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ON PERFORMANCE
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR
2022 – 2023

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 2022 to 30 June 2023.

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 2022-2023.

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:

Part I – About the Ministry

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

It is with great pleasure that I associate myself with the publication of the Annual Report of my Ministry for the Financial Year 2022/2023. Indeed, the preparation of this Report has been an opportunity to not only shed light on our achievements for the past year but also to focus on our objectives, which are geared towards the development of leadership skills in our youth and encouraging their participation in the socio-economic development of the country and achieving sports excellence for our sportsmen.



Over the past year, we have witnessed remarkable progress and accomplishments and the impressive performances of our athletes at the 2022 Commonwealth Games, Jeux de la Commission de la Jeunesse et des Sports de l'Océan Indien (CJSOI), Para-Athletics Games and various competitions at the regional and continental levels illustrate the talent and dedication of our rising stars.

Achieving sports excellence and empowering youth necessitate dedication, hard work, and commitment. With the staunchness of all staff of my Ministry and parastatal bodies operating under the aegis of my Ministry, we are determined to reach our goals.

I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to each staff member of my Ministry, our partners who have played a crucial role in these accomplishments and I look forward to an even more fruitful collaboration for forthcoming Games, namely the All Africa Games and Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games, as well as innovative youth and recreational programmes.

Honourable J. C. Stephan Toussaint
Minister of Youth Empowerment, Sports and Recreation
October 2023

Statement by the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Youth Empowerment, Sports and Recreation

I am honoured to be associated with the publication of this Annual Performance Report of the Ministry of Youth Empowerment, Sports and Recreation. This Ministry, in line with its vision and mission, plays an important role in the promotion of sports and the empowerment of our youth. Our young people are pivotal in creating changes that are required to ignite innovations to lead to sustainable development of our society.



During the Financial Year 2022/2023, the Ministry of Youth Empowerment, Sports and Recreation has successfully addressed numerous challenges that came on its way.

We organised several activities that assisted our young people to develop their skills for their empowerment and also to build life-long self-confidence and improve their resilience to overcome the challenges of everyday life.

With regard to sports, we hosted major competitions, including the Jeux de la Commission de la Jeunesse et des Sports de l'Océan Indien. We provided support to our athletes for participation in regional and international competitions.

We also completed several infrastructure projects, including a state-of-the-art Blue Bay Beach Arena. We converted several Youth Centres into Youth Hubs with modern amenities for our youth, whilst other infrastructural projects were on-going.

Furthermore, we organised numerous recreation activities to the satisfaction of all our beneficiaries and stakeholders.

I would like to acknowledge the invaluable contribution and commitment of all my staff members in the achievement of our goals and objectives for the Financial Year 2022/2023 without forgetting the team that prepared this Annual Performance Report.

We will continue to forge ahead in the pursuit of our goals and objectives for the advancement of sports, youth and recreation.

I wish you all pleasant reading.

Joseph Ramsamy

Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Youth Empowerment, Sports and Recreation

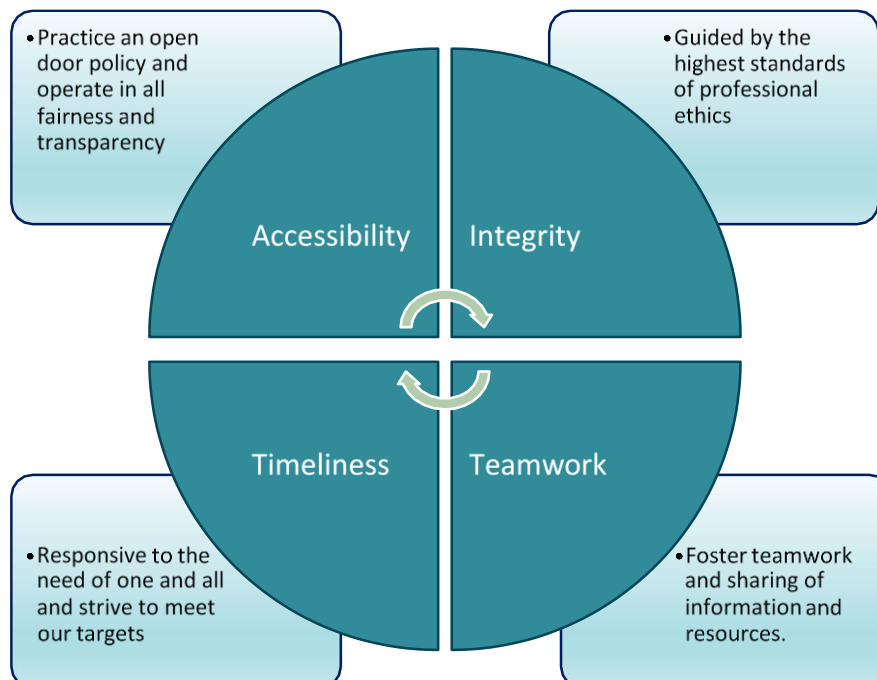
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PART I – ABOUT THE MINISTRY

1.0 VISION AND MISSION OF THIS MINISTRY



1.1 Core Values



2.0 ROLE AND FUNCTIONS OF THE MINISTRY

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

The Ministry aims at providing opportunities and support to sportspersons and the youth in general. It is convinced that sports can contribute to the consolidation of national unity. Moreover, the Ministry of Youth Empowerment, Sports and Recreation has adopted a strength-based approach, whereby the young people are considered as a valued and respected asset and as a resource for social development.

In order to fulfill 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 the Head of the Sports Section. He is assisted, by an Assistant Director of Sports, six Senior Sports Officers and seven 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 practice a sport of their choice whether for competition or recreation;
- (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 is organised in different units with the aim of meeting the modern requirements of development in the sports field and ensuring a coordinated and sustained approach. The different units are headed by Senior Sports Officers, except for Active Mauritius, which is being implemented by the Mauritius Sports Council.

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, thus, adopts 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 and training camps for elite competitions;
- (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.

2.1.2 Training and Capacity Building

Training and capacity building is conducted on a regular basis in order to:

- (a) 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 education institutions;
- (b) monitor training courses for technical cadres including coaches and officials of National Sports Federations; and
- (c) organise Games such as the *Jeux des Jeunes Talents*, *Jeux des Jeunes Elites*, and Handisports Games, in collaboration with National Sports Federations.

2.2 Youth Section

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

The main objectives are to provide opportunities, including personal and social skills, to empower the youth, allowing them to become more resilient and develop their leadership skills. In this respect, youth programmes are developed towards helping youth to take up meaningful and challenging roles in the socio-economic development of the country.

Following the new appellation of the Ministry in 2019, as Ministry of Youth Empowerment, Sports and Recreation, the strategic plan 2021/2022 of the youth services is more focused on youth empowerment which is the process by which youth gain control over the factors that affect their lives.

The strategic directions of youth empowerment being:

- (a) institutional empowerment with an enabling environment;
- (b) psychological empowerment with a special emphasis on mental health and emotional intelligence;
- (c) youth engagement promoting nation-building; and

- (d) economic empowerment with a special attention to youth entrepreneurship and innovation.

Each of the above-mentioned strategic directions have been translated into a number of programmes and activities for implementation both at national and regional levels through the 23 Youth Centres/Youth Hubs and the four Residential/Outdoor Centres operational across the country.

Principal Youth Officers, under the guidance of the 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 focus mainly on:

- (a) Youth Entrepreneurship Programme (*Programme pour la Promotion de l'Entrepreneuriat des Jeunes*)
- (b) *Special Vacances*
- (c) Community Based Programme
- (d) Duke of Edinburgh's International Award (Mauritius)
- (e) Life Skills Education Programme
- (f) Leadership Training Course
- (g) National Youth Civic Service
- (h) Promotion of Healthy Life Style
- (i) Prevention against addictive behaviours
- (j) Special Youth Outreach Programme
- (k) Youth Counselling Service
- (l) Literary activities
- (m) Youth and Environment Programme
- (n) Youth Volunteer Mauritius
- (o) Human Rights Education
- (p) Youth Exchange Programmes
- (q) *Zenes Montre To Talan*

2.3 Recreation

Since the coming into operation of the Mauritius Recreation Council in July 2022, the latter has taken over the organisation of all recreation activities that used to be organised by the Ministry.

3.0 KEY LEGISLATION

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

- (a) The National Youth Council Act 1998;
- (b) The Sports Act 2016;
- (c) The Sports (Amendment) Act 2018; and
- (d) The Mauritius Recreation Council Act 2021

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 has shown 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, sexual orientation 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 preparing and carrying out youth empowerment activities.

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.

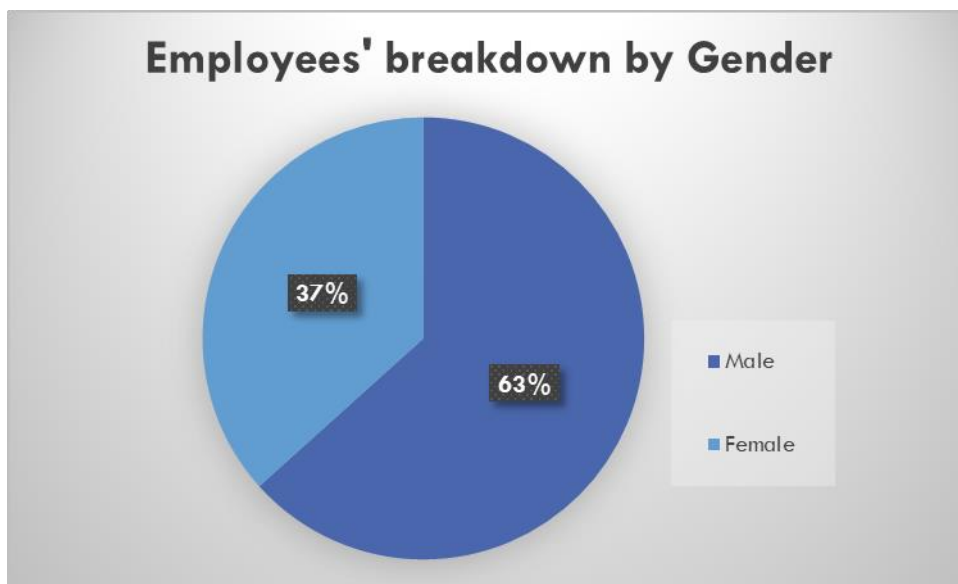
The Ministry also endeavours to keep sex-disaggregated statistics for all its activities in order to provide gender indicators for the design of better policies and more effective youth and sports development programmes.

