

MINISTRY OF YOUTH EMPOWERMENT, SPORTS AND RECREATION



# ANNUAL REPORT ON PERFORMANCE for the Financial Year 2021-2022





## ABOUT THIS REPORT

*In line with the requirements of the Finance and Audit Act, this Annual Report gives an overview of the performance of the Ministry of Youth Empowerment, Sports and Recreation for the period 01 July 2021 to 30 June 2022.*

*The objective of this report is to share our key achievements, challenges and major strategic decisions with our stakeholders. In order to foster accountability at all levels every attempt has been made to cover the functions, accomplishments, activities as well as the constraints of various units and functional areas of the Ministry of Youth Empowerment, Sports and Recreation during the financial year 2021-2022.*

*This report can also be used as an informative document for our customers, whether internal or external, in line with good governance principles.*

*As per the requirements of the Ministry of Finance, Economic Planning and Development, the Report is structured into four parts as mentioned below:*

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*Part II – The Ministry’s Achievements and Challenges*

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## **Foreword by the Hon. Minister of Youth Empowerment, Sports and Recreation**

*It gives me tremendous joy to be associated with the publication of the Annual Report of my Ministry for Financial Year 2021 – 2022. As usual, such exercise is an opportunity to have a flashback on activities carried out and progress achieved, thus adopting a rearview mirror outlook, while at the same time focusing on the strategic direction.*

*Being in charge of such a challenging portfolio intended to make a meaningful difference in the lives of our dynamic youth and sportspersons, while being surrounded by a team of supportive staff at the level of my Ministry and parastatal bodies is, indeed, a blessing.*

*I am pleasantly surprised by the resilience and coping mechanisms demonstrated by our youth and sportspersons during the peak of the COVID-19 pandemic as well as the smooth transition which gradually took place following the upliftment of sanitary restrictions. The successful organisation of the 22<sup>nd</sup> African Senior Athletics Championships in June 2022 on the Mauritian soil is a major milestone, which confirmed, once again, the capacity of Mauritius to host such high level regional competitions with the collaboration of valuable partners, both from the private and public sectors.*

*We, at the level of the Ministry, look forward to yet another year full of joy, fun and competitions in the margins of the forthcoming CJSOI Games (Dec 2022) and Indian Ocean Islands Games 2023.*

**Honourable J. C. Stephan Toussaint  
Minister of Youth Empowerment, Sports and Recreation  
November 2022**



## PART I – ABOUT THE MINISTRY

### 1.0 VISION AND MISSION OF THIS MINISTRY

<b>MISSION</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To develop a world class youth combining individual excellence and collective generosity for Mauritius to shine internationally</li></ul>
<b>VISION</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To serve Youth and Sports by ensuring the transformation of opportunities into victories</li></ul>

### 1.1 Core Values



#### ACCESSIBILITY

- We practice an open-door policy and we operate in all fairness and transparency.



#### INTEGRITY

- We are guided by the highest standards of professional ethics



#### TIMELINESS

- We are responsive to the need of one and all and strive to meet our targets



#### TEAMWORK

- We foster teamwork and sharing of information and resources.



## 2.0 ROLE AND FUNCTIONS OF THE MINISTRY

The Ministry of Youth Empowerment, Sports and Recreation previously known as the Ministry of Youth and Sports, was set up in December 1969 with the responsibility to elaborate youth and sports policies for the well-being and sound development of our young people and citizens.

The Ministry aims at providing opportunities and support to sportspersons and the young people in general. It is convinced that sports can act as a catalyst to consolidate national unity. Moreover, the Ministry of Youth Empowerment, Sports and Recreation has adopted a strength-based approach which identifies young people as a valued and respected asset and as a resource for present and future development of society.

In furtherance of this role, the Ministry operates with two main Sections namely, the Youth Section and the Sports Section.

### 2.1 Sports Section

The Director of Sports is head of the Sports Section and he is assisted by six Senior Sports Officers and eight Sports Officers.

The main objectives of the Sports Section are to:

- (a) promote sports through the organisation of major sporting events;
- (b) set up national sports infrastructure and facilities;
- (c) provide the opportunity to all our citizens to practise a sport of their choice whether for competition or leisure;
- (d) offer financial support and technical assistance to National Sports Federations for the development and promotion of their respective disciplines;
- (e) provide incentives to high-level athletes to achieve excellence in their performance at regional, continental and world levels; and
- (f) ensure a balanced development of sports throughout the country.



The Sports Section has been reorganised into different units which are headed by Senior Sports Officers, except for Active Mauritius, which is being implemented by the Mauritius Sports Council. The restructuring aims at meeting the modern requirements of development in the sports field and ensuring a coordinated and sustained approach.

### **2.1.1 Team Mauritius**

The objective of Team Mauritius is to drive the talent and elite sport landscape to inspire Mauritians in the pursuit of excellence on the world stage. Team Mauritius will thus adopt an athlete centric and performance-based strategy, supported by a pathway of talent identification, confirmation and development across Mauritius and Rodrigues.

The key responsibilities of Team Mauritius are as follows:

- (a) strategic planning of high-performance sport;
- (b) developing the elite sport environment and the athlete development pathway, where human and financial resources will be optimised;
- (c) allocating elite sport funding and providing necessary support to National Sports Federations;
- (d) overseeing preparation for elite competitions and training camps;
- (e) developing partnerships with the private sector with regard to the development of high-performance of elite athletes; and
- (f) maintaining a database on the performance of elite athletes.

This Ministry has also reviewed its guidelines regarding assistance to National Sports Federations in order to streamline procedures related to requests and thus, ensure greater accountability and transparency at all levels.



### 2.1.2 Training and Capacity Building

The Training and Capacity Building unit has been set up to enhance the skills, knowledge and qualifications of local coaches and officials. Its objectives are as follows:

- i. to provide opportunities to national athletes for Diploma Courses in Sports Training, Coaching and Exercise at the University of Technology Mauritius and other courses at tertiary institutions;
- ii. to Monitor training courses for technical cadres including coaches and officials of National Sports Federations; and
- iii. to organising Games such as Jeux des Jeunes Talents, Jeux des Jeunes Elites and Handisports Game, in collaboration with National Sports Federations.

## 2.2 Youth Section

The Youth Section of the Ministry aims at promoting the development of young people, aged 14 to 35 years, to empower them to face upcoming life challenges in a highly dynamic social landscape.

The main objectives are to provide opportunities, including personal and social skills, to enable the youth to become more empowered and resilient and able to take up leadership roles. In this respect, youth policies and programmes are geared towards helping youth to take up meaningful and challenging roles in the socio-economic development of the country.

In line with the National Youth Policy formulated in 2016, the following strategic policy areas are being pursued to develop needs-based programmes for the youth:

1. Wellness and Attitude;



2. Employment and Employability;
3. Youth Entrepreneurship;
4. Informal Education; and
5. Recreational activities.

Each of the above-mentioned areas has been translated into a number of programmes and activities for implementation both at national and regional levels through the 26 Youth Centres and the four residential/outdoor centres operational across the country.

Principal Youth Officers under the guidance of the Assistant Director of Youth Affairs were responsible for major programmes which were run at national level, as well as the coordination of programmes and activities in ten regions where they are assisted by Senior Youth Officers and Youth Officers. The Youth Programmes were focused mainly on:

- Recreation
- Programme pour la promotion de l'entrepreneuriat des jeunes
- Special Vacances
- Community Based Programme
- Duke of Edinburgh's International Award (Mauritius)
- Life Skills Education Programme
- Leadership Training Course
- National Youth Civic Service
- Promotion of Healthy Life Style
- Special Youth Outreach programme
- Literary activities
- Youth and Environment Programme
- Youth Volunteer
- Human Rights Education
- Youth Exchange Programmes

In May 2021, the structure was reviewed. Principal Youth Officers were then based at the Head Quarters and were given new responsibilities together with



the coordination of the National Programmes, liaison with international bodies and youth organisations.

### 3.0 KEY LEGISLATIONS

There are two main legislations under the direct responsibility of the Ministry:

1. The National Youth Council Act 1998;
2. The Sports Act 2016; and
3. The Sports (Amendment) Act 2018.

In December 2018, the Sports Act was amended to bring it in line with the World Anti-Doping Code of the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA). The Sports (Amendment) Act was proclaimed on 31 January 2019.

