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## In Spotlight

Updates on the Strategic Prioritisation Retreats in Mauritius and Seychelles!



*SPR Mauritius*

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## United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF) 2024-2028: Strategic Prioritisation Retreats

Over the past 6 months, the United Nations Country Teams (UNCT) for Mauritius and Seychelles and the governments of the respective countries have been collaborating to design new strategic partnership documents. The United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF 2024-2028) will be co-owned and co-signed by the UN and Government for each country and aligned to the National Development Plans and priorities. This strategic document will provide the overall strategy and plan for contributing to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

One of the principal events associated with UNSDCF formulation is a two-day Strategic Prioritization Retreat (SPR). The purpose of the SPR was to agree and further refine with the government and other key stakeholders the priority areas shaping the future cooperation framework. The SPR engagement was built on themes and focus areas for UN collaboration arising from the independent evaluation of each country's Strategic Partnership Framework (SPR) (2018-2023), UN Common Country Analysis (CCA), and consultations with government, civil society, academia, and private sector.

The SPR for Seychelles was held on 6-7 March and for Mauritius on 20-21 March. The retreats brought together major partners and stakeholders in the respective countries including ministers and other government officials, private sector, civil society, academia, and UN agencies to think strategically about risks and how to address risks and vulnerabilities within the unique context of each country. With less than ten years left to achieve the SDGs, the UNCT for Mauritius and Seychelles aims to design a Cooperation Framework in partnership with each government that is strategic, succinct, adaptable, and results-oriented and which integrates Leave No One Behind (LNOB) as the core unifying principle. What next? Based on the participants' inputs from the SPRs outcomes and inter-agency outputs will be reviewed to ensure a high-quality, risk-informed strategic document for each country. The draft cooperation frameworks will be shared for validation in April.

# UN Family in Mauritius

Take a look at what the UN Family in Mauritius is up to!

## IOM

### Nou Rasinn: Pilot Youth Volunteering Project



IOM Mauritius & Seychelles is collaborating with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade and key stakeholders in implementing the “Mauritius Pilot Youth Diaspora Volunteering” Project, titled ‘NOU RASINN’. This pilot project proposes to better support Mauritius in engaging with its diaspora, thus harnessing its valuable potential. The aim of Nou Rasinn is to facilitate the diaspora contributions to the socio-economic development of Mauritius - a means to mobilise, leverage and harness the diaspora’s know-how, human capital and skills. Nou Rasinn’s focus is to build a

designing of a sustainable national diaspora engagement programme with the youth.

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## UNDP

### UNDP supports the set up of an aquaponic and hydroponic training farm at the Beau Bassin Prison



UNDP Mauritius has supported the set up of an aquaponics and hydroponics training farm at the Beau Bassin Prison. These facilities aim at promoting a human rights-based and rehabilitative approach to incarceration by providing vocational training to women inmates. The support of the UNDP to this project aligns with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and involves partnering with the Office of the Prime Minister for the "Re-engineering of the Correctional Services" project, which links several SDGs, including SDG 16 on Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions, and SDG 5 on Women's Empowerment and Gender Equality. This project is considered as particularly noteworthy because it provides 38 women inmates with valuable economic empowerment skills for their future. [Read More](#)

[Joint Management Area Demonstration Project Workshops under the UNDP-SAPPHIRE Joint Management Area Demonstration Project](#)



The UNDP supports a series of workshops under the Joint Management Area Demonstration Project Workshops under the UNDP-SAPPHIRE Joint Management Area Demonstration Project which were organised with the support of the UNDP Multi-Country Office in January 2023. The workshops were aimed at delivering basic training on the use of Marxan, a software designed to solve conservation planning problems and at ensuring the adoption of the finalised Marine Spatial Planning (MSP) Zoning Framework and the preparation of an initial Zoning Map for the Joint Management Area (JMA). The JMA covers an area of the Mascarene Plateau region of about 396 000 km<sup>2</sup>, which Seychelles and Mauritius co-manage. Through the project, UNDP supports both Mauritius and Seychelles to develop a marine spatial planning process in view of an agreed management strategy. Through MSP, informed and coordinated decisions can be taken to ensure the sustainable use of marine resources by all users of the ocean. [Read More](#)

