

Gender Links Mauritius began operations in 2008. In 2020 GLM organized 50 events and we touched the lives of 767 women, 390 men and 9 other. GL Mauritius:

- Invited to be part of the High Level Committee on GBV chaired by the Prime Minister where discussions on the Domestic Violence bill and the new telephone application Lespwar and other GBV realities were on the agenda.
- The Safe Haven Halfway Home accommodated 28 residents in 2020 including one from the Correctional Youth Centre, eight domestic violence cases, four homeless and 15 young women with no fixed abode (finding temporary housing every week).
- Part of a consortium called the Kolektif Drwa Imin (KDI) with CSO partners including Kolektif Drwa Zanfan Morisien (KDZM), PILS, Young Queer Alliance and Collectif Arc en Ciel (CAEC). The KDI received funding from the Kaleidoscope Trust to develop a legal environment assessment and a research on the perception of violence on women, children and the LGBTI community. KDI research findings were used to design and implement a social media campaign.
- Conducted seven training sessions on gender mainstreaming and GBV with officers from various ministries. The training allowed public officers to understand the GBV context and find sustainable solutions to address gender issues in their work.
- Had workshops with 10 COE councils to discuss on the impact of COVID and to integrate COVID-19 responses in their Gender Action Plans.
- Conducted business revival workshops with Sunrise entrepreneurs in August 2020.

- Monitored 270 articles for the 2020 GMPS study in Mauritius. It was noted that women voice is under-represented in media with only 26% female sources for media articles, 0% female sources for media stories around economics and only 25% female sources for media stories around politics.

GL's Monitoring and Evaluation through the COE scorecard based on the data for 27 councils show that:

- **Representation of women** in COEs in Mauritius 26% (3% points higher than the national statistic) and 29% in COE chairing committees, 33% Mayors or Chairpersons of councils.
- **Women represent** 21% of the employees and 26% of managers in the COEs.
- **Land:** The Ministry of Local Government in Mauritius including the District and Municipal Councils are not mandated for land allocation and housing. These areas fall under the responsibility of the Ministry of Land and Housing.
- **Housing:** 62% of COE housing is allocated to women.
- **HIV and AIDS:** 60% of councils have an HIV and AIDS policy.
- **Disability facilities** 20% of councils have facilities that cater for people with disability.



Training young women on IT at Safehaven Halfway Home.  
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