

MAURITIUS



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GL Mauritius began operations in 2008 and has played a strategic role in bridging GL's Anglophone and Francophone operations. In 2017, GL Mauritius office:

- Hosted a SADC Protocol@Work Summit in February 2017, with the financial support of Canada Funds for Local Initiative (CFLI) project, in partnership with Savanne, Grand Port and Curepipe. The District Council of Savanne won the first prize.
- Convened a Training of Trainers (TOT) for the Municipality of Curepipe, District Council of Savanne, Grand Port, Moka, Riviere du Rempart and Black River. Out of the six councils only Savanne has a woman CEO. From all six councils there are 31% female councillors and no mayor or political heads. 13% of the committees are chaired by women and women comprise 11% of water and sanitation committees.
- Facilitated entrepreneurship training for 31 survivors of GBV in partnership with LUX Hotels and Resorts, for women in impoverished regions of Cite Mangalkhan, Floreal. 22 of them completed the programme; four got 'on-the-job' training with LUX Hotels in beauty/ spa and pastry making within the hotel.
- Worked with CIM Finance in a one-year training programme with women in the region of Cité CIM, Riviere du Rempart on entrepreneurship; self-esteem and literacy.
- Conducted training in the region of Durueil with the financial support of The Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank of Mauritius (HSBC). The training programme targeted mostly young women in the region and is on-going. The expected outcome of the project is to empower

women and youth in the region to gain self-esteem, to become entrepreneurs, to start a literacy and IT programme which will contribute in increasing their opportunity to get a job.

- On 1st September 2017, GL Mauritius, opened the first ever Halfway Home for young female adults in Mauritius. The Halfway Home is a temporary shelter for teenage girls (18 and up) who are homeless due to abuse and rejection from family members and has been launched with the funding received from the National CSR Foundation. The home welcomes residents coming from the Rehabilitation Youth Centre (RYC) in Mauritius and other children shelters. Several individual donors helped financially and in-kind. Courts Mammouth donated bunk beds; Lux Hotels towels, sheets, quilts and wall paintings. Beachcomber hotels donated bathrobes and sheets. IBL donated a TV set, freezer, water heater amongst others.

GL's Monitoring and Evaluation through the Gender and Local Government Score card shows that:

- Women comprise 20% of chairs of committees in the COE and comprised 20% those who participated in public consultations.
- Women constitute 36% those employed by COE councils and 35% management.
- 50% councils have disability friendly facilities.
- All COE councils keep sex disaggregated data on procurement and set a target for increasing the number and value of contracts allocated to women, PWD and youth.
- All councils have street lights.