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, Finance, Procurement and Supply, Technical and General Service and Workmen's group.

The pie chart below represents the employee's breakdown of the Ministry by gender.



The Ministry's workforce is depicted in the table below. As at 30 June 2023, the Ministry had the following workforce:

Employees	Male	Female	Total
Administrative Cadre	4	2	6
Financial Operations Cadre	0	7	7
Human Resources Cadre	0	4	4
Procurement and Supply Cadre	4	3	7
Youth Cadre	29	33	62
Sports Cadre	13	2	15
Ombudsperson for Sports	1	0	1
Coach/Senior Coach	18	5	23
Technician (Youth and Sports)	4	0	4
Sports Nursing Officer	2	0	2
Internal Control Cadre	0	1	1
General Service Staff	12	48	60
Systems Analyst/ Computer Support Officer	0	2	2
Workmen's Class	126	25	151
Advisers on contract	3	1	4
Adviser/Coach (Local) on contract	15	1	16
Advisers/Coaches (Foreign) on contract	3	0	3
Trainees under the Youth Employment Programme	0	1	1
Receptionist/ Telephone Operator	0	1	1
Medical and Health Officer/ Senior Medical and Health Officer	1	0	1
Total	235	136	371

5.1 Training

In line with Government policy regarding training, around 85 officers, from different grades, have benefitted from desired training course in collaboration with the Civil Service College of Mauritius in different fields to help them enhance their potentials and to better perform their duties.

PART II – THE MINISTRY’S ACHIEVEMENTS AND CHALLENGES

6.0 MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS/STATUS

6.1 Major International Competitions

Performances of Mauritian athletes in major international events (senior) for the period 01 July 2022 to 30 June 2023.

6.1.1 Senior Category

SN	EVENT	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	TOTAL
1	2022 Commonwealth Games Birmingham, United Kingdom (28 July to 08 August 2022)	0	3	2	5
2	Swimming 15 th CANA Senior African Swimming Championships 2022, Tunis, TUNISIA (20 - 24 August 2022)	0	3	0	3
3	Kickboxing WAKO Kickboxing African Championships 2022, Johannesburg, SOUTH AFRICA (26 – 28 August 2022)	4	1	5	10
4	Table Tennis 2022 ITTF Africa Senior Championships (Table Tennis), Algiers, ALGERIA (03 – 09 September 2022)	0	0	2	2
5	Boxing 2022 African Amateur Boxing Championships, Maputo, MOZAMBIQUE (12 – 17 September 2022)	1	1	0	2
6	Para Athletics Marrakech 2022 World Para Athletics Grand Prix, Marrakech, MOROCCO (15 - 17 September 2022)	5	3	2	10
7	French Boxing Championnats du Monde Savate Assaut 2022 (French Boxing), Milan, ITALY (21 – 25 September 2022)	0	1	2	3

SN	EVENT	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	TOTAL
8	Weightlifting 2022 African Senior Weightlifting Championships, Cairo, EGYPT (28 – 31 October 2022)	3	3	6	12
9	Para Athletics IWAS World Games 2022 (Para Athletics), Vila Real de Santo Antonio, PORTUGAL (26 – 28 November 2022)	12	6	2	20
10	Cycling 2023 CAC African Road Championships, Accra, GHANA (08 - 13 February 2023)	3	0	2	5
11	Badminton All Africa Senior Mixed Team Badminton (i) Championships 2023, Benoni, SOUTH AFRICA (13 - 16 February 2023)	0	1	0	1
(ii)	Badminton All Africa Senior Individual Badminton Championships 2023, Benoni, SOUTH AFRICA (17 - 19 February 2023)	0	1	0	1
12	Para Athletics 11th Sharjah International Open Para Athletics Meeting, Sharjah, UAE (20 - 22 February 2023)	3	2	8	13
13	Para Athletics 14th Fazza International Athletics Championships, Fazza, UAE (22 February to 03 March 2023)	1	3	2	6
14	Table Tennis Eastern Africa Regional Senior Table Tennis Championships 2023, DJIBOUTI (09 – 12 March 2023)	1	1	2	4
15	Judo Tunis African Open 2023, Tunis, TUNISIA (11 - 12 March 2023)	0	1	0	1
16	Judo Algiers African Open 2023, Algiers, ALGERIA (18 - 19 March 2023)	1	0	0	1
17	Weightlifting 2023 African Senior Weightlifting Championships, Tunis, TUNISIA (14 – 19 May 2023)	0	0	6	6

SN	EVENT	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	TOTAL
18	Kickboxing 8 th Turkish Open WAKO World Cup 2023, Istanbul, TURKEY (18 - 21 May 2023)	2	0	2	4
19	Para Athletics Daniela Jutzeler Memorial 2023, Nottwil, SWITZERLAND (18 May 2023)	0	3	0	3
20	Para Athletics Nottwil 2023 World Para Athletics Grand Prix, Nottwil, SWITZERLAND (25 - 27 May 2023)	1	3	1	5
21	Pétanque Championnats D'Afrique Boules Lyonnaise et Raffa, Tunis, TUNISIA (16 - 22 June 2023)	0	2	3	5
22	African Beach Games 2023 , Hammamet, TUNISIA (23 - 30 June 2023) - Beach Tennis	1	1	0	2
23	African Beach Games 2023 , Hammamet, TUNISIA (23 - 30 June 2023) - Beach Volleyball 4x4	0	0	1	1
TOTAL		38	39	48	125

6.1.2 Junior Category

SN	EVENT	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	TOTAL
1	Jeux de la Commission de la Jeunesse et des Sports de l'Océan Indien (CJSOI), MAURITIUS (04 - 11 December 2022)	46	45	48	139

6.2 Grants provided by this Ministry

6.2.1 Grant Support to Team Sport

Grants were provided to the following clubs:

- (a) BASKETBALL – First Division (8 men/4 women)
- (b) HANDBALL – First Division (6 men/5 women)

- (c) RUGBY (5 men/3 women)
- (d) VOLLEYBALL – First Division (9 men/10 women)

Total Budget Disbursed for Team Grant 2022-2023:

50 Teams x Rs 100,000 = Rs 5,000,000/.

6.2.2 Rugby Africa Olympics 2024 Pre-Qualifiers (Men) 2023

The Rugby Africa Olympics 2024 Pre-Qualifiers (Men) 2023 tournament was organised by the Mauritius Rugby Federation in collaboration with the Ministry of Youth Empowerment, Sports and Recreation and other partners on 24 and 25 June 2023 at the Labourdonnais Sport Club, Mapou.

12 countries, members of the Rugby Africa, participated in the tournament, with around 300 persons including 144 players. The Ministry contributed a sum of Rs 500 000 to meet the organisational costs. Algeria has been crowned the winner of the tournament and Mauritius ranked 5th with 4 wins and 2 losses.

6.2.3 Team Mauritius National Sports Award 2022

The first edition of the Team Mauritius National Sports Award ceremony was held on 31 May 2023 at the Côte d'Or National Sports Complex to reward the best athletes, coach, and team in 16 different categories for the year 2022.

6.2.4 Training Centres

Young potential athletes were trained in technical youth structures across the island as follows:

- (a) The Athletics: seven Regional Training Centres (two in Rodrigues) and twenty-one athletics schools;
- (b) Football;

- (i) One National Training Centre, thirty young football players aged under 19 years (Boys) are trained;
 - (ii) twelve Regional Football Training Centres, in twelve regions in different categories namely Under-13 years Boys, Under-15 Boys, Under-17 Girls and Under-18 years Boys. Each Regional Training Centre regroups approximately 100 players; 41 Ecoles de Football, for players aged between 12 to 15 Years;
 - (iii) twenty-nine Atelier Football Debutant (AFD) for grassroots level and for players aged between 6 and 11 years. Training sessions are scheduled once weekly and regroup around 550 players.
 - (iv) the Liverpool Football Academy Mauritius was launched in 2019 and provides regular training to around 300 youngsters including 25 girls, 12 to 18 years old. The Academy is based at the Côte d'Or National Sports Complex and has been set up for training and development of youth football players. The players have been provided the opportunity to participate in an International Football Tour in Liverpool, United Kingdom; in July 2022 and in Rodrigues in April 2023.
- (c) Basketball: eight regional centres (two in Rodrigues);
 - (d) Wrestling: two "Ecoles de lutte";
 - (e) Judo: one regional training centre and 1 "Ecole de Judo";
 - (f) Volleyball: two "Ecoles de volley";
 - (g) Handball: one "Ecole de Handball"; and
 - (h) Boxing: one National Boxing Training Centre 20 "Ecoles de Boxe".



6.2.5 National Youth Football League

The National Youth Football League is a competition organised by the Ministry of Youth Empowerment, Sports and Recreation. The competition aims at developing youth football in Mauritius and includes the following categories: Under-13 years, Under-15 years, Under-17 years and Under-18 years for boys and the Under-17 years for girls.