#### The Mauritius E€OFISH Project



The Mauritius E€OFISH Project supports longline fishing training for artisanal fishers. Longline fishing training targeting artisanal fishers have been provided to fishers of the Republic of Mauritius under the EU-funded Mauritius Ecofish project implemented by the UNDP Mauritius and Seychelles Country Office. Longline fishing enables fishers to target high commercial value demersal fish and pelagic species such as tuna, dorado, and wahoo fish. The training, which is being proposed under the EU-funded UNDP

beyond over-fished lagoons for more profitable and sustainable catches. [Read More](#)

### Inauguration of the Quatre Soeurs Refuge Centre



**The Quatre Soeurs Refuge Centre was inaugurated on Tuesday 14 March 2023.** Built under the “Climate Change Adaptation Programme in the Coastal Zone of Mauritius” project, the centre is a significant step towards enhancing the resilience of coastal communities in the face of climate change. It actually provides an emergency shelter for exposed communities of the South-East coast of Mauritius during times of climate-related hazards and threats. The Refuge Centre was built with funds from the Adaptation Fund under the Kyoto Protocol of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. This eco-friendly building can accommodate 1000 individuals and is in line with the Global United Nations policy of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030, which focuses on actions necessary to limit impacts on the livelihoods, health and other assets of communities and countries. [Read More](#)

**Collaboration between the UNDP and ENL Foundation to empower women of Le Bouchon and L'Escalier**



UNDP and ENL Foundation have awarded certificates to 33 women from the villages of Le Bouchon and L'Escalier for their participation to self-empowering courses under the 'Stepping Up' Project. This initiative implemented between October and December 2022 was aimed to support the inhabitants of these villages through a Capacity Strengthening Journey. Women of Le Bouchon and L'Escalier face challenges owing to social, structural and geographic factors. During the inception phase of the project, the needs of these women were assessed and sessions on self-knowledge, communication skills, emotions and conflict management and Psychosocial Support were held. In the course of the project, 'Art Therapy' sessions were also organised for 29 children of the two localities.

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## UNECA

### Mauritius National AfCFTA process



Government of Mauritius with support from the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (Sub-regional Office for Southern Africa and the African Trade Policy Center) and with funding from the European Union, has developed its National AfCFTA Response Strategy. The strategy elaborates a series of measures that need to be in place to ensure that Mauritius becomes ready to exploit the potential gains associated with the AfCFTA. The National AfCFTA Response Strategy was validated at a workshop on 25th March 2022 in Mauritius. An AfCFTA Awareness Workshop was held in November 2022 at which the National AfCFTA Strategy was officially launched by the Hon. Minister A. Ganoo. The Awareness workshop held a session on Women, Youth and SMEs for which the AfCFTA can unleash opportunities.

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## UNFPA

UNFPA supports the Youth Ministry in Mauritius to promote mental well-being of adolescents



School-going adolescents between the ages of 13 to 15 recently attended a 'Zeness San Stress' (translates to Youth Without Stress) workshop at Bois Cheri Youth Centre and Pamplemousses Youth Centre, Mauritius. The 2-day workshop split into two sessions for two groups was organized by the Ministry of Youth Empowerment, Sports and Recreation, with UNFPA's support. In such workshops, young people gain skills to understand and manage their emotions in stress-inducing situations.

*"I have learnt that I act faster than my brain most of the time and end up regretting my actions. This workshop has taught me how to think before I act",* said Akshita, a 14-year-old attendee.

The sessions led by youth Officers include psycho-educational activities helping young people become more emotionally aware and manage their feelings through a body map, charting thoughts, bodily sensations and actions. *"These workshops teach the students how to see and adapt to the situation*



Empowerment, Sports and Recreation.

A safe and healthy passage from adolescence into adulthood is the right of everyone and adolescents need supportive relationships and services, including comprehensive sexuality education, to develop positive self-esteem and self-care, to make informed and healthy decisions. Some of the emotional issues like anger and sadness young people experience usually stem from problems they face at home, at school or with friends and peers. These Emotional Well-being workshops thus equip them with knowledge and skills to be confident and independent adults who can handle difficult situations, handle conflict peacefully and be supportive parents in future.