### 4.0 GENDER STATEMENTS

The Ministry of Youth, Empowerment, Sports and Recreation is fully committed to gender mainstreaming as a means of promoting gender equality. In this respect, a Gender Policy was developed for the Ministry in 2014. The goals of the Gender Policy are:

- (a) to achieve equality between men and women in participation and treatment within sports;
- (b) to harness the potential of sports for social empowerment and well-being of women and girls and in promoting an anti-sexist culture; and
- (c) to empower boys and young men, girls and young women to be free from sexist attitudes and behaviour and be able to claim their human rights.



The Ministry is also guided in all its activities by the comprehensive vision of the National Gender Policy Framework and is particularly responsible for creating *‘an enabling environment in which girls and boys, men and women are able to achieve their full potential, in full enjoyment of their human rights’*.

Data from all major surveys have indicated that women are substantially less active than men in Mauritius as far as physical activities are concerned. Social and cultural norms and lack of opportunities are among the main reasons for the gender gap. In order to address this issue, the Ministry has adopted a rights-based approach to sports.

A key principle of the National Sport and Physical Activity Policy 2018-2028 is to provide equal opportunities to all regardless of race, gender, age, background, sexuality or other factors. The Policy aims at fostering diversity and inclusion in sport and physical activity. The Ministry is committed to creating a sports landscape which equally represents and fosters participation of people irrespective of gender, race, disability, age and faith.

Moreover, every effort is made towards ensuring that the gender component is taken into consideration while mounting and carrying out youth empowerment activities of the Ministry.

However, the Ministry recognizes that there is still need to sensitise its employees and stakeholders on gender related issues to address negative gender stereotypes and raise awareness about substantive discrimination and inequality.

The Ministry also endeavours to keep sex-disaggregated statistics for all its activities in order to provide gender indicators for the design of better policies and more effective youth and sports development programmes.

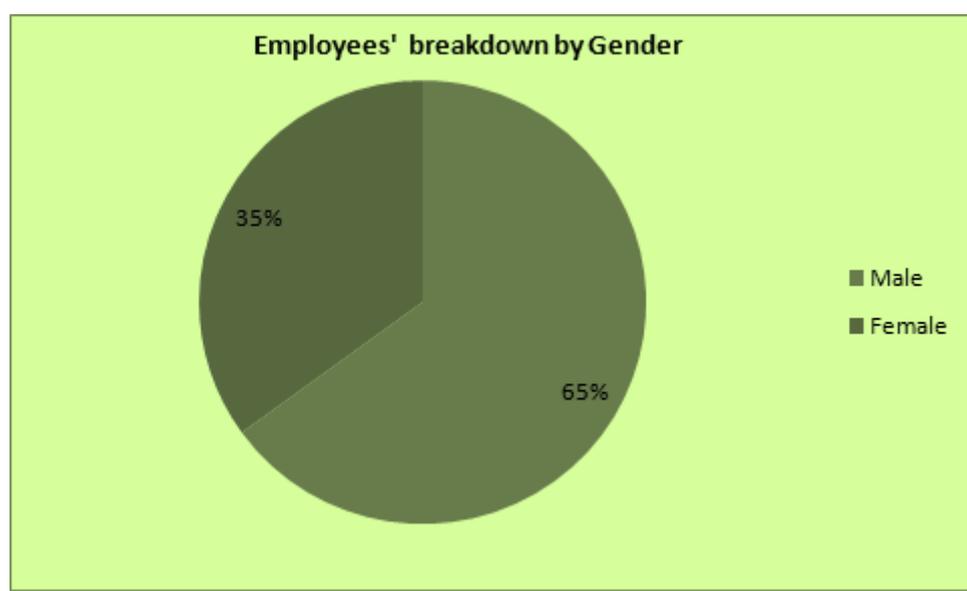


## 5.0 ABOUT OUR PEOPLE

The Minister of Youth Empowerment, Sports and Recreation is the political head of the Ministry and determines the policy direction and priorities of the Ministry. The Permanent Secretary is the Administrative Head and Accounting Officer of the Ministry, responsible for the overall administration and general supervision of the different sections of the Ministry and also translating Government policies and programmes into action through the organisations falling under its aegis. He also advises the Minister on current business of the Government.

The Permanent Secretary is presently assisted in his duties by two Deputy Permanent Secretaries, three Assistant Permanent Secretaries and Officers from other cadres, namely, Human Resource, Financial Operations, Procurement and Supply and officers of the technical side comprising the Youth Cadre and the Sports Cadre as well as well as Officers belonging to the General Service grade and Workmen's group.

The pie chart below represents the Ministry's workforce in percentages.





The employee breakdown by gender is depicted in the table below  
As at 30 June 2022, the Ministry had the following workforce:

<b>Employees</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Total</b>
Administrative Cadre	3	2	5
Financial Operations Cadre	-	7	7
Human Resources Cadre	1	2	3
Procurement and Supply Cadre	3	3	6
Youth Cadre	31	29	60
Sports Cadre	13	2	15
Ombudsman for Sports	1	0	1
Coach/ Senior Coach	20	5	25
Technician (Youth and Sports)	4	0	4
Sports Nursing Officer	2	0	2
Internal Control Cadre	-	2	2
General Service Staff	7	38	45
Systems Analyst/ Computer Support Officer	0	2	2
Workmen's Class	139	34	173
Advisers on contract	3	1	4
Adviser/ Coach (Local) on contract	14	1	15
Advisers/Coaches (Foreign) on contract	4	0	4
Trainees under the Youth Employment Programme	0	3	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>376</b>



## PART II – THE MINISTRY’S ACHIEVEMENTS AND CHALLENGES

### 6.0 MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS/STATUS

#### 6.2 Major International Competitions

Performances of Mauritian athletes in major international events (senior) for the period 01 July 2021 to 30 June 2022.

SN	EVENT	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	TOTAL
1	<b>Boxe Française Savate</b> World Cup Assaut Seniors, Weiz, Austria (26 - 29 July 2021)	1	1	0	2
2	<b>Boxe Française Savate</b> World Combat Seniors Championships, Weiz, Austria (30 July to 01 August 2021)	0	2	2	4
3	<b>Table Tennis</b> 2021 ITTF African Women's Team Championships, Yaounde, CAMEROON (01 - 07 September 2021)	0	0	1	1
4	<b>Kickboxing</b> 26th Hungarian Kickboxing World Cup 2021, Budapest, Hungary (16 - 19 September 2021)	3	1	0	4
5	<b>Swimming</b> 14th CANA Africa Seniors Swimming Championships, Accra, Ghana (11 - 16 October 2021)	0	1	0	1
6	<b>Kickboxing</b> WAKO Senior and Master World Championships 2021, Jesolo Lido, Italia (15 - 24 October 2021)	0	1	3	4
7	<b>MUAYTHAI</b> 2nd African Muaythai Championships, Egypt (11 - 14 November 2021)	1	2	0	3
8	<b>Rugby</b> South Regional Sevens, Lesotho (29/30 January 2022)	1	0	1	2
9	<b>Badminton</b> All Africa Men's Team Championships 2022, Kampala, UGANDA (14 - 17 February 2022)	0	0	1	1



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10	<b>Badminton</b> All Africa Women's Team Championships 2022, Kampala, UGANDA (14 - 17 February 2022)	0	0	1	1
11	<b>Badminton</b> All Africa Individual Championships 2022, Kampala, UGANDA (18 - 20 February 2022)	1	0	1	2
12	<b>Cycling</b> Road Cycling CAC African Championships 2022, Egypt (22 - 27 March 2022)	1	2	0	3
13	<b>Para Athletics</b> Dubai 2022 World Para Athletics Grand Prix - 13th Fazza International Athletics Championships 2022, Dubai (21 - 24 March 2022)	2	3	4	9
14	<b>Ju Jitsu</b> African Championships 2022, Luanda, ANGOLA (24 - 26 March 2022)	2	1	3	6
15	<b>Cycling</b> CAC Mountain Bike African Championships 2022, Windhoek, NAMIBIA (22 - 24 April 2022)	0	0	1	1
16	<b>Table Tennis</b> Eastern African Senior Championships, ETHIOPIA (5 - 8 May 2022)	2	2	0	4
17	<b>Kickboxing</b> 7th International Turkish Open Kickboxing World Cup 2022, Istanbul, TURKEY (12 - 15 May 2022)	1	1	0	2
18	<b>Brazilian Jujitsu</b> Open European Championships, Portugal (28/29 May 2022)	1	4	0	5
19	<b>Para Athletics</b> World Para Athletics Grand Prix 2022, Nottwil, SWITZERLAND (26 - 28 May 2022)	1	3	2	6
20	<b>Para Athletics</b> Daniela Jutzeler Memorial 2022, Nottwil, SWITZERLAND (29 May 2022)	0	1	0	1
21	<b>Judo</b> African Senior Judo Championships 2022, Oran, ALGERIA (26 - 29 May 2022)	1	1	1	3
22	<b>Boxing</b> Zone 3 Men & Women African Championships 2022, Kinshasa, Congo (4 to 10 April 2022)	1	0	3	4