Fifty-seven boys' teams and twelve girls' teams involving 1725 players have been enrolled in the Tournament, which started in March 2023 and is expected to end by November 2023.

6.2.6 Four-Nations Football Series

The football competition was held at the Côte d'Or National Sports Complex from 11 to 18 June 2023 in Mauritius. Four nations participated in the tournament, namely Mauritius, Pakistan, Kenya and Djibouti. The National Football Team (Club M) won 2 matches and lost one match. The Ministry contributed Rs 3,520,000 for the organisation of the tournament. Moreover, a bonus of Rs 405,000 was offered to the Mauritian team following their encouraging performance in the tournament.

6.2.7 Tour de Maurice 2023 and Courts Mammouth Classic

The Mauritius Cycling Federation, in collaboration with the Ministry of Youth Empowerment, Sports and Recreation, organised the 42nd Edition of the Tour de Maurice from 06 to 09 June 2023 and the Courts Mammouth Classic on 11 June 2023.

The Ministry of Youth Empowerment, Sports and Recreation provided financial assistance to the tune of Rs 1,000,000. The winner of the Tour de Maurice 2023 was Archie Cross from Team Great Britain while the best Mauritian cyclist was Christopher Laganne who finished second.

6.2.8 Rhythmic Gymnastics Senior African Championships and the Africa Cup 2023

The Rhythmic Gymnastics Senior African Championships were held at the Côte d'Or National Sports Complex on 19 and 20 May 2023. Mauritius won one Bronze medal. The Ministry contributed a sum of Rs 450 000 to meet the organisational costs.

6.3 Sports for All

Several programmes have been devised to serve the population and encourage Mauritians to practice physical activities.

The activities held are listed below:

6.3.1 Leisure Swimming at Sea





The Leisure Swimming at Sea is a project of the Ministry which was launched on 16 May 2022 on four public beaches, namely Belle Mare, Blue Bay, Flic en Flac, and Mont Choisy. For the year 2022, the sessions started on 16 May 2022 and ended on 14 December 2022, and 834 participants followed the sessions on the four public beaches. The session for the first batch for the year 2023 was held from 06 February to 28 April 2023. 187 participants completed the course.

6.3.2 Walking Football

Walking Football is a gender mainstreaming activity whereby both men and women participate together in the same team. This activity is a regular feature for exercise at work for the Ministry.


The event was held on 03 May 2023 at the Côte d’Or National Sports Complex with the participation of 12 teams of the Ministry, including two teams from Mauritius Multisports Infrastructure Limited and two teams from the Mauritius Sports Council.

6.3.3 Be Active (Children and Youth)

SN	ACTIVITY	PHOTO
1.	<p>After School Sports and Fitness Programme (ASSFP) – Primary.</p> <p>The objective is to motivate and encourage the participation of children aged 7 to 13 years while nurturing their love for sports and life. 27,985 Pupils in Mauritius and 1694 in Rodrigues, participated in the programme.</p>	
2.	<p>After School Sports and Fitness Programme (ASSFP) – Secondary.</p> <p>The objective is to keep students healthy by engaging them in various physical activities and to address the growing problems of inactivity and obesity among the Mauritian population by inculcating healthy lifestyle habits. 4817 Pupils participated in the programme.</p>	
3.	<p>Natation Scolaire</p> <p>The main objective is to inculcate swimming in all grade 4 pupils to ensure that they are able to swim 25M in deep water. 18401 pupils took part in the activity.</p>	
4.	<p>Outdoor Education Programme</p> <p>The programme was organised for the development of positive relationships with others and with the environment through interaction with the nature. It was held at the following centres:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flic en Flac Regional Outdoor Education and Recreation Centre, • Belle Mare Regional Outdoor Education and Recreation Centre, • Pointe Jerome National Outdoor Education and Recreation Centre; with a total 1911 Participants. 	

5.	<p>Holiday Sports Camp</p> <p>The Holiday Sports Camp is organised during School Holidays with the aim to encourage children in the participation of Sports activities. Winter Holiday Sports Camp, Summer Holiday Sports Camp and Colonies des Vacances were organized, from July to August 2022 and November to December 2022, with 2516 participants.</p>	
6.	<p>Nager C'est Vital</p> <p>The objective of the activity was to allow children enjoy swimming. There were 1294 participants for the activity that was held in December 2022 and April 2023.</p>	
7.	<p>After School Learn to Swim</p> <p>To provide swimming sessions for pupils of Grade 5 to 9. 763 pupils participated in the activity.</p>	


6.3.4 Youth on the Move

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8.	<p>Vulnerable Youth Programme</p> <p>The objective is to provide a structured program without any discrimination and to empower young people from marginalised communities. There were 7356 participants for the programme.</p>	

6.3.5 Ageing Well Programme

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9.	<p>Exercise For Health</p> <p>The aim of this programme is to reduce the prevalence of obesity and prevent Non-Communicable Diseases by offering free physical activities in both Mauritius and Rodrigues. There was a total of 2,994 participants for the programme.</p>	
10.	<p>Exercise Referral</p> <p>The objective was to analyse the effectiveness of Exercise Referral Sports (ERS) in a cohort of Mauritian population suffering from diabetes, hypertension, and obesity. The activity had a total of 1,605 participants.</p>	
11.	<p>Walking Club</p> <p>The objective was to give the population the opportunity to stay in good health and prevent NCDs and others lifestyle diseases. There were 569 participants for the programme.</p>	

6.3.6 Elderly Fitness Programme

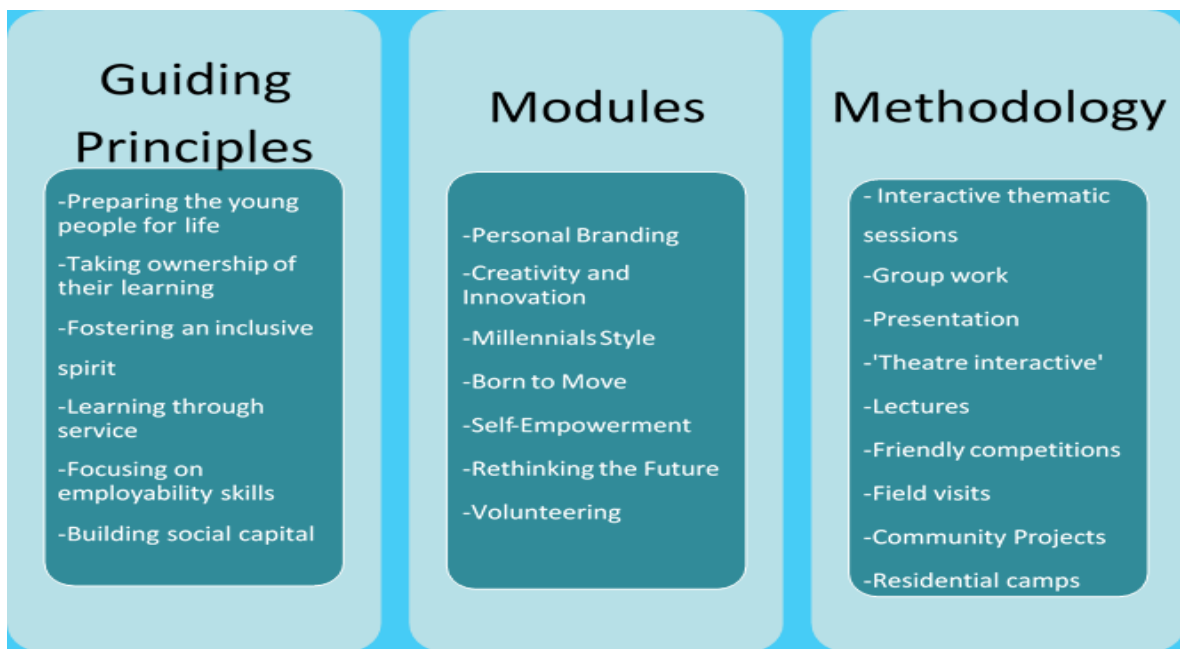
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12.	<p>Elderly Fitness Programme</p> <p>This programme was organized to help the elderly to fight boredom, loneliness and physical inactivity, from July 2022 to June 2023. There were 2395 participants for the programme.</p>	

6.4 Organisation of National Sports/Youth Activities

6.4.1 National Youth Civic Service Programme (NYCS)

The NYCS is a highly dynamic and creative initiative which aims at empowering young people aged between 17 and 25 years by developing their confidence, intelligence, resilience, hence producing an active and daring youth community. The programme also seeks to inculcate a spirit of citizenship in participants.

The Guiding Principles, Modules and Methodology used for the NYCS programme are depicted below:



A total of 1000 young people from educational institutions and youth organizations were reached across the island for the period July 2022 to June 2023.



6.4.2 Youth Entrepreneurship Programme

The Youth Entrepreneurship Training Course is a tailor-made programme designed to equip young people, aged between 18 and 35 years, with skills and knowledge so that they can start and sustain a small business enterprise. This Programme also known as the Programme de Promotion de l'Entreprenariat Jeunesse (PPEJ), is implemented with the close collaboration and support of the CONFJES (Conferences des Ministres de la Jeunesse et des Sports de la Francophonie). The best Business Plans submitted by participants are sent every year to the CONFJES for funding. The training course was held online via Zoom platform from April to June 2023. There were 75 young people who followed the training course.

6.4.3 International Youth Day 2022 (IYD)

The International Youth Day 2022 was celebrated on 12 August 2022 at the Cote d'Or National Sports Complex. 800 young people from Youth Centres, Youth Non Governments Organisations, and educational institutions were invited. The Honourable Pravind Kumar Jugnauth, Prime Minister, was the Guest of Honour.



