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Safe Haven
Halfway Home



Sunrise workshop group
discussion at the Safe Haven
Halfway Home.
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Gender Links Mauritius began operations in 2008. In 2021, GL Mauritius:

- Held 53 events with 919 people including 609 women, 307 men and three gender non-conforming persons.
- Identified new ways of conceptualising, budgeting and executing work at the Safe Haven Halfway Home. The organisation had to work smartly with the residents and use our budget sparingly, while not jeopardising quality. The National Social Inclusion Fund made it possible to accommodate 75 residents in 2021, 43 of which were domestic violence survivors.
- Partnered with Kolektif Drwa Zanfan Morisien (KDZM) and Collectif Arc en Ciel (CAEC) to undertake a study on the perception of Gender issues in Mauritius under the Kaleidoscope Trust 2021 project.
- Launched a social media campaign on child marriage, domestic violence survivors' kit and perpetrators kit, as well as LGBTI rights.
- 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.
- Participated in the High Level Committee on GBV chaired by the Prime Minister

- where discussions on the Domestic Violence Bill and the new telephone application Lespwar were on the agenda.
- Received in kind support amounting to nearly Rs500 000 (Rand 200 000) for the tough year.

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 disabilities.