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23	<b>Boxing</b> Eindhoven Box Cup 2022, Netherlands (4-6 June 2022)	2	0	1	3
24	<b>Weightlifting</b> Mauritius International Open Weightlifting Champonships 2022, National Weightlifting Centre Mauritius (26-27 February 2022)	6	3	1	10
25	<b>Wrestling</b> African Senior Championships, Morocco (17 - 23 May 2022)	0	0	1	1
26	<b>Volleyball</b> African Beach Volleyball Qualification Tournament, Accra, Ghana (24-29 March 2022)	0	1	0	1
27	<b>Mixed Martial Arts</b> IMMAF Africa MMA Championships 2022, EFC Performance Institute, Panlshof, Johannesburg (28 - 30 April 2022)	0	0	1	1
28	<b>Athletics</b> African Senior Athletics Championships 2022, Mauritius (8 - 12 June 2022)	0	1	0	1
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>27</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>86</b>





### 6.3 Grants provided by this Ministry

#### 6.3.1 Grant Support to Team Sport

Grants were provided to the following clubs:

(i) BASKETBALL – First Division

S.N	MEN	WOMEN
1	Mahebourg Flippers Basketball Club	Real Club
2	Malherbes B Harlems Basketball Club	Malherbes B Harlems Basketball Club
3	Curepipe Starlight Sporting Club	Residence Vallejee Lions Sports Club
4	Forest Side SC	Residence Geoffroy Sports Club
5	Highlands Young Cadets	Roche Bois Sparks Sports Club
6	Hammers Basketball Club	

(ii) HANDBALL – First Division

S.N	MEN	WOMEN
1	Curepipe Starlight SC	Curepipe Rangers HC
2	Curepipe Rangers HC	Beau Bassin Rose-Hill Plaisance Sports Club
3	Beau Bassin Rose Hill/ Plaisance SC	Union Sportive de Beau Bassin Rose Hill
4	Union Sportive de Beau Bassin Rose Hill	Quartier Militaire Rising Stars HC
5	Residence Vallejee Lions SC	Association Sportive de Vacoas Phoenix
6	Union Sportive de Trou aux Biches	Union Sportive de Trou aux Biches
7	Residence Geoffroy Sports Club	



## (iii) RUGBY – League Season 2022

S.N	MEN	WOMEN
1	Curepipe Starlight Sport Clubs (Highland Blues)	Curepipe Starlight Sport Clubs (Highland Blues)
2	The Black River Western Rugby Club	The Black River Western Rugby Club
3	Northern Pirates Sports Club	Northern Pirates Sports Club

## (iv) VOLLEYBALL – First Division

S.N	MEN	WOMEN
1	Trou aux Biches Sharks SC	Quatre Bornes Volleyball Club
2	Faucon Flacq Camp-Ithier VBC	Tranquebar Black Rangers VBC*
3	Port Louis Red Star Volleyball Club	Curepipe Starlight Sports Club
4	Quatre Bornes Volleyball Club	Azur SC Beau-Bassin/Rose Hill
5	Curepipe Starlight Sports Club	Buswell Volleyball Club of Rose Hill
6	Buswell Volleyball Club of Rose Hill	Union Sportive de Beau Bassin/Rose Hill
7	Association Sportive de Vacoas Phoenix	

## (v) VOLLEYBALL – Division One

S.N	WOMEN
1	Union de Curepipe 1979 VC
2	Trou aux Biches Shark Sports Club
3	La Tour Koenig Sports Club
4	Club Sportif de Mahebourg

**Total Budget Disbursed for Team Grant 2021-2022: 47 Teams x Rs 100,000 = Rs 4,700,000**



## 6.4 High Level Athletes

### 6.4.1 High Level Sports Assistance Scheme

The Ministry of Youth Empowerment, Sports and Recreation provides financial assistance to athletes so as to allow them to excel in their respective sports disciplines and 127 elite athletes were financially supported through the High-Level Sports Assistance Scheme.

Financial assistance is granted to high level athletes who have recorded an outstanding performance in an international competition. It is a result-oriented scheme. The high-level athlete should have the required potential to improve and reach higher level of performance in line with the target set within a given period of time.

The sum disbursed in fiscal year 2021-2022 in favour of 138 beneficiaries was Rs 16,896,750. Details regarding the number of athletes rewarded as per different categories are as follows:

Sn	Level of Performance	Monthly Financial Allowance	Number of Athletes Rewarded		
			Male	Female	Total
1.	World Level	Rs 29,000 – Rs 35,000	06	05	11
2.	Intercontinental Level	Rs 16,000 – Rs 23,000	05	04	09
3.	Continental Level	Rs 9,500 – Rs14,000	20	07	27
4.	Regional Level	Rs 6,500 – Rs 8,500	49	31	80
5.	Sparring Partner/ Guide Runner	Rs 5,000	09 + 2 Guide Runners	0	11
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>91</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>138</b>



### 6.4.2 Cash Prize

The Cash Prize Scheme provides for financial rewards to athletes who have obtained a medal in major competitions at World, Intercontinental, Continental and Regional levels.

Since the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, Cash Prizes were mostly credited directly to bank accounts. For the period 01 July 2021 to 30 June 2022, the amount disbursed in respect of Cash Prize was Rs 4,181,400 for 79 beneficiaries, same is depicted in the table below.:

SN	Date	Number of Beneficiaries	Amount Disbursed (Rs)
1.	13 December 2021	28	2,121,650
2.	17 March 2022	16	380,000
3.	29 April 2022	16	855,750
4.	22 June 2022	19	824,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>79</b>	<b>4,181,400</b>



The cash prizes awarded to high level athletes for participation in international competitions for the financial year 2021-2022 amounted to Rs 824,000 detailed as follows:

SN	COMPETITIONS	No. of Athletes	RS
	<b>JU JITSU</b>		
1.	African Championships 2022 (17 - 24-26 March 2022 2020) Luanda, Angola	4 (3 Athletes+1 Coach)	136,000
	<b>CYCLING</b>		
2.	CAC Mountain Bike African Championships 2022 (22 - 24 April 2022) Windhoek, Namibia	2 (1 Athlete+1 Coach)	42,000
	<b>KICKBOXING</b>		
3.	7 <sup>th</sup> International Turkish Open Kickboxing World Cup 2022 (12 - 15 May 2022) Istanbul, Turkey	6 (5 Athletes+1 Coach)	322,000
	<b>JUDO</b>		
4.	African Senior Judo Championships 2022 (26 - 29 May 2021) Oran, Algeria	5 (3 Athletes+2 Coaches)	240,000
	<b>ATHLETICS</b>		
5.	CAA African Seniors Athletics Championships (08-12 June 2022) Mauritius	2 (1 Athlete+1 Coach)	84,000
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>824,000</b>



## 6.5 Organisation of National Sports/Youth Activities

### 6.5.1 National Youth Civic Service Programme (NYCS)

The NYCS is a 12-week youth development programme targeted at empowering young people aged between 17 and 25 years. It is a highly dynamic and creative initiative aiming to develop a confident, intelligent, active, resilient and daring youth community, while further promoting a spirit of entrepreneurship, citizenship, and social entity.

Youth coaching under this programme involved the use of several tools including interactive thematic sessions, group works, friendly competitions, field visits, community projects, residential camps as well as sports and recreational activities. The 4<sup>th</sup> Edition of the National Youth Civic Service Programme was launched in October 2021 in 10 regions for youth to develop a set of competencies geared towards character building, positive lifestyle and employability.

A Job and Education Meet Up was held in April 2022 at Cote D'Or National Sports Complex where 1000 young people participated.





### 6.5.2 Youth Entrepreneurship Programme (PPEJ)

The Youth Entrepreneurship Training Course is tailor-made to equip young people, aged between 18 to 35 years, with skills and knowledge so that they can start and sustain a small business enterprise. This Programme is implemented with the close collaboration and support of the CONFESJES (Conferences des Ministres de la Jeunesse et des Sports de la Francophonie).