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

The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award Programme is a global programme for non-formal education and learning that equips young people with skills for self-development. It was founded by His Royal Highness, the Duke of Edinburgh KG, KT in 1956. It creates opportunities for youngsters, aged between 14 and 24 years, to develop skills, get physically active, give service and experience adventure.

The Award concept, comprising three levels (Bronze, Silver and Gold), is an individual challenge. Each level comprises four pillars: Service, Skills, Physical Recreation, and Adventurous Journey. It plays a critical role in the development of our youth to help them become more confident and resilient. A total of 9575 young people participated in the programme for the period July 2022 to June 2023.



6.4.5 Gold Award Ceremony

A Gold Award Ceremony was held at the State House under the patronage of His Excellency, the President of the Republic and the Minister of Youth Empowerment, Sports and Recreation on 31 May 2023, for 57 Gold awardees.



6.4.6 Youth Volunteer Mauritius (YVM)

The training programme of “Jeunes Sapeurs-Pompiers (JSP)” is a new initiative, falling under the Youth Volunteer Mauritius, instituted in September 2022 with the collaboration of the Mauritius Fire and Rescue Services and the contribution of the association of “Jeunes Sapeurs-Pompiers de France”.

This new programme vows to equip young people with the necessary tools to enable them to develop certain specific knowledge in the field of firefighting, and above all how to intervene in an emergency situation to assist in rescuing people, and protecting properties and the environment.

6.4.7 Youth Farming Project

This capacity building project aimed at empowering youth in sustainable agriculture and geared them towards modern techniques of agriculture, so as to sustain their livelihood. The training programme was conducted from June 2022 to December 2022 for 128 participants from the following institutions, Mauritius Institute of Training and Development (MITD) students of Mahebourg and Trois Boutiques, Youth with Disabilities Empowerment Platform and Mahebourg Espoirs.

The project consisted of ten modules on topics such as sheltered farming, mushroom production, bee keeping, aquaponics, hydroponics, proper use of pesticides, bio-farming. The students also participated in practical sessions and visits/educational tours.

The Farmers in Agriculture, Livestock, Cooperative, Organic Network (FALCON) Association provided resource persons for the course modules and Mitshui OSK Lines provided a stipend of Rs 3000 to each participant.

A competition namely the “wicking bed competition” – a self-watering raised garden bed, was also organised from December 2022 to January 2023 for participants. The presentation of certificates and stipend/prizes was held on 23 March 2023 at the Côte d’Or National Sports Complex in the presence of the Honourable Minister of Youth Empowerment, Sports and Recreation and other eminent personalities.



6.4.8 *Vakans Zen*

“*Vakans Zen*” programme was organised during the school holidays by the Ministry, in collaboration with the Mauritius Sports Council, the National Youth Council, and the Mauritius Recreation Council.

The objectives of the programme are to provide safe recreational, leisure and fun activities for students during their holidays. A wide range of activities are provided for the students such as kayak, pedalo, and paddle surf. These group activities promote team spirit and allow exchange among youth from different regions.

For the period July 2022 to June 2023, around 6000 young people across the island participated in different activities organised in four Outdoor Centres, namely at Pointe Jerome, Belle Mare, Anse la Raie, and Flic en Flac.





To culminate the “*Vakans Zen*” of Easter Holidays 2023, the Mauritius Recreation Council in collaboration with the Mauritius Yachting Association organised a Regatta Competition on 24 April 2023 at the Mahebourg Waterfront. Nine traditional boats participated in the competition, and some 3000 persons attended the activity.



A Youth Concert was organised by the Mauritius Recreation Council to provide opportunities to young people to demonstrate their talents and also for entertainment. Ten youth groups participated in the concert, and some 3500 people were present.



6.4.9 Marche de l'Unité

The “Marche de L'Unité” was organised in the context of the celebration of the 55th anniversary of the Independence of Mauritius. The objective of the march was to reinvigorate Mauritianism, which is viewed as the unification of one common goal.

3000 college students, employees from Ministries, District Councils, Municipal Councils, Non-Governmental Organisations, private sector, and the public at large participated in a Convey Relay of the National Flag from 09 to 11 March 2023. The Relay ended at the Municipal Council of Beau Bassin-Rose Hill (Plaza) where a Youth Concert was organised.



6.4.10 Youth Health Promotion Programme

To sustain the psychological and health needs of youngsters, training and 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:

(a) Life Skills Training Programme

Life Skills Training Programme is a tailor-made training that is meant to equip young people with relevant skills that would help them face the challenges of daily life. These challenges can range from the individual's growth and development to family/societal encounters.

For the Financial Year 2022-2023, the training programme was carried out in colleges as well as in districts. On average, 600 young people benefitted from the programme.



(b) Theatre-Based Activity on Gender-Based Violence

With the view to eliminating Gender-Based Violence which is increasing in our society, the Ministry of Youth Empowerment, Sports and Recreation proposed a theatre-based sensitization programme. Twelve participants from Tombeau Bay, Roche Bois, and Triolet performed in a small play to sensitise young people around Mauritius on the problem of gender based violence. The title of the play “Ene réalité Zeness”.

Performances were held in four regions around Mauritius, namely Rivière du Rempart Youth Centre, Saint Francois Xavier, Rose Hill (Eddy Norton Hall) and Pointe Jerome.

About 300 young people had the opportunity to participate actively in the activity. The presentations were followed by a discussion on the issue of gender based violence.



(c) Peer Education and Counselling Training

When young people face difficulties in life, they tend to turn to other young people for support and advice instead of adults. However, these youngsters towards whom they turn to are not always well equipped to give appropriate guidance.

Hence, the Peer Education course provided a special training to the youth on a number of topics like adolescence, teenage pregnancy, healthy life choices amongst others, so that in turn they can help their peer who are in need.

Peer Counselling is based on the well documented fact that young people most often seek out other young people for help when they experience frustration, concerns, worry or any emotional problem. Peer Counselling training, therefore, equips the young people with specialised skills that would enable him to better listen and provide appropriate guidance to his peer so as to allow him to take appropriate decisions.

For the Financial Year 2022-2023, 20 Peer Educators and 210 Peer Counsellors were trained.



(d) The “Service d’Écoute”

The “Service d’Écoute” is based on a unique model of counselling embedded into community initiatives, youth empowerment, and psycho-educational interventions. This free and confidential service targets young people between the ages of 14 and 35 who need psychosocial and emotional support. Young people are provided with a safe space where they can express their thoughts and emotions and be listened to in an empathetic and supportive manner by trained Youth Officers.



(e) « Ateliers sur la Gestions des Emotions »

The “Ateliers sur la Gestions des Emotions” are organised to support young people in understanding and managing their emotions with respect to stressful situations; and to equip them with coping skills to manage stress through psychoeducation activities such as body awareness, affirmations information quiz and stress balls, among others.

480 participants were involved in several ateliers organized in different colleges.



6.4.11 Leadership Training Course

A four-day training of Trainers was organized in July 2023 at the Bois Cheri Youth Centre. The training aimed at reviewing the Leadership Training Course dispensed to young people aged between 17 and 35 years old. It is expected to train 1000 young people in 10 regions.



6.4.12 Special Youth Outreach Programme

The Special Youth Outreach Programme is specially designed to address problems of young people living in risky areas where they are regularly exposed to harmful influences. Trained animateurs conducted regular visits at the places where the youth are usually present during the day and worked with them for positive behaviour change. For the Financial Year 2022-2023, 200 young people received close monitoring, guidance and support.



6.4.13 Human Rights

This Ministry has come up with interactive sessions to sensitise young people in Human Rights Education. Around 250 young people were targeted during that period.



6.4.14 Youth Ambassadors Programme

Launched in June 2022, the Youth Ambassadors Programme, is an initiative of a group of 10 students who have come forward with a project to collect information on all

government matters, events, activities, legislation, and policies from different ministries and departments.

These information are shared on social media with the aim to inform and to boost up youth participation in Government programmes pertaining to them. In the context of the celebration of the International Youth Day, a Youth Summit was held at the Côte d'Or National Sports Complex in August 2022.

To mark the first anniversary of the Youth Ambassadors Programme and the World Ocean Day 2023, a cleaning and restoration of mangroves was organized at Pointe Cassis, Le Morne. This activity was in line with some of the proposals made in the Youth Summit organized in August 2022 concerning youth engagement in the fight against climate change and preservation of the eco-system.



About 35 participants representing the youth ambassadors, members of Bambous Youth Centre and members of *Association pour le Developpement Durable* (ADD) were present at Pointe Cassis on 08 July 2023 to clean and protect the mangroves of the region.



6.4.15 Salon des Jeunes Entrepreneurs de l'Océan Indien

A *Salon des Jeunes Entrepreneurs de l'Océan Indien* was held at Côte d'Or National Sports Complex on 04 and 05 December 2022 and at the Mahebourg Waterfront on 06 and 07 December 2022.

The *Salon*, which regrouped young entrepreneurs from Comoros, Djibouti, Mayotte, Reunion, Seychelles and Mauritius was organised in the context of the 12th edition of CJSOI Games which were held from 4 to 11 December 2022 in Mauritius.



6.4.16 Youth Exchange to India

Within the context of the celebrations of the 75 years of the Republic Day of India, a delegation of 10 young Mauritians aged between 18 and 22 years participated in a Youth Exchange Programme in India from 15 to 30 January 2023.

The objectives were to ensure highly dynamic and inspirational participation of participants from various foreign countries in the Republic Day Camp 2023. In addition, the exchange programme was to provide youth delegates with an opportunity to learn about India, and also to showcase our rich Mauritian culture and interact with young people from other countries.



The Mauritian delegates also got the opportunity to interact with important dignitaries of the Republic of India, involved in the Republic Day Parade, the Prime Minister's rally and the National Cadet Corps promoting character formation and preaching of universal values. The participants presented a cultural item representing the Republic of Mauritius. They also visited historical sites of India.