Since 2022, more than 3000 Mauritian youths have received social and emotional support through a hotline service known as '*Service d'Ecoute*' and through outreach activities serviced by trained Youth Officers from the Ministry.



## UNESCO

The theme 'Accelerating Change' is a call for global action to tackle the water and sanitation crisis on World Water Day

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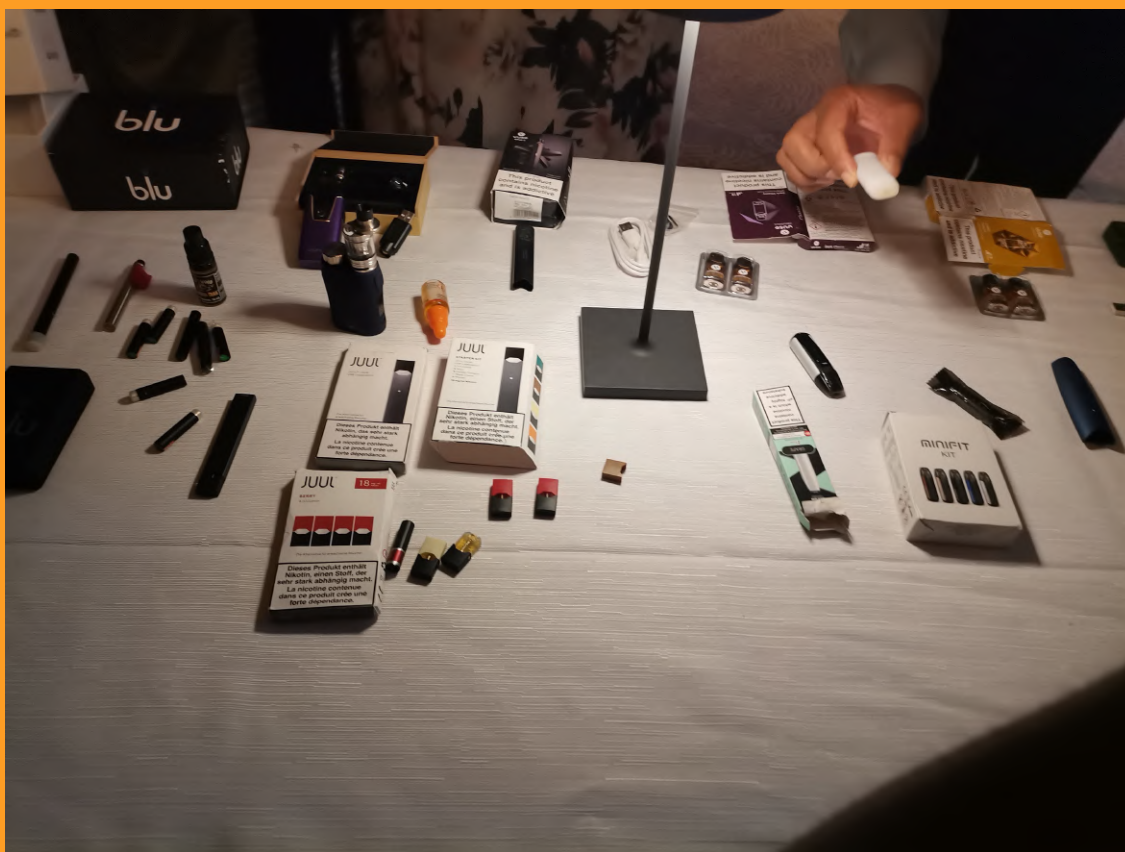


*The Aqua-Smart team standing with Ms. Lisa Simrique Singh, Resident Coordinator for Mauritius and Seychelles. The members of team Aqua-Smart are University of Mauritius third-year engineering students [L-R]: Zeeshan Bhugalee, Toolsee Devi Ramjeet, Eugenie Gontran, Hirthikraj Dabeeah, and Sahebally Mohammad Hammaad Ali.*

In March five engineering students from the University of Mauritius were announced as one of the winning entries for the UNESCO World Engineering Day Hackathon 2023. The global competition challenged students to come up with innovative solutions to real-world problems linked to Sustainable Development Goals 2 Zero Hunger, 3 Good Health and Well-being, and 6 Clean Water and Sanitation. Inspired by, and to address the issue of water crisis (water droughts, reliance on household tanks and risk of bacterial growth leading to unsafe drinking water) faced by one of their teammates on the Island of Rodrigues, the team “Aqua-Smart” designed a rainwater harvesting system building on existing technologies of solar water heaters and rainwater tanks that are used by each household in Rodrigues. One of the team members, Zeeshan Bughalee, highlighted that due to the interlinkage between the SDGs, one solution can tackle several issues, and Eugenie Gontran, another Aqua-Smart member, highlighted the impact that youth may have in bringing new perspectives.