Under this programme, the following activities were held:

- **Zenes Vine to Prop Boss:** 18 Workshops were held in regions targeting 750 potential youth during September to October 2021;
- A wrap up workshop cum a **Certificate Presentation Ceremony:** was held in two batches on 1 and 6 November 2021 at Cote D'Or NSC for 85 participants;
- **Online training** was launched in April 2022 among 100 participants;
- **Training workshops, presentation of cash prizes and certificates:** were held in May 2022 for 150 participants in Rodrigues;
- In June 2022, a workshop organized in collaboration with the Financial Services Commission and Small & Medium Enterprises Mauritius on available financial schemes was held among 60 participants in Cote D'Or National Sports Complex
- In December 2021, organisation of a 'Lafwar de solidarité' to support youth-led enterprises to bounce back after COVID-19 pandemic.





### 6.5.3 International Youth Day 2021 (IYD)

The International Youth Day is celebrated on every 12 August to give young people around the world opportunities to celebrate the voice, actions and initiatives. The theme in 2021 was, “**Transforming Food Systems: Youth Innovation for Human and Planetary Health**”, with the aim of highlighting that the success of such a global effort will not be achieved without the meaningful participation of young people.

The following activities were organised by this Ministry to create awareness on the IYD 2021:

- Online Symposium: there were around 200 participants and it was broadcasted on the Ministry’s Digital Platform on Thursday 12 August 2021;
- Road Show: 50 young people were engaged in marketing the IYD at strategic places;
- Video Clip on Youth Projects (Food production systems): Around 50 recorded videos of youth engaged in transformation of food system were broadcasted on Ministry’s Facebook page; and
- One Week Challenge: For that event, young people were invited to produce a video related to an innovative youth project on related theme. The videos were posted on the Facebook page of the Ministry and the winners were designated based on the number of likes received. Around 50 participants took part through their videos.



#### 6.5.4 Duke of Edinburgh's International Award (DOFE) – Mauritius

The **DOFE** is the world's leading youth achievement award, bringing together practical experiences and life skills to equip young people for life. This programme promotes individual achievement and autonomy among young people aged 14 to 24 years old. It has three levels – Bronze, Silver and Gold, with the following four sections at each level: Voluntary Service, Skills, Physical Recreation, Adventurous Journey and a Residential Project for Gold level participants.

From July to December 2021, around 2711 youth participated through online sessions.

From January to June 2022, around 3785 DOFE participants were involved either in Adventurous Journeys or Award ceremonies.





### **Gold Award Ceremony**

The Gold award Ceremonies were organised at the State House on 30 May, 01 June and 02 June 2022 in 6 batches. There were 183 recipients (92 girls & 91 boys) who completed their Gold Level and received their Certificates and badges from the hand of His Excellency Prithvirajsing Roopun, the President of Republic of Mauritius and Patron of the Duke of Edinburgh's International Award – Mauritius.



### **6.5.5 Youth Volunteer Mauritius (YVM)**

The YVM programme fosters civic participation and community engagement among young people aged 14-35 years old and it has 4 components, namely Nation Building, Solidarity, Education and Environment which help to instill empathy and citizenship among youth to help them find pathways through meaningful community involvement.

The activities which were organized under this programme were:

#### **➤ Celebration of the World Clean-up Day**

To mark the world clean-up day, 60 young volunteers from different parts of the island participated in a Residential Workshop on 18 and 19 September 2021 at Pointe Jerome Youth Training Centre.



The objectives of this event are to:

- (i) raise awareness on the mismanaged waste crisis;
- (ii) sensitize young people on the importance of safe and clean environment in the wake of climatic challenges; and
- (iii) sensitize public on the importance of wetlands in the eco-system.

The programme consisted of setting up of an Endemic Garden, cleaning-up of the Mahebourg Water-Front, cleaning-up of wet lands, plantation of Mangroves and Kayaking.



#### **6.5.6 Special Vacances**

The Special Vacances programme was organised from 02 to 15 September 2021, in strict adherence to the prevailing sanitary protocol. Around 750 young people participated in ‘*Animation Régionale*’ and Hiking/Mountaineering organised at regional levels.

In April 2022, around 362 youths participated in Hiking. 2500 young people across the island participated in activities such as hiking, quad biking, kayak, molkky games, pedaler en sécurité, pedalo and pony ride. For Winter Holidays, around 2000 participated in Vacances Zen.



### 6.5.7 Youth Health Promotion Programme

To sustain the psychological and health needs of youngsters, training and ongoing youth programmes were reinforced with the aim to enable positive character, skills, attitude development and imparting health related knowledge to youth. This also provided new direction for the promotion of health education. The following actions were undertaken:

#### ➤ **Capacity Building Workshop**

A Capacity building workshop on “Prevention of Addictive Behaviour” was held in September 2021 with stakeholders such as Brigade des Mineurs, ADSU and NGOs for 50 Animateurs/ Youth Officers working with young people. This aimed to sensitise young people and build resilience against substance abuse. In February 2022, production of songs and online sensitisation on youth issues were organised through the MYESR Facebook page reaching out 1000 youths.

#### ➤ **Life Skills Education Programme**

The Life Skills Education Programme was launched in October 2021 with some 90 young people from across 3 regions, namely, Terre Rouge, Chemin Grenier and Curepipe. This training is a 10-week comprehensive youth health programme designed to support adolescents to make healthy lifestyle choices. It was delivered using an interactive mode of instruction comprising games and activities. Both face-to-face and online medium were used.





➤ **Youth Counselling**

The Youth Counselling aims to empower young people in need of psychosocial support to enable them address current life issues and challenges. A series of activities were organised:

- Training of Youth Officers in October 2021 to equip 25 Youth Officers with relevant skills to conduct counselling sessions with young people;
- Training of 120 Peer Counsellors in November 2021;
- A Training in Interpersonal Communication and Basic Counselling Skills was organised in November 2021 to empower 30 young students from Educational Zone One (Port Louis, Pamplemousses and Rivière du Rempart) with relevant counselling competencies in order to support the “Student Care & Counselling Desk” already in place in State Secondary Schools;
- Capacity Building on Suicide Prevention in March 2022; and
- Training of Trainers on Communication & Counselling skills in April 2022.





➤ **Special Youth Outreach Programme**

This may be classified as detached youth work in the form of street-based youth work which may operate without the use of a youth centre and takes place where young people are geographically and developmentally located. These young people mostly found on streets are ‘hard to reach’ or ‘unattached’ young people of the society. Young people are encouraged and motivated to utilise existing infrastructural facilities. ‘Animateurs’/ Youth Workers deliver informal and social education to address whatever needs those youths have.

Launched since June 2019, 10 Animateurs have been recruited and trained to accompany youth in difficult situation or from risky region. They help targetted youth to realise their life projects or goals englobing the cultural, social and economic aspect of the individual. This programme enables integration of youth at risk in the mainstream society and prevent them in falling prey to social evils. Around 400 vulnerable youth have benefitted from the programme.





➤ **Human Rights Education**

With a view of inspiring young people to be the watchdogs of human rights, several Human Rights Workshops were organised. It should be noted that youth is a period of transition from dependence to independence and autonomy. Promoting these rights among youth entails addressing specific challenges and barriers they face. Youth participation in Human Rights workshops indirectly address the problem of youth being under-represented in decision making at all levels. A training of Trainers on Human Rights Education was organised in October 2021 at the Helvetia Youth Centre. An interactive session was organised for young students at Universal College in November 2001. In February 2022, training of Youth Officers was held followed by sensitisation of youth on Human Rights during February to April 2022 among 135 participants.





## **WORLD WALKING DAY 2021**

This Ministry in collaboration with the Mauritius Sports Council organised the annual TAFISA World Walking Day on Sunday 03 October 2021 in the 20 constituencies of Mauritius. Launched in 1991, TAFISA World Walking Day provides a simple and fun way to be physically active. Its objective is to promote health through walking and celebrate Sports for All against the backdrop global crisis of physical inactivity. Around 1000 persons participated in the activity throughout the island. Also, this initiative depicted and testified Mauritian solidarity with the world in fighting against the COVID-19 Pandemic.