6.4.17 World Walking Day 2022

This Ministry in collaboration with the Mauritius Sports Council organised the annual TAFISA World Walking Day on 02 October 2022 in the 20 constituencies of Mauritius and in Rodrigues. Launched in 1991, TAFISA World Walking Day is an event that was celebrated worldwide, thus gathering thousands of participants around the island.

Its objective is to promote health through walking and celebrate Sports for All against the backdrop global crisis of physical inactivity. Around 59,000 persons participated in the activity throughout Mauritius and in Rodrigues.

6.5 Mauritius Recreation Council

The following activities were organised by the Ministry and the Mauritius Recreation Council:

6.5.1 Acappella Competition

The National Acappella Competition is a joint initiative of the Ministry and the Mauritius Recreation Council, which aims to promote acappella music as a recreational activity; providing youngsters with a platform to express their talents; and offering guidance to young people to develop their skills to become professional acappella singers.

The final of the second edition of the National Acappella Competition 'Sa Nou Lavwa' was held on 27 May 2023 at the Indira Gandhi Centre for Indian Culture, in Phoenix. Ten teams made up of up to 15 youngsters, representing the nine districts of Mauritius, and one team from Rodrigues, participated in the competition.

Team Rodrigues won the competition, whilst the first runner-up was team Grand-Port.



6.5.2 Street Dance Battle

The Street Dance Battle competition was held at Plaisance, Rose Belle Shopping Mall on 17 June 2023. The main objective of this competition is to provide a platform to young

people and eventually to Mauritians at large to demonstrate their artistic talents. The activity is in line with the National Sports and Physical Activity Policy geared at encouraging health-enhancing fitness for the population at all ages.



6.5.3 Pedaler En Securite

The Ministry, in collaboration with the Mauritius Recreation Council, had organised the sixth edition of *'Pédaler en Sécurité'* on Saturday, 3 June 2023, in three regions of Mauritius, to celebrate the World Bicycle Day. This event saw the participation of some 400 people. The aims of the event were as follows:

- (a) to promote cycling as an affordable, enjoyable, and environmentally friendly mode of transport, that also contributes to the person's physical fitness;
- (b) to raise awareness on the precautions that should be taken while riding a bicycle; and
- (c) to sensitise the population on the need to protect our natural environment.

Given that the World Environment Day is celebrated on June 5 each year, the Ministry seized this opportunity to distribute medicinal and decorative plants to the inhabitants along the itineraries.

6.5.4 Joy dan baz

The Mauritius Recreation Council organised a full-day recreation event called 'Joy Dan Baz' for persons with disabilities on 19 November 2022, at the Pointe Jerome National Outdoor Education and Recreation Centre. The objectives of the event were to provide recreational activities, create an opportunity for the inclusion of all in recreational activities, for persons with disabilities, and raise awareness on the activities that may organised by the Mauritius Recreation Council.

The Acting President of the Republic, His Excellency Mr. Eddy Boissezon, Honourable Stephan Toussaint, Minister of Youth Empowerment, Sports and Recreation, and other eminent personalities were present on this occasion. Some 250 participants, including 150 persons with disabilities, took part in the event, wherein they had the opportunity to engage in several recreational activities such as, kayak, pedalo, horse/pony riding, goal ball, and molkky, and a concert with renown artists, amongst others.



7.0 STATUS ON IMPLEMENTATION OF KEY BUDGET MEASURES

Monitoring of Key Budget Measures

SN	BUDGET MEASURE	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
1.	Promotion of recreation programmes at national level.	<p>The Mauritius Recreation Council Act was proclaimed in January 2022.</p> <p>The Board first met in July 2022. A budget of Rs 12 M was allocated for the organisation of Recreational activities and the management of the Mauritius Recreation Council for the Financial Year 2022 – 2023.</p> <p>Some 20,000 people participated in the activities organised by the Mauritius Recreation Council</p>
2.	The National Youth Council will be strengthened to transform current youth centres into modern youth hubs and encourage youth participation in youth centres/hubs.	6 Youth Centres have been transformed into Youth Hubs. The transformation of other Youth Centres into Youth Hubs were on-going. 4477 youth participated in activities.
3.	Hosting of the 22nd African Senior Athletics Championships at the Côte d’Or National Sports Complex.	Implemented.
4.	Preparation of athletes and the organisation of the Commission de la Jeunesse et des Sports de l’océan Indien (CJSOI) Games 2022.	Implemented.
5.	Bid to host the 2025 Africa and Asia Pacific Choir Games and the next Commonwealth Youth Games.	<p>Implemented.</p> <p>The event is scheduled to take place in Mauritius from 27 September to 05 October 2025.</p>
6.	Provision of a special grant of Rs 15,000 to our high-level professional athletes for the purchase of sports equipment.	Implemented.

7.	Promote youth empowerment activities through Smart Youth Programmes.	Some 65,000 youth participated in Smart Youth and Volunteer Mauritius programmes, National Youth Civic Service.
8.	Provision of a Sports and Culture Voucher of Rs 500, the 'Pass' Sport Culture' to youth aged between 15 and 25 years old for the purchase of books, musical and sports equipment, as well as arts and cultural activities.	In process.

8.0 IMPLEMENTATION PLAN – DIRECTOR OF AUDIT COMMENTS (FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2020-2021)

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
20.1 Disbursements by the Ministry to other Entities - Inadequacy of Control Mechanism	Shortcomings highlighted included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> absence of Grant Memorandum for Grants of a capital nature non-timely submission of financial statements/statements of accounts by Recipients insufficient documentation from Recipients on application for grants. 	The Ministry will ensure that supporting documents as per Financial Instructions No.2 of 2014 are submitted by the different entities before processing application for release of Grants.	Finance Section	This Ministry abides by the Financial Instructions No.2 of 2014. Now entities submit their Grant Memorandum Application for Grant and Financial Required Documents.
20.2 Grants to MMIL - Inadequacy of Control Mechanism	The Ministry should ensure adequate monitoring over disbursements to MMIL in line with Financial Instructions.	The Ministry has requested the different entities about the need to sign the agreement for the disbursement of funds under Special Funds (NRF and Lotto Funds). MMIL and MSC do sign their Grant Memorandum (under Special Fund).	Finance Section	Completed
20.3 Grants to Mauritius Sports Council — Control Shortcomings	The Ministry should ensure adequate control disbursements to the Mauritius Sports Council (MSC)	The Ministry is ensuring that the Grant Memorandum is signed by the Permanent Secretary first, prior to release of funds/grant. The Ministry is ensuring that the recommendations made by NAO are being adhered to.	Finance Section	Completed
20.4	The Ministry should ensure proper monitoring over grant	The Ministry is ascertaining that retired athletes	Administration	Completed

State Recognition Allowance Scheme for the Retired Athletes - Lack of Proper Monitoring	under the Scheme to ensure that intended objectives are achieved. Financial Statements of the TFES for 2020-21 not available	benefitting from the scheme of the TFES were still alive. It was decided that they have to update their personal information at the seat of the TFES. Financial Statements 2020-2021 has been submitted.		
20.5 Inadequate Control over Disbursements to COJI	The Ministry should ensure necessary control over disbursements to Comité des Jeux de L'Océan Indien (COJI). The following shortcomings were noted: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • absence of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU); and • non- availability of financial statements for 2018 were reported. 	Given that COJI had been wound up in September 2021 and the NAO report was issued in Feb 2022, no corrective action can be contemplated. The control mechanism which was in place at the Ministry proved that there was adequate control over disbursements to COJI 2019.	No records are available at the Ministry.	Completed
20.6 Inadequate Mechanism to control Disbursements from Special Fund to other Parties	The Ministry should have an effective control mechanism in place to ensure that funds are released when necessary thereby avoiding unnecessary tying up of funds.	The Ministry has informed recipients (NYC, MMIL, MSC, Federations) that they need to sign an Agreement at the start of the Financial Year before disbursement and which are now being signed. Disbursements from the Special Fund are made after submission of receipts/invoices to MOFEPD copied to the Ministry.	Finance Section	Completed
20.7 Provision of Security Services	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.	At bid evaluation stage.	Administration	Ongoing
20.8 Non-optimum use of Office Space	The Ministry should ensure optimum use of office space so as to reduce cost in respect of same and other related expenses.	The Ministry has re-allocated office space at Head Office for optimum use.	Administration	Ongoing

20.9 Governance Issues — Non-compliance with Legislation	The Ministry should exercise control over the Statutory Bodies operating under its aegis to ensure that they fulfil their statutory responsibilities regarding the preparation of financial statements and their submission for audit.	The Ministry submitted the Annual Report on Performance for financial year 2020/2021 to MOFEPD on 06 May 2022.	Administration	Completed
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PART III – FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

9.0 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

9.1 Financial Assistance to National Sports Federations (NSFs) and Sports Organisations

Financial Assistance has been provided to 43 National Sports Federations and Sports Organisations during the Financial Year 2022-2023 for the organisation of competitions, participation in regional and international competitions, transport, purchase of equipment and medical items, etc.