In his message for World Water Day the UN Secretary-General António Guterres stressed that WATER is the lifeblood of humanity. Everyone has a role in protecting and using water sustainably to preserve it for present and future generations. The passion and innovation of the Aqua Smart team demonstrate this. And shows when young people today are given the opportunity, they can become drivers for change and in this case, contribute to achieve Goal 6 that everyone would have safely managed water and sanitation by 2030, alongside the other SDGs.

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Legal advisors and judicial officers from Botswana, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Kenya, Namibia, Mauritius, Rwanda, Seychelles, South Africa, South Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda and Zambia attended a 3-day legal capacity building workshop in Port Louis, Mauritius to strengthen tobacco control and reduction of NCD risk factors. The selection of Mauritius as the venue of this meeting is because its amended tobacco control law adopted in May 2022 is a legislative best practice in the WHO African Region. The country's new tobacco control legal framework is comprehensive, and embeds plain packaging, a primer in the Region. The implementation of the law has agreed timelines and is a comparative law implementation best practice that participants will engage with and learn from to support their respective countries.

Dr the Hon K. K. Jagutpal, Mauritius Minister of Health and Wellness, during the opening of the training workshop said, "the 31st of May 2023, which happens to be the World No Tobacco Day will be of significant importance to us as Plain Packaging will be introduced in the Republic of Mauritius as from this day."

Plain Packaging will be introduced in the Republic of Mauritius as from 1st June 2023 in order to prohibit the use of logos, colours, brand images and promotional information on tobacco packages. Instead, a standard green, brown colour, namely Pantone 448 C, will be applied coupled with the pictorial warnings. Dr Anne Ancia, WHO Country Representative, in her address, highlighted, "this training targeting judicial officials and government legal advisors happening in Mauritius is not haphazard, it is a testimony of the very good achievements of the country in protecting the population against the deadly effects of tobacco use." [Read More](#)

**Workshop on the Strategic Tool for Assessing Risks (STAR) to strengthen preparedness capacities and Mauritius' resilience against health hazards**



The World Health Organisation (WHO) developed the strategic tool for assessing risks (STAR) as a comprehensive, easy-to-use toolkit and evidence-based approach to enable national and subnational authorities to rapidly conduct a strategic and evidence-based assessment and prioritization of public health risks, to support countries to manage emergency risks and maximize resources. The STAR focuses on an all-hazards approach and promotes holistic engagement.

Mauritius had several challenges such as the Covid-19 pandemic and the cyclone Freddy, which coincided with the STAR workshop planning. But despite all challenges, the Ministry of Health and Wellness with the collaborative efforts of WHO Country Office Mauritius has finally, successfully conducted its first Strategic Toolkit for Assessing Risks workshop from 22-25 February 2023. The local preparatory team consisting of staff from the Ministry of Health and Wellness and WHO Country Office Mauritius received technical support from the regional office and headquarters to implement the workshop, with participants from multiple sectors such as health, agriculture, environment, meteorological services and climate change.

The main objective of this workshop was to use the STAR approach to rapidly identify and assess public health risks for planning and prioritization of health emergency preparedness and disaster risk management activities. More specifically the workshop was geared to identify country hazard(s) and describe the most likely scenario to require activation of national response, through the assessment of the likelihood, impact and estimation of the risk level.



The four-day workshop culminated into the development of a risk matrix (ranking risks visually on a 5x5 matrix, describing likelihood and impact of the hazard) and a risk summary (describing health consequences, scale of the hazard and identified population at risk, frequency of occurrence, likelihood to occur, seasonality, severity, vulnerability, coping capacity, potential impact, and confidence level in data available for each hazard).