### **JOURNEE DE LA JEUNESSE DE L'OCEAN INDIEN (CJSOI)**

The CJSOI is a regional inter-governmental commission founded in 1988 to foster regional cooperation, following a meeting of the CONFESJES (Conférence des Ministres de la Jeunesse et des Sports de la Francophonie). The CJSOI invited Mauritius to participate in the annual celebrations of the “*Journée de la Jeunesse de L’Ocean Indien*” and this year’s theme was: ‘*Le Sport de la Jeunesse pour la Santé.*’ It was celebrated on 11 December 2021 at Pointe Jerome Youth Training Centre among 100 participants. Local artists showcased their talents onsite and there was a demonstration of outdoor activities for keeping fit and good health, for example, rock climbing, kayak, cycling, abseiling, sculpture, traditional music and play station.

The event was also marked by the visit of Mrs Marie-Céline Zialor, President of the CJSOI who is also the Minister of Youth, Sports and Family of the Republic of Seychelles, in the presence of the Hon. Stephan Toussaint, Minister of Youth Empowerment, Sports and Recreation and Mr A.Cheetamun, General Secretary of CJSOI. It aimed to further promote sporting culture and friendship ties among youth aged 14 to 17 years of member countries of the CJSOI, namely, Comoros, Djibouti, Madagascar, Mauritius, Mayotte, Reunion and the Seychelles.





## 7.0 STATUS ON IMPLEMENTATION OF KEY BUDGET MEASURES

### Monitoring of Key Budget Measures 2020-2021 as at 30 June 2022

SN	BUDGET MEASURE	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
1.	The National Youth Council will be strengthened to transform current youth centres into modern youth hubs which will be community focal points, delivering and matching our youth to appropriate programs, activities counsellors, careers and sports.	<p>-8 Youth centres have been identified to be transformed into Youth Hubs.</p> <p>-National survey on Revamping of youth Centres has been completed.</p> <p>-12 Focus Group Discussions have been programmed (Ongoing)</p>
2.	Sports Facilities Mauritius Unit will supervise the maintenance and long-term strategy of our national portfolio of sport facilities, youth hubs, outdoor education and recreation centres.	Ongoing
3.	Support to elite athletes by providing a one-off grant of Rs 10,000 to 125 young high-level athletes for the purchase of sport equipment.	Implemented
4.	A Recreation Council will be set up for the organisation of recreation programmes at national level.	<p>-The Mauritius Recreation Council Bill was voted and gazetted on 07 and 14 December 2021 respectively.</p> <p>-On 28 January 2022, Cabinet took note of the preparation of a National Policy on Recreation.</p>



## 8.0 IMPLEMENTATION PLAN – DIRECTOR OF AUDIT COMMENTS

The table below highlights the shortcomings reported by the Director of Audit and the actions/measures being undertaken by the Ministry to address these shortcomings:

Issues (Report Ref.)	Comments of the Director of Audit	Proposed Measures	Units/Agencies Responsible	Status of Actions taken and Implementation Date
<b>18.1 Grants (MMIL, MSC and Sport for All Project)</b>	<p>The Ministry should exercise effective monitoring of grants/other funding and for accountability thereof.</p> <p>Shortcomings highlighted included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• unsigned documents;</li> <li>• non-submission of Financial Statements and Annual Performance Report; and</li> <li>• no progress reports or delayed progress reports</li> </ul>	<p>The institutions were instructed to ensure that all documents are duly signed by Senior Officers.</p> <p>The Ministry will follow up for the timely submission of the Financial Statement and Annual Performance Report and other documents</p> <p>The Ministry will also ensure compliance with the terms and conditions of Funding Agreements.</p>	Finance Section /Administration	Taken note
<b>18.2 Cash Book (Disbursement 25.4 million)</b>	The Ministry should ensure accountability and control over disbursements as authorized signatures were missing in operating the bank accounts, also unused balance was not reported to be included in the	The Ministry will request the Internal Control Unit to do more frequent checks regarding the cash flow.	Finance Section	Taken note



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	Treasury's account at the end of the financial year.			
<b>18.3 Security Services</b>	The Ministry should ensure adequate planning in procurement procedures in order to avoid delays in award of contract. Also, monitor the services and ensure compliance of the Service Provider.	The Ministry will ensure that more formal Performance Monitoring meetings will be held, in addition to the quarterly ones.	Administration	Taken note
<b>18.4 Renting of Office Space in excess</b>	The Ministry should ensure optimum use of office space so as to reduce cost in respect of same and other related expenses.	The Ministry is presently working out a detailed needs requirements and specifications in respect of launching of bids for the rental of office space.	Administration/Procurement Section	Ongoing
<b>18.5 Non-Compliance with Legislations</b>	As per Finance and Audit Act and Statutory Bodies (Accounts and Audit) Act, the Ministry should ensure that its Annual Report and those of the statutory bodies falling under its aegis be submitted to the National Assembly in a timely manner.	The Ministry will ensure that representatives on the boards fulfill their statutory responsibilities regarding the preparation of financial statements and submission of same to be tabled the National Assembly.	Administration	Taken Note



## PART III – FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

### 9.0 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

#### (a) Financial Assistance to National Sports Federations (NSFs) and Sports Organisations

Financial Assistance has been provided to 44 National Sports Federations and Sports Organisations during the financial year for the organisation of competitions, participation in regional and international competitions, transport, purchase of equipment and medical items, etc.

Total Budget Earmarked: **Rs 42,500,000**

Total Budget Allocated to NSFs for FY 2021-2022: **Rs 42,388,268**

<b>NATIONAL SPORTS FEDERATIONS</b>		
<b>SN</b>	<b>NAME OF FEDERATION</b>	<b>AMOUNT DISBURSED (Rs)</b>
<b>1</b>	All Mauritius Karaté Federation	102,225
<b>2</b>	Association de Petanque de l'Ile Maurice	470,276
<b>3</b>	Aurally Handicapped Persons Sports Federation	64,712
<b>4</b>	Fédération Mauricienne de Kickboxing et Disciplines Assimilées	1,369,717
<b>5</b>	Fédération Mauricienne de Boxe Française	344,417
<b>6</b>	Fédération Mauricienne de Cyclisme	2,939,503
<b>7</b>	Fédération Mauricienne de Natation	1,240,335
<b>8</b>	Fédération Mauricienne de Tir à l'Arc	59,679
<b>9</b>	Fédération Mauricienne de Triathlon	524,545
<b>10</b>	Fédération Mauricienne des Sports Corporatifs	231,760
<b>11</b>	Mauritius Boxing Association	3,321,265
<b>12</b>	Mauritius Amateur Weightlifters and Powerlifters Association	1,704,301
<b>13</b>	Mauritius Athletics Association	4,209,931



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<b>14</b>	Mauritius Badminton Association	2,436,071
<b>15</b>	Mauritius Basketball Federation	1,952,695
<b>16</b>	Mauritius Billiards & Snooker Federation	513,595
<b>17</b>	Mauritius Chess Federation	8,300
<b>18</b>	Mauritius Equestrian Sports Association	1,006,650
<b>19</b>	Mauritius Climbing Federation	30,000
<b>20</b>	Mauritius Golf Federation	305,850
<b>21</b>	Mauritius Handball Association	306,452
<b>22</b>	Mauritius Ju-Jitsu Federation	443,593
<b>23</b>	Mauritius Judo Federation	768,195
<b>24</b>	Mauritius National Wrestling and Allied Games Association	718,795
<b>25</b>	Mixed Martial Arts Federation	75,000
<b>26</b>	Mauritius Table Tennis Association	1,713,794
<b>27</b>	Mauritius Tae Kwon Do Federation	237,280
<b>28</b>	Mauritius Tennis Federation	874,600
<b>29</b>	Mauritius Volleyball Association	2,421,185
<b>30</b>	Mauritius Wushu Federation	183,787
<b>31</b>	Mauritius Yachting Association	1,357,123
<b>32</b>	Mentally Handicapped Persons Sports Federation	1,542,249
<b>33</b>	Physically Handicapped Persons Sports Federation	1,145,528
<b>34</b>	Rugby Union Mauritius	2,134,183
<b>35</b>	The Fencing Federation of Mauritius	59,374
<b>36</b>	Visually Handicapped Persons Sports Federation	148,200
<b>37</b>	Kyokushinkai Martial Arts Federation	243,025
<b>38</b>	Mauritius Brazilian Jiu Jitsu Federation	335,632
<b>39</b>	Muay Thai	125,900
<b>40</b>	Ringball Federation of Mauritius	17,796
<b>41</b>	CNSF	400,250
<b>42</b>	Mauritius Gymnastics Federation	44,338
<b>42</b>	Mauritius Cricket Federation	30,000



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<b>43</b>	Mauritius Paralympic Committee	95,770
<b>44</b>	Others	4,189,766
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>42,388,268</b>

### 9.1 Financial Assistance to Athletes

The Ministry of Youth, Empowerment, Sports and Recreation provides several financial assistance schemes to athletes in order for them to excel in their disciplines.