Total Budget Earmarked: **Rs 64,657,669.46**

Total Budget Allocated to NSFs for FY 2022-2023: **Rs 63,874,230.71**

NATIONAL SPORTS FEDERATIONS		
SN	Name of Federation	Amount Disbursed (Rs)
1.	Mauritius Football Association	5,916,300.00
2.	Association Mauricienne de Boxe	4,884,944.11
3.	Mauritius Athletics Association	6,445,918.30
4.	Mauritius Table Tennis Association	1,945,493.87
5.	Mauritius Judo Federation	2,805,623.50
6.	Mauritius Badminton Association	3,427,270.86
7.	Fédération Mauricienne de Cyclisme	3,611,274.00
8.	Fédération Mauricienne de Natation	1,261,167.12
9.	Mauritius Tennis Federation	1,950,679.00
10.	Mauritius Volleyball Association	2,844,465.37
11.	Fédération Mauricienne de Triathlon	801,960.00
12.	Fédération Mauricienne de Tir à l'Arc	34,577.82
13.	Fédération Mauricienne des Sports Corporatifs	479,425.00
14.	Mauritius Basketball Federation	1,999,478.59
15.	Mauritius Billiards & Snooker Federation	858,000.00
16.	Mauritius Body Building Federation	239,000.00
17.	Fédération Mauricienne de Boxe Française	263,681.37
18.	Mauritius Brazilian Jiu Jitsu Federation	323,739.00
19.	Mauritius Chess Federation	316,750.00
20.	Mauritius Equestrian Sports Association	971,850.00
21.	Mauritius Golf Federation	305,850.00

22.	Mauritius Gymnastics Federation	550,000.00
23.	Mauritius Handball Association	1,307,565.00
24.	Mauritius Ju-Jitsu Federation	420,663.08
25.	All Mauritius Karaté Federation	175,737.50
26.	Mauritius Kickboxing Federation	1,339,475.00
27.	Kyokushinkai Martial Arts Federation	248,711.55
28.	Association de Petanque de l'Île Maurice	571,340.31
29.	Rugby Union Mauritius	3,447,727.00
30.	Mauritius Tae Kwon Do Federation	366,531.00
31.	Mauritius Amateur Weightlifters and Powerlifters Association	3,183,283.72
32.	Mauritius National Wrestling and Allied Games Association	2,478,462.45
33.	Mauritius Wushu Federation	209,849.00
34.	Mauritius Yachting Association	3,075,914.78
35.	Aurally Handicapped Persons Sports Federation	531,645.96
36.	Mentally Handicapped Persons Sports Federation	904,702.02
37.	Physically Handicapped Persons Sports Federation	895,500.75
38.	Visually Handicapped Persons Sports Federation	445,973.52
39.	Commission Nationale du Sport Féminin	1,070,626.50
40.	Mauritius Muay Thai Federation	150,000.00
41.	Mixed Martial Arts Federation	75,000.00
42.	Mauritius Climbing Federation	345,000.00
43.	Mauritius Paralympic Committee	393,073.66
Total (Rs)		63,874,230.71

9.2 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 respective disciplines.

9.2.1 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 2022/2023: **Rs 15,5 M**
- Number of beneficiaries: **123** as detailed in table below:

SN	Level of Performance	Monthly Financial Allowance	Number of Beneficiaries		
		Rs	Male	Female	Total
1.	World Level- Olympic Sports	21,750 – 26,250	9	6	15
	World Level- Non-Olympic Sports	12,000 - 14,250			
2.	Intercontinental Level- Olympic Sports	12,000 – 17,250	11	6	17
	Intercontinental Level- Non-Olympic Sports	7,875 - 9,750			
3.	Continental Level- Olympic Sports	7,125 – 10,500	20	12	32
	Continental Level- Non-Olympic Sports	5,250 - 6,750			
4.	Regional Level- Olympic Sports	4,875 – 6,375	36	19	55
	Regional Level-Non-Olympic Sports	4,875			
5.	Sparring Partner	3,750	2	0	2
6.	Guide Runners	5,000	2	0	2
TOTAL			80	43	123

As announced in the Budget Speech 2022-2023, a **special grant of Rs 15,000** was provided to **112** high-level athletes for the purchase of sports equipment.

9.2.2 Cash Prize Scheme

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.

The cash prizes awarded to high-level athletes to reward medallists in recognition of their performances in international competitions for the period July 2022 to June 2023 were as follows:

SN	Date	Number of Beneficiaries	Amount Disbursed (Rs)
1.	11 August 2022	13	1,385,000
2.	02 December 2022	48	2,221,100
3.	17 January 2023	44	1,881,950
4.	15 May 2023	65	2,295,450
Total		170	7,783,500

The cash prizes awarded to high level athletes to reward medallists in recognition of their performance for Financial Year 2022-2023 are detailed as follows:

SN	COMPETITIONS	No. of Athletes	Rs
PARA ATHLETICS			
1.	World Para Athletics Grand Prix 2022, Nottwil, SWITZERLAND (26 - 28 May 2022)	3 (2 Athletes + 1 Coach)	324,000
2.	Daniela Jutzeler Memorial 2022, Nottwil, SWITZERLAND (29 May 2022)	2 (1 Athlete + 1 Coach)	91,000
2022 COMMONWEALTH GAMES, Birmingham, United Kingdom (28 July to 08 August 2022)			
3.	Judo, Weightlifting and Boxing	8 (5 Athletes + 3 Coaches)	970,000
WRESTLING			
4.	2022 African Wrestling Championships, El Jadida, MOROCCO (17 - 22 May 2022)	2 (1 Athlete + 1 Coach)	42,000

	SWIMMING		
5.	2022 CANA Senior African Swimming Championships, Tunis, TUNISIA (20 – 24 August 2022)	3 (2 Athletes + 1 Coach)	204,000
	KICKBOXING		
6.	WAKO Kickboxing African Championships 2022, Johannesburg, SOUTH AFRICA (26 – 28 August 2022)	12 (10 Athletes + 2 Coaches)	249,000
	TABLE TENNIS		
7.	2022 ITTF Africa Senior Championships, Algiers, ALGERIA (03 – 09 September 2022)	5 (4 Athletes + 1 Coach)	81,000
	BOXING		
8.	2022 African Amateur Boxing Championships, Maputo, MOZAMBIQUE (12 – 17 September 2022)	4 (2 Athletes + 2 Coaches)	186,000
	PARA ATHLETICS		
9.	2022 World Para Athletics Grand Prix, Marrakech, MOROCCO (12 – 17 September 2022)	12 (8 Athletes + 4 Coaches)	259,100
	BOXE FRANCAISE SAVATE		
10.	Championnats du Monde Savate Assaut 2022, Milan, ITALY (21 – 25 September 2022)	4 (3 Athletes + 1 Coach)	1,023,750
	KICKBOXING		
11.	WAKO Junior World Championships 2022, Jesolo Lido, ITALY (30 September – 09 October 2022)	3 (2 Athletes + 1 Coach)	161,250
	MIXED MARTIAL ART		
12.	2022 IMMAF Africa Championships, Johannesburg, SOUTH AFRICA (28 – 30 April 2022)	1 (1 Athlete)	5,000
	KYOKUSHINKAI		
13.	18 th Asia Shin Kyokushinkai Open Championships, Kuala Lumpur, MALAYSIA (18 – 21 November 2022)	2 (2 Athletes)	10,000
	WEIGHTLIFTING		
14.	2022 African Youth & Junior Championships, Casablanca, MOROCCO (26 – 28 September 2022)	4 (3 Athletes + 1 Coach)	120,600

15.	2022 African Senior Championships, Cairo, EGYPT (28 – 31 October 2022)	5 (4 Athletes + 1 Coach)	194,100
PARA ATHLETICS			
16.	IWAS World Games 2022, Vila Real de Santo Antonio, PORTUGAL 26 – 28 November 2022)	8 (6 Athletes + 2 Coaches)	911,250
BADMINTON			
17.	All Africa Junior (Under 19) Mixed Team Championships 2022, MAURITIUS (12 - 14 December 2022)	13 (12 Athletes + 1 Coach)	372,000
18.	All Africa Junior Individual Championships 2022, MAURITIUS (15 – 17 December 2022)	14 (13 Athletes + 1 Coach)	284,000
CYCLING			
19.	2023 CAC African Road Championships, Accra, GHANA (8 – 13 February 2023)	25 (23 Athletes + 2 Coaches)	770,500
PARA ATHLETICS			
20.	11 th Sharjah International Open Athletics Meeting 2023, Sharjah, UAE (20 – 22 February 2023)	15 (10 Athletes + 5 Coaches)	645,900
21.	Dubai 2023 World Para Athletics Grand Prix, Dubai, UAE (23 February - 2 March 2023)	9 (5 Athletes + 4 Coaches)	344,050
BADMINTON			
22.	All Africa Mixed Team Championships 2023, SOUTH AFRICA (13 – 16 February 2023)	14 (13 Athletes + 1 Coach)	444,000
MUAYTHAI			
23.	IFMA World Muaythai Grand Slam 2022, Kuala Lumpur, MALAYSIA (16 August 2022)	2 (1 Athlete + 1 Coach)	91,000
TOTAL			7,783,500

9.3 Preparation for Indian Ocean Islands Games (IOIG) 2023

The Indian Ocean Islands Games were scheduled in Madagascar from 25 August to 03 September 2023.

A sum of Rs 28.8 M was put at the disposal of National Sports Federations during Financial Year 2022/2023 to prepare for these Games.

9.4 Project HOPE

The Project Horizon Paris 2024 was set up in 2019 and rebranded as **HOPE** (*Horizon Olympique et Paralympique des Athletes Elites*) in February 2023. The objectives are to support, follow up, and prepare Mauritian athletes for the Olympic and Paralympic Games.

9.5 Trust Fund for Excellence in Sports (TFES)

One of the objectives of the TFES is to design, finance, and implement projects and programmes approved by the Ministry of Youth Empowerment, Sports and Recreation for the benefit of sportsmen and sportswomen who have achieved excellence in their respective fields at national or international level.

