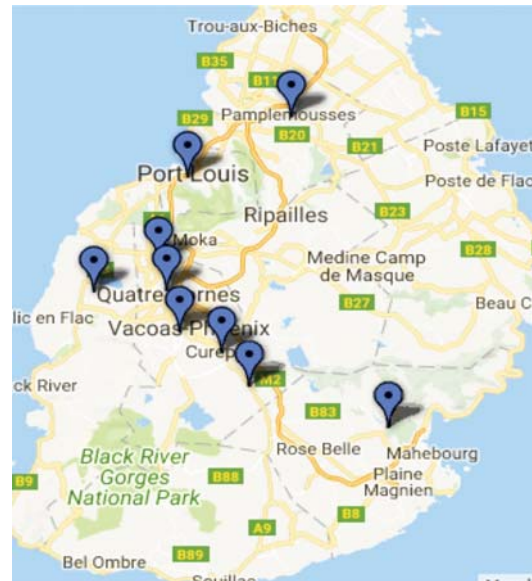




Gender Links Mauritius began operations in 2008 and has played a strategic role in bridging GL's Anglophone and Franco-phone operations. In 2016 the Mauritius office:

- Worked with the European Union Funded Decentralised Corporate Programme contributed to a more in-depth *Empower Women, End Violence* programme in Mauritius that involved working with families and poverty alleviation involving an effective mentoring system.
- Embarked on a corporate fundraising initiative that included a five star charity dinner in one of the LUX hotels at Tamassa.
- Successfully implemented a Canada Fund for Local Initiatives (CFLI) Fund programme to update gender action plans in three COE councils in line with the Post 2015 Agenda including a national summit. The national summit attracted 58 entries in six categories.
- Undertook a GL Services consultancy study on gender in Mauritius for the EU. GL Mauritius also conducted training for SUN international Hotel, LUX, Youth in Politics, Diakonia and the African Development Bank



Card, and the Gender Empowerment Index shows that as a result of this work:

- Women comprise 35% of employees; 40% managers; 34% of the chairs of committees in the COEs.
- 195 survivors of GBV in 10 councils trained as entrepreneurs.
- 81% completed a business plan and 64% followed through on the plan. 29% added new products and 28% found new markets; 26% indicated starting a new business and 28% increased the size of their business; 4% opened a bank account and 28% grew their business.
- 92% of participants said they now experience less or much less GBV.

GL's Monitoring and Evaluation through the Gender and Local Government Score



"I have known so many problems in my life. But I am now an independent woman doing my own business. I urge women to follow your dreams, to fight for your rights and STOP abusive relationships. I did it, you can do it."

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