#### High Level Sports Assistance Scheme

Financial assistance is granted to high level athletes who have recorded an outstanding performance in an international competition. It is a result-oriented scheme. The high-level athlete should have the required potential to improve and reach higher level of performance in line with the target set within a given period of time.

- Amount Disbursed for FY 2021/2022: **Rs 13,059,000 million**
- Number of Beneficiaries: **123** as detailed in table below:

SN	Level of Performance	Monthly Financial Allowance	Number of Beneficiaries		
			Male	Female	Total
		Rs			
1.	World Level- Olympic Sports	21,750 – 26,250	8	3	11
	World Level- Non-Olympic Sports	12,000 - 14,250			
2.	Intercontinental Level- Olympic Sports	12,000 – 17,250	5	6	11
	Intercontinental Level- Non-Olympic Sports	7,875 - 9,750			
3.	Continental Level- Olympic Sports	7,125 – 10,500	19	9	28
	Continental Level- Non-Olympic Sports	5,250 - 6,750			
4.	Regional Level- Olympic Sports	4,875 – 6,375	42	21	63



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	Regional Level-Non-Olympic Sports	4,875			
5.	Sparring Partner	3,750	8	0	8
6.	Guide Runners	5,000	2	0	2
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>84</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>123</b>

## 9.2 Financial Highlights

In Budget 2021/2022 the Ministry of Youth Empowerment, Sports and Recreation is classified under Vote 14-1 and a total amount of Rs 640 million was earmarked for the expenditure of the Ministry, as follows:

- Capital Budget: Rs 482 million
- Recurrent Budget: Rs 158 million

The Ministry had the following three Expenditure Sub-Heads under its control:

FINANCIAL YEAR 2021-2022		
SUB-HEADS	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT (Rs)
14-101	General	80,700,000
14-102	Promotion and Development of Sports	452,400,000
14-103	Youth Services	106,900,000
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT</b>		<b>640,000,000</b>

## 10.1 Overall Expenditure by Sub-Heads

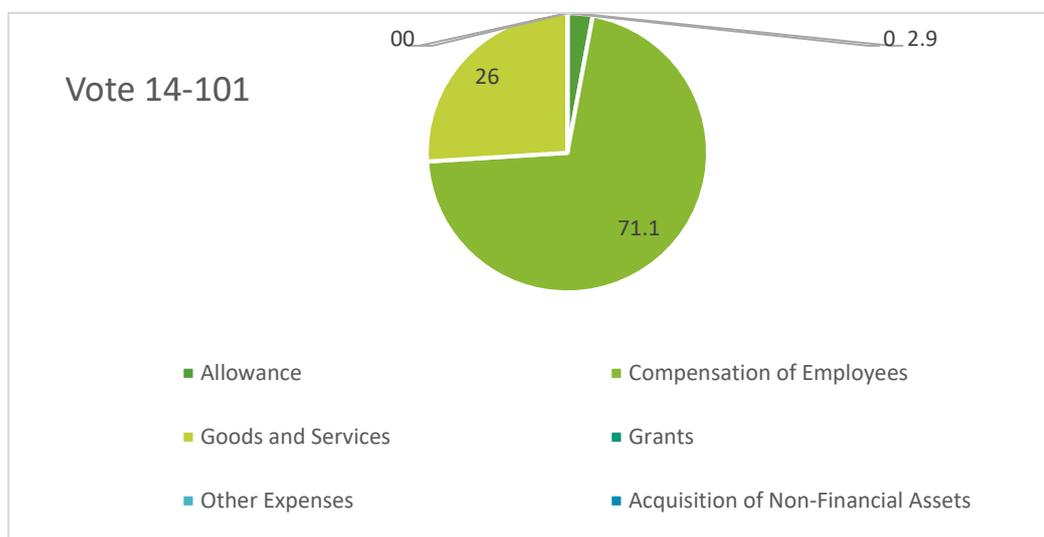
The total expenditure for the financial year is Rs 548,175,458, as shown detailed in the table below.

Sub-Heads	Revised Budget	Amount Spent	Percentage Spent
	(Rs)	(Rs)	
14-101 (General)	84,085,000	81,511,950	96.90%
14-102 (Sports)	446,015,000	380,837,430	85.40%
14-103 (Youth)	109,900,000	85,826,078	78.10%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>640,000,000</b>	<b>548,175,458</b>	<b>86.80%</b>



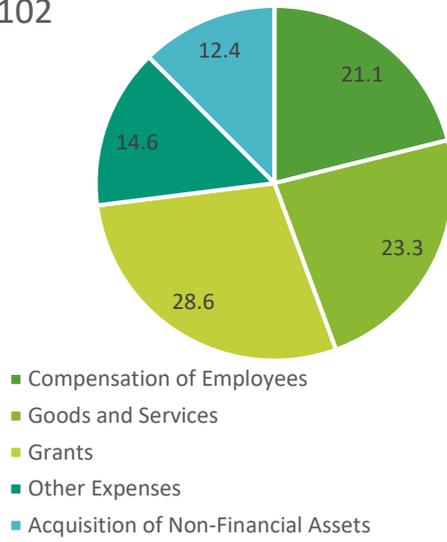
As a percentage of total expenditure incurred, each economic category is represented as follows:

SUB HEADS ECONOMIC CATEGORY	140101	140102	140103
Allowance	2.9	0	0
Compensation of Employees	71.1	21.1	58.2
Goods and Services	26	23.3	33.3
Grants	0	28.6	3.6
Other Expenses	0	14.6	0.1
Acquisition of Non-Financial Assets	0	12.4	4.8

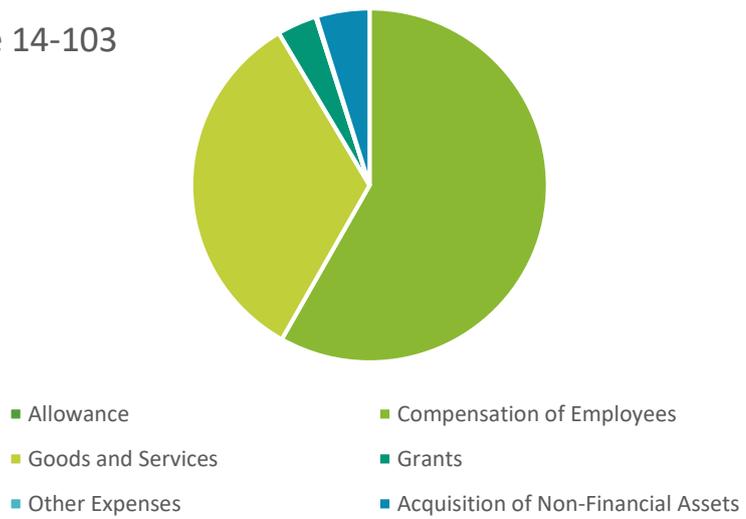




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## 10.2 Statement of Expenditure

The table below details the expenditure of the Ministry by economic categories.

Financial Year 2021/2022								
SUB-HEADS	14-101		14-102		14-103		Total Revised Estimates	Total Actual
	Revised Estimates	Actual	Revised Estimates	Actual	Revised Estimates	Actual		
<i>Allowance</i>	2,400	<b>2,400</b>	0	<b>0</b>	0	<b>0</b>	<b>2,400</b>	<b>2,400</b>
<i>Compensation of Employees</i>	59,700	<b>57,959</b>	82,458	<b>80,366</b>	50,510	<b>50,028</b>	<b>192,668</b>	<b>188,353</b>
<i>Goods and Services</i>	21,985	<b>21,153</b>	99,450	<b>88,885</b>	43,890	<b>28,561</b>	<b>165,325</b>	<b>138,599</b>
<i>Grants</i>	0	<b>0</b>	111,530	<b>108,817</b>	3,135	<b>3,060</b>	<b>114,665</b>	<b>111,877</b>
<i>Other Expense</i>	0	<b>0</b>	57,000	<b>55,548</b>	365	<b>27</b>	<b>57,365</b>	<b>55,575</b>
<i>Acquisition of Non-Financial Assets</i>	0	<b>0</b>	95,577	<b>47,221</b>	12,000	<b>4,150</b>	<b>107,577</b>	<b>51,371</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>84,085</b>	<b>81,512</b>	<b>446,015</b>	<b>380,837</b>	<b>109,900</b>	<b>85,826</b>	<b>640,000</b>	<b>548,175</b>

## 10.3 Expenditure Classification

**Allowance** caters for the monthly salary of the Minister of Youth Empowerment, Sports and Recreation.

**Compensation of employees** is made up of Basic Salary, Salary Compensation, Allowances, Extra Assistance, Cash in lieu of leave, End of year Bonus, Wages, Travelling and Transport and Overtime of employees, Staff Welfare and Social Contributions.