The TFES currently runs three programmes namely:

- (a) Support to students/athletes pursuing Secondary Studies locally and abroad;
- (b) Support to students/athletes pursuing Tertiary Studies locally and abroad; and

State Recognition Allowance Scheme for retired athletes. During financial year 2022/2023, the TFES supported 260 students/athletes. 137 retired athletes are also benefitting an allowance under the State Recognition Allowance Scheme for Retired Athletes.

9.6 Financial Highlights

In Budget 2022/2023, the Ministry of Youth Empowerment, Sports and Recreation is classified under Vote 14-1 and a total amount of Rs 788.0 M was earmarked for the expenditure of the Ministry, as follows:

- Capital Budget: Rs 155 M
- Recurrent Budget: Rs 633 M

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

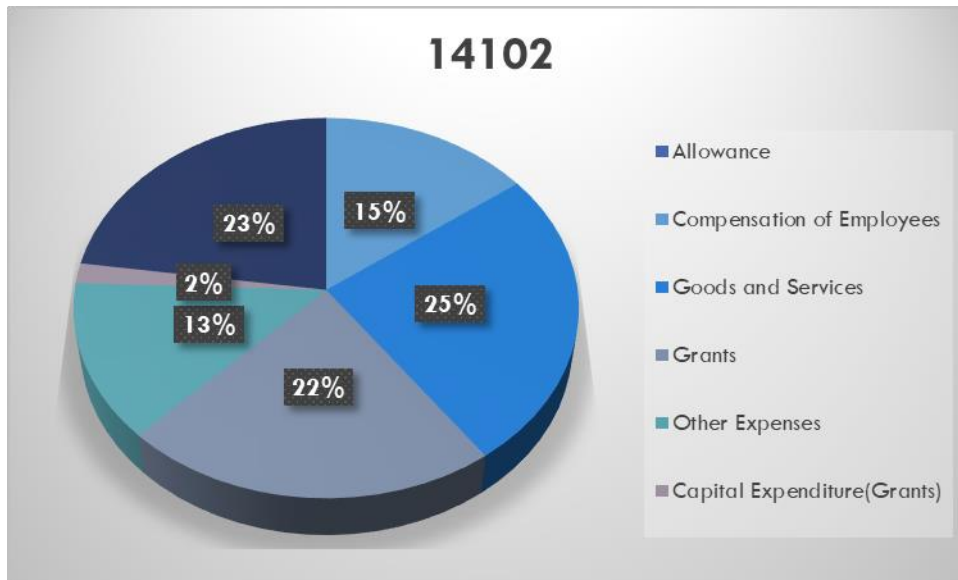
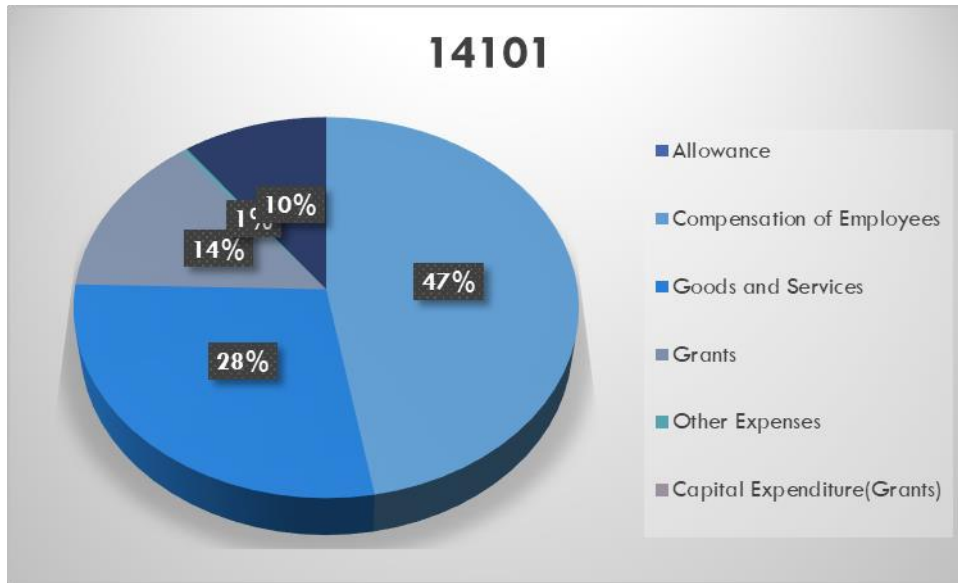
FINANCIAL YEAR 2021-2022		
SUB-HEADS	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT Rs ('000)
14-101	General	87,700
14-102	Promotion and Development of Sports	587,600
14-103	Youth Services	112,700
TOTAL AMOUNT		788,000

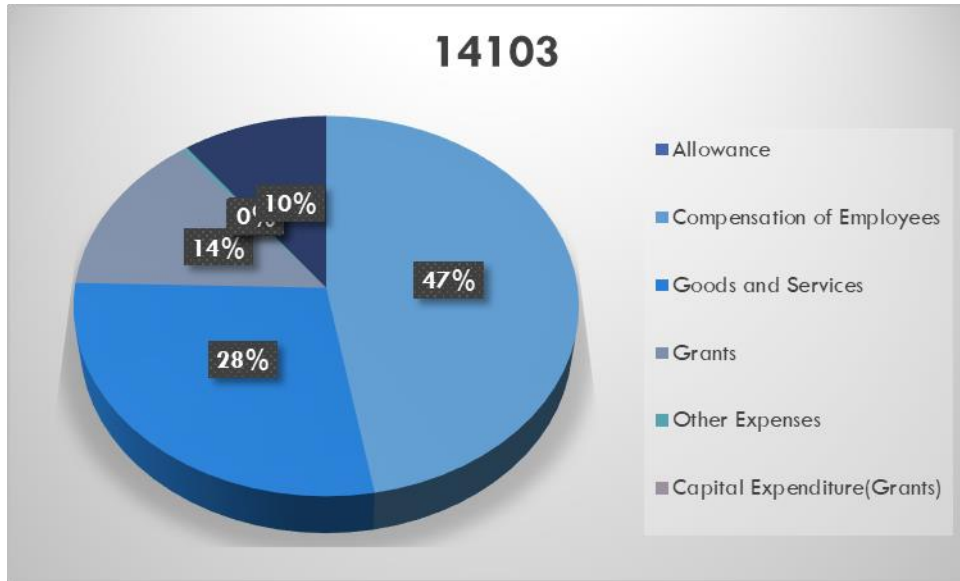
9.7 Overall Expenditure by Sub-Heads

The total expenditure for the Financial Year was Rs 732.47 M, as detailed in the table below.

Sub-Heads	Revised Budget	Amount Spent	Percentage Spent (%)
	(Rs) '000	(Rs) '000	
14-101 (General)	85,200	80,517	94.5
14-102 (Sports)	595,000	552,519	92.8
14-103 (Youth)	107,800	99,435	92.2
TOTAL	788,000	732,471	93.0

The percentage expenditure for the different Sub-Heads were as follows:





9.8 Statement of Expenditure

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

Financial Year 2022/2023 (Rs) '000								
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	2,400					2,400	2,400
<i>Compensation of Employees</i>	60,579	56,791	91,900	85,494	53,200	52,022	205,679	194,307
<i>Goods and Services</i>	22,221	21,327	160,291	147,582	26,579	20,626	209,091	189,535
<i>Grants</i>			139,609	137,079	15,800	15,286	155,409	152,365
<i>Other Expense</i>			81,700	80,167	400	237	82,100	80,404
<i>Capital Expenditure (Capital Grant)</i>			22,500	13,929			22,500	13,929
<i>Acquisition of Non-Financial</i>			99,000	88,267	11,821	11,263	110,821	99,530
TOTAL	85,200	80,518	595,000	552,518	107,800	99,434	788,000	732,470

9.9 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), Mauritius Recreation Council (MRC) 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.

10.0 ANALYSIS OF MAJOR CHANGES

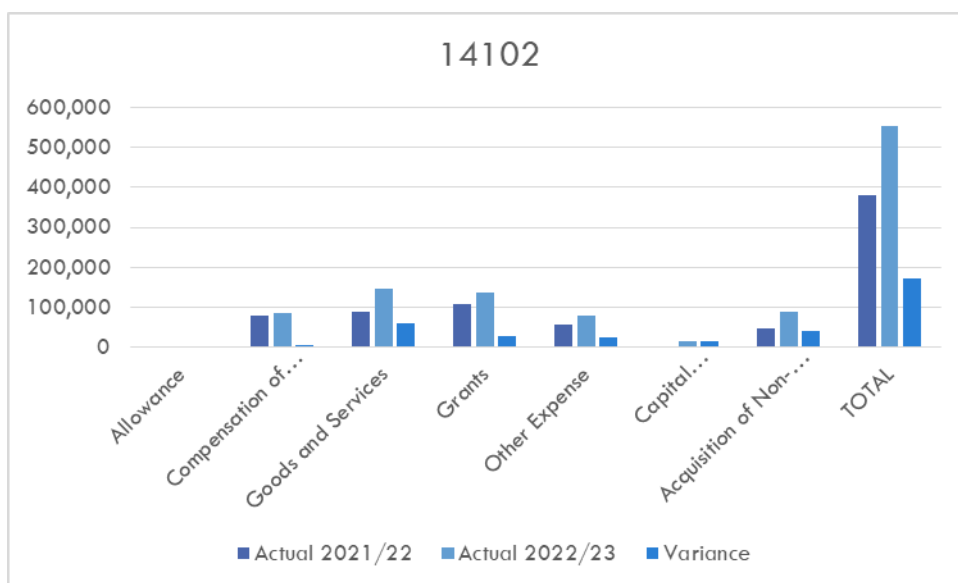
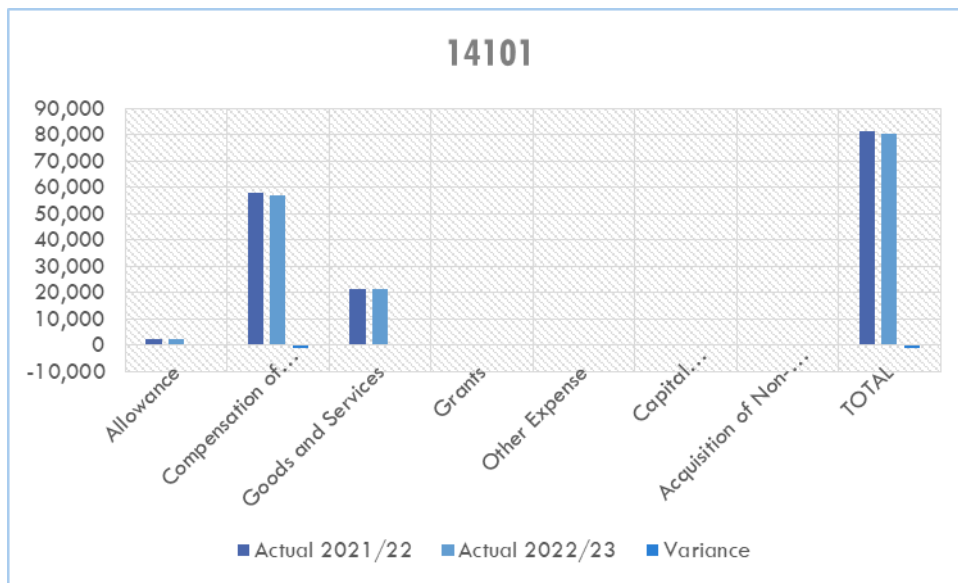
The table and charts below show the actual expenditure by category and Sub- Heads for Financial Years 2021/22 and 2022/2023 and the variances.

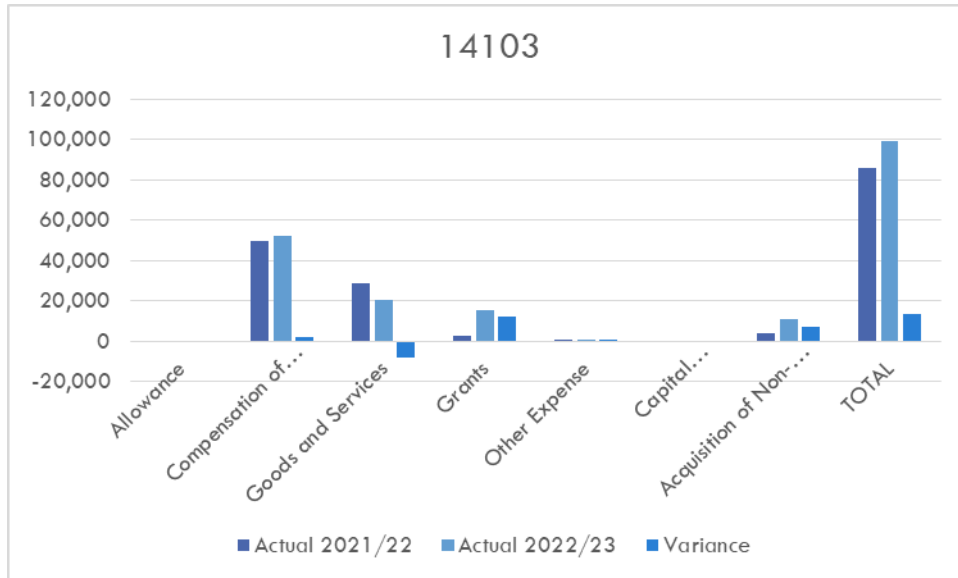
(Rs) '000									
Category	Sub- Head 14-101			Sub-Head 14-102			Sub-Head 14-103		
	Actual 2021/22	Actual 2022/23	Variance	Actual 2021/22	Actual 2022/23	Variance	Actual 2021/22	Actual 2022/23	Variance
<i>Allowance</i>	2,400	2,400	0			0			0
<i>Compensation of Employees</i>	57,959	56,791	-1,168	80,366	85,494	5,128	50,028	52,023	1,995
<i>Goods and Services</i>	21,153	21,327	174	88,885	147,582	58,697	28,561	20,626	-7,935
<i>Grants</i>			0	108,817	137,079	28,262	3,060	15,286	12,226
<i>Other Expense</i>			0	55,548	80,167	24,619	27	237	210
<i>Capital Expenditure(Capital Grant)</i>			0		13,929	13,929			0
<i>Acquisition of Non-Financial Assets</i>			0	47,221	88,267	41,046	4,150	11,263	7,113
TOTAL	81,512	80,518	-994	380,837	552,518	171,681	85,826	99,435	13,609

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 2022/2023 compared to the preceding Financial Year clearly indicates a major increase under Sub- Heads 14-102 and 14-103. and the trend of expenditure has remained same under Sub-Head 14-101.

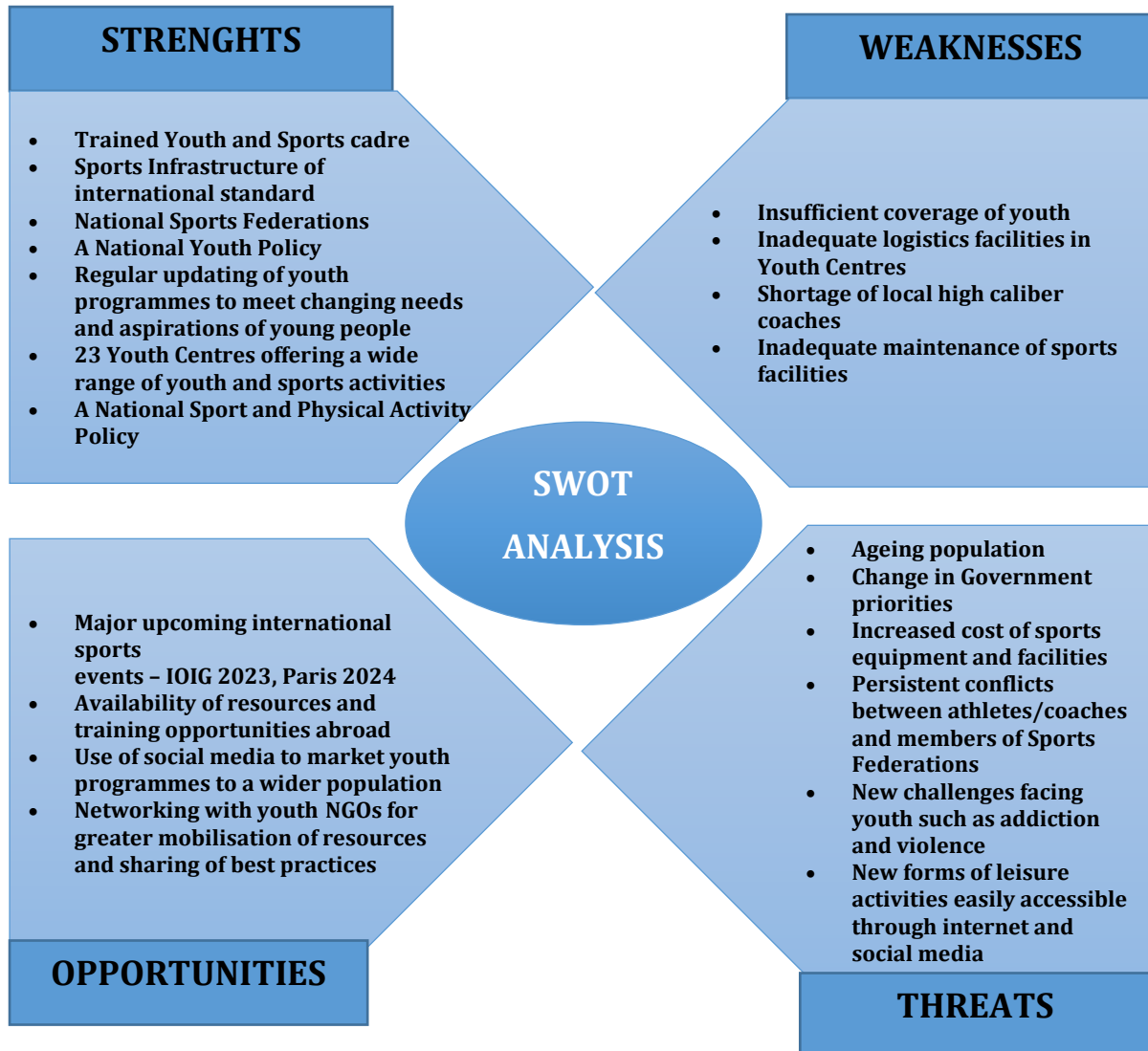
As highlighted in the table above, there is a major change in the overall expenditure of Vote 14-102 “Promotion of Sports Development” and Vote 14-103 “Youth” in respect of all economic categories. There is a substantial increase of Rs 171 M for Vote 14-102 and Rs 13 M for Vote 14-103 respectively as compared to previous year. The main reason is that Sports and Youth activities have resumed after the lifting of restrictions due to the Covid 19 pandemic. The increase in economic category of grant is due to the provision of grant to MMIL and MRC in financial year 2022/2023.





11.0 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

12.0 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:

- (a) foster a culture of community sport and physical activity;
- (b) create an amateur to elite sport environment; and
- (c) 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, Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) and Monitoring and Evaluation tools.
 - integrate a quality component in programmes and operational processes; and
 - review the functioning of the National Youth Council to promote further youth engagement and advocacy on youth matters.
 - promote recreation activities by the Mauritius Recreation Council for a healthy population.

- **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; and
 - increase accessibility and maximise utilisation of sports infrastructure.