**Goods and Services** are mainly recurrent expenses incurred and include Cost of Utilities, Fuel and Oil, Rent, Office Equipment and Furniture, Office Expenses, Maintenance of buildings, plant and equipment, vehicles and IT equipment, Cleaning Services, Publications and Stationery, Fees and other Goods and Services, such as Uniforms and Miscellaneous Expenses.



**Grants** refer to funds provided to the Mauritius Sports Council (MSC), Mauritius Multisports Infrastructure Ltd (MMIL), Trust Fund for Excellence in Sports (TFES), National Youth Council (NYC) and Contribution to International Organisations.

**Other Expenses** pertain to transfer to non-profit institutions such as Football Clubs and Sports Federations.

**Acquisition of Non-Financial Assets** represent expenses made for Upgrading of Sports Infrastructure and Youth Centres, Construction of Sports Infrastructure and Acquisition of Other Machinery and Equipment.

## 1.0 ANALYSIS OF MAJOR CHANGES

The table and charts below show the actual expenditure by category and Sub-Heads for financial years 2020/21 and 2021/2022 and the variances.

(Rs) '000									
Category	Sub- Head 14-101			Sub-Head 14-102			Sub-Head 14-103		
	Actual 2020/21	Actual 2021/22	Variance	Actual 2020/21	Actual 2021/22	Variance	Actual 2020/21	Actual 2021/22	Variance
<i>Allowance</i>	2,400	2,400	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Compensation of Employees</i>	48,922	57,959	9,037	72,762	80,366	7,604	43,526	50,028	6,502
<i>Goods and Services</i>	20,636	21,153	517	44,048	88,885	44,837	23,430	28,561	5,131
<i>Grants</i>	0	0	0	274,744	108,817	-165,927	2,999	3,060	61
<i>Other Expense</i>	0	0	0	71,562	55,548	-16,014	75	27	-48
<i>Acquisition of Non-Financial Assets</i>	0	0	0	28,533	47,221	18,688	4,402	4,150	-252
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>71,958</b>	<b>81,512</b>	<b>-9,554</b>	<b>491,649</b>	<b>380,837</b>	<b>110,812</b>	<b>74,432</b>	<b>85,826</b>	<b>-11,394</b>

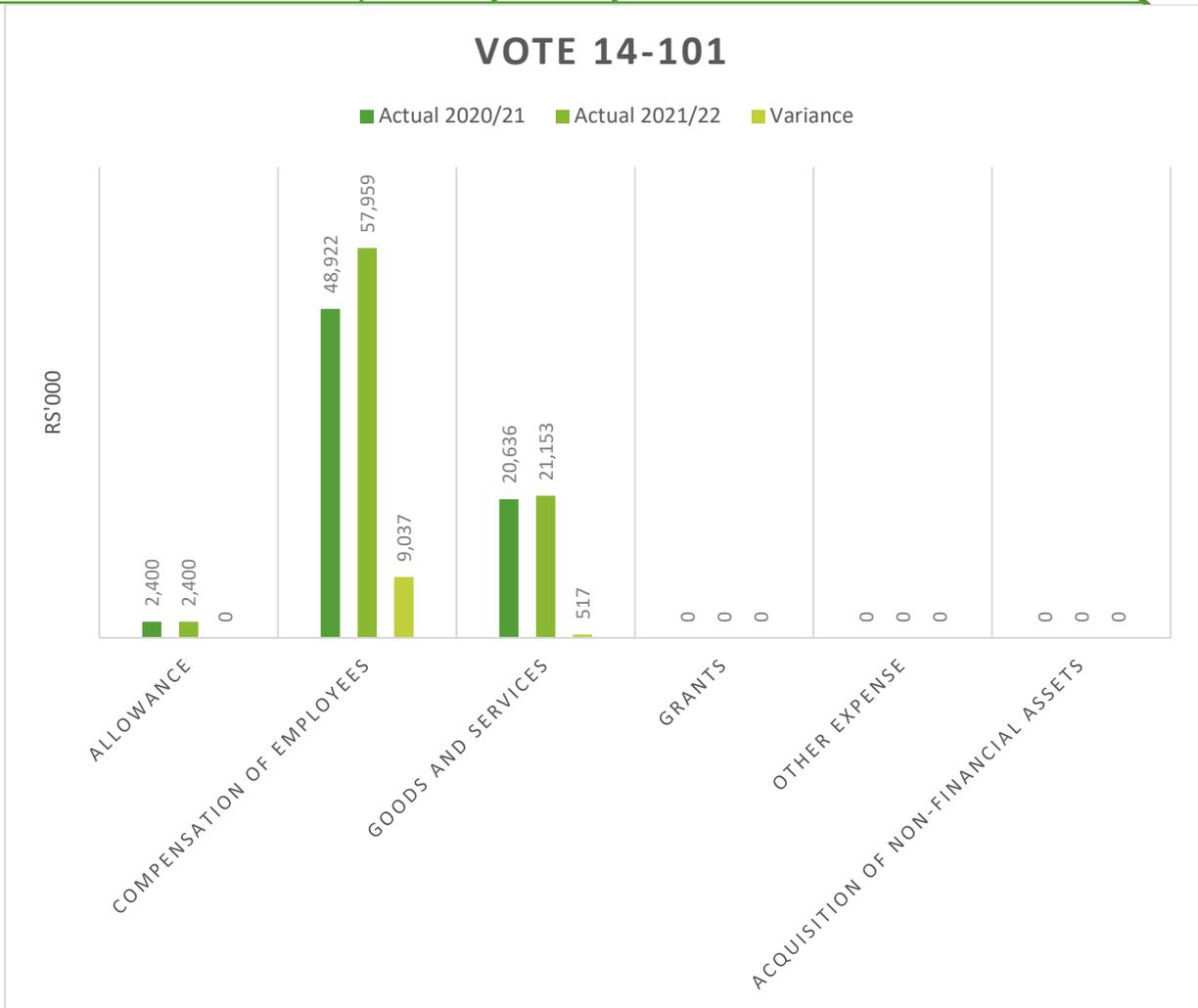


Some variances which are worth to be noted under Sub-Head 14-101 (General) , Sub-Head 14-102 (Promotion of Sports Development) and Sub-Head 14-103 (Youth Services) are listed below:

An analysis of the actual expenditure for financial year 2021/2022 compared to the preceding financial year clearly indicates minor increases under Sub-Heads 140101 and 140103. and a major decrease under Sub-Head 14-102.

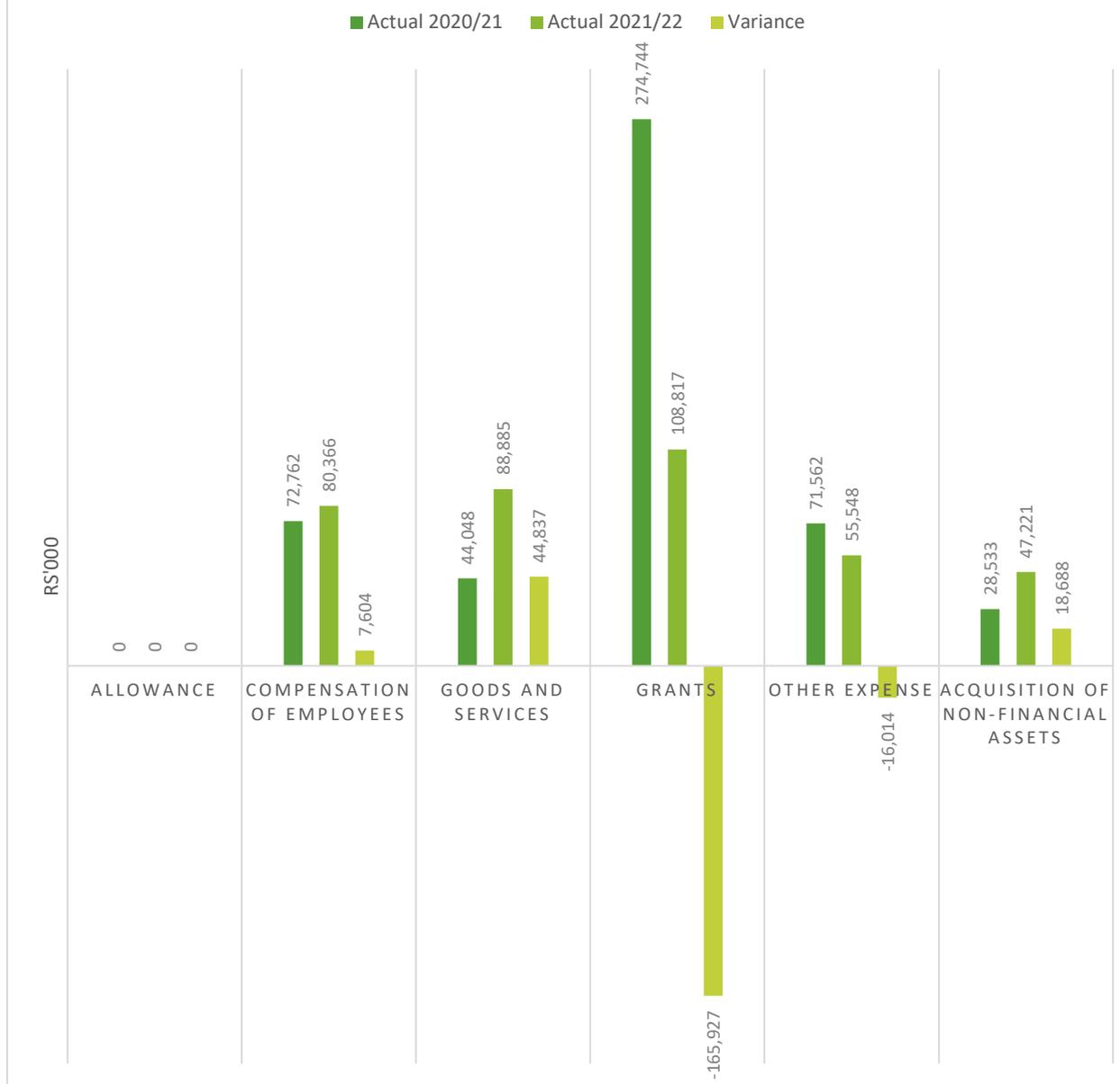
As highlighted in the table above, the major change in the overall expenditure of Vote 14-102 ‘Promotion of Sports Development’ concerns the economic category ‘Grant’. There is a substantial decrease of Rs165.9M as compared to previous year. This decrease is due to the provision of a capital grant to the tune of Rs182.2M in financial year 2020/2021 to the Association for the Upgrading of IOIG Infrastructure (AUGI).

Other significant variances which are worth to be noted are the net increases in ‘Compensation of Employees’ under Sub Head 140101, 140102 and 140103 as compared to the previous year. These increases are due to the implementation of PRB 2021 and payment of ‘cash in lieu of leave’ to employees.





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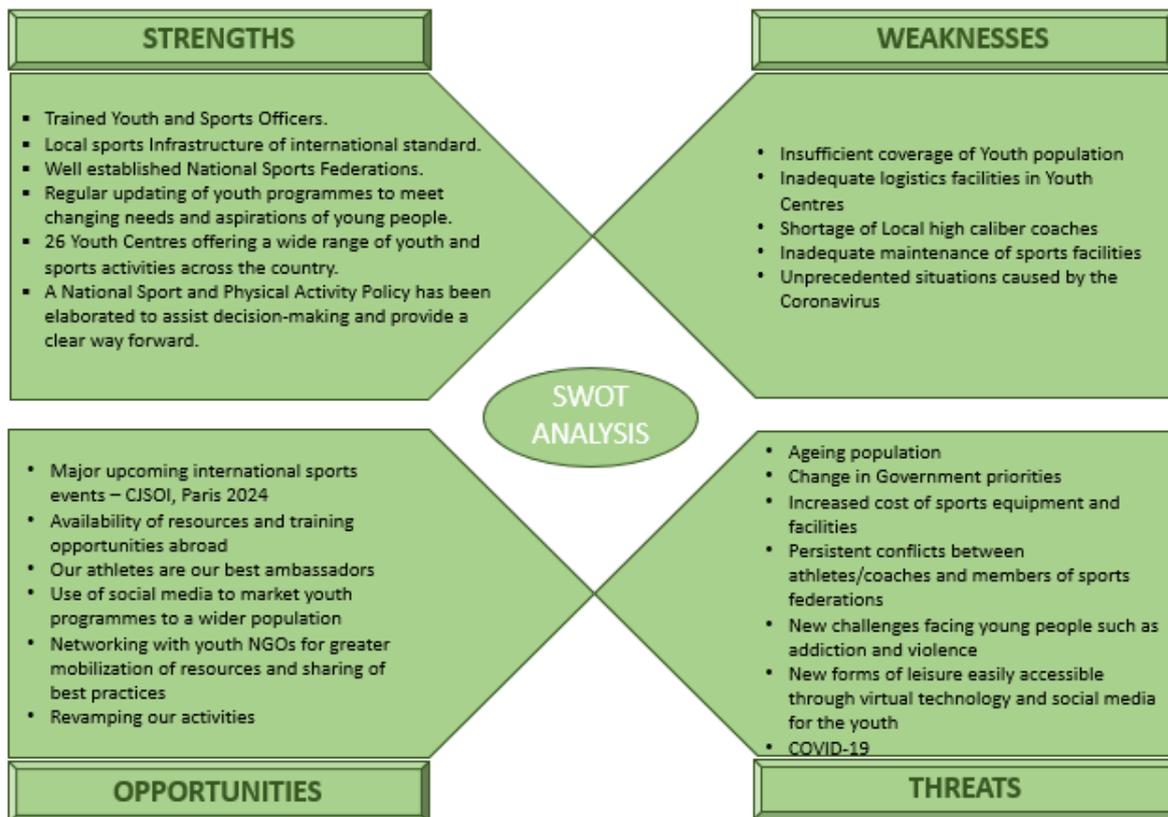
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## 10.0 TRENDS AND CHALLENGES

A SWOT Analysis has been carried out to identify the main strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats which impact on the Ministry’s operations and environment. Based on the results of the Analysis, the Ministry will be able to develop a realistic course of action to better satisfy the needs of its customers and stakeholders.





## PART IV – THE PROPOSED WAY FORWARD

### 11.0 STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS

#### ➤ **Enhance sports practice for a healthier nation**

- Expand Sports for All activities to provide physical, mental, emotional and social experiences across all ages.

#### ➤ **Implementing the National Sport and Physical Activity Policy**

The National Sport and Physical Activity Policy has identified the following transformational themes:

- (i) Foster a culture of community sport and physical activity;
- (ii) Create an amateur to elite sport environment; and
- (iii) Develop a vibrant and growing sport economy with a new sports legislation to facilitate the implementation of the Policy.

#### ➤ **Promoting excellence in Sport**

- Assistance to elite athletes will be strengthened for performance improvement and enhancement on the international arena;
- The employability of elite sportsmen and sportswomen will be promoted to ensure a decent livelihood;
- Improve performance of elite sportspersons through a structured programme of work;
- Improve the standards of coaches and tutors;
- Recognise the contribution of elite sportsmen and sportswomen; and
- Assistance to elite athletes to prepare for the Paris Olympic Games 2024.

#### ➤ **Formulation of a National Youth Empowerment Strategy**

- Conduct a nationwide comprehensive consultation process with all stakeholders, including a National Youth Platform;
- Develop the strategy with milestones, KPIs and M&E tools.



- Integrate a quality focus in programmes and operational processes.
  
- Review the functioning of the National Youth Council to promote further youth engagement and advocacy on youth matters.
- **Empower the youth to face upcoming challenges in their social environment**
  - Implement the National Youth Civic Service and Volunteer Mauritius programmes to, *inter alia*, provide training in leadership skills, youth entrepreneurship, employability and recreational activities; and
  - Optimise the use of Youth Centres and other facilities for greater youth participation in life skills and sports activities.
- **Modernising sports infrastructure**
  - Existing sports infrastructure across the country will be maintained;
  - Increase accessibility and maximise utilisation of sports infrastructure; and
  - Setting up of Facilities Mauritius.