Using the results of the strategic risk assessment, Mauritius can now apply the gathered evidence to inform country planning, prioritize key actions for rapid scaling-up of capabilities for high risks hazards, and rationalize use of limited resources as an approach to strengthening health emergency preparedness and disaster risk management capacities.

**Mauritius, first in the African region to roll out the Behavioural Insights Training in February 2023**

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Mauritius was the first country in the African region to roll out the Behavioural Insights training in February 2023. Some 30 participants including health information education and communication and health promotion officers from the Communicable Diseases control unit, NCD/Health promotion unit and the Health Information Education and Communication Unit of the Ministry of Health and Wellness and representatives from the Academia, namely the University of Mauritius and the Mauritius Institute of Health were among the first trainees.

During the three-day intensive training, participants learned not only the basic theories of behavioral science but also how to apply behavioural insights to protect and improve people's health. Behavioural insights are being used in developing public health policies, programmes, and interventions ranging from legislation and fiscal measures to communications and social marketing, as well as to support other public health efforts.

The Hon. Dr. Kailesh Kumar Jagutpal, Minister of Health and Wellness, addressed the trainees during the hand over certificate ceremony and closing of the three-day Behavioural Insights roll out training organized jointly by the World Health Organization in close collaboration with the Ministry of Health and Wellness. He stated, "This behavioural insights roll out training will definitely help the design and shaping of our public health interventions to address non communicable diseases as well as communicable diseases and other public health issues."

WHO has been supporting Mauritius from the three levels of the organization - that is WHO Headquarters in Geneva, especially the Behavioural Insights Unit, the WHO Regional Office for Africa and the country office in preparing and extending this training to government staff, different ministries, academia, among others. The way forward is to understand the needs of the country regarding Behavioural Insights research needs and prioritize one or two proposals which could be implemented with the support of WHO - BI unit in Geneva and the country office. Mauritius is also planning to conduct more BI roll out training to target other ministries, NGOs, community leaders, religious bodies among others in the months to come.

## Legal and operational training in the maritime domain in Mauritius and Seychelles

## Support to Cutlass Express 2023



From 6 to 17 March 2023, UNODC GMCP provided support to US Naval Forces Africa's execution of the regional maritime law enforcement exercise Cutlass Express 2023, in Djibouti, Kenya and Mauritius. During week 1, UNODC GMCP provided mentoring on Law of the Sea, Maritime Domain Awareness (MDA) and Maritime Law Enforcement (MLE) skills. During week 2, UNODC GMCP trainers assisted in preparing participating country teams for the Final Exercise on all the topics covered during the previous week.

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[Embedded MLE mentor Boat Crew Member Qualification course](#)

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Starting on 06 March 2023, UNODC GMCP delivered a 4-week Boat Crew Member Qualification training course for the Mauritius National Coast Guard, covering all skills required to conduct maritime law enforcement operations from a small patrol craft. This course is a prerequisite for further qualification training for boat crew engineers and coxswains. [Read More](#)

## UN Family in Seychelles

Take a look at what the UN Family in Seychelles is up to!

### ILO-SAMM

Launch of the 'Work IN Seychelles' Induction Programme

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On the 30 March 2023, The Ministry of Employment and Social Affairs launched the 'Work IN Seychelles' (WINS) Induction Programme. A first of its kind, to inform migrant workers of their rights, obligations, as well as the custom of Seychelles, to ensure they feel welcomed, valued and supported as they integrate into the Seychelles' Society.

The induction programme will target workers in the construction, farming and retail industry as well as domestic workers. The Ministry will conduct induction sessions with the workers arriving in Seychelles, and also provide them with an orientation pack which will include reading materials and list of contacts in their language of origin. The Department of Employment also expects to develop a mobile application easily accessible for migrant workers which would facilitate the dissemination of information on labour laws, for both migrants and Seychellois. [Read More](#)



**MINISTRY OF EMPLOYMENT AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS**  
**IN CHARGE OF THE**  
**MINISTRY OF SOCIAL AFFAIRS**  
**OFFICIAL LAUNCHING OF THE 'WORK IN SEYCHELLES' (WINS)**  
**MIGRANT WORKERS INDUCTION PROGRAMME**

**THURSDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2023**  
**AT 3:00PM**

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Official launching of the 'Work in Seychelles'

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UNODC GMCP legal and operational training in the maritime domain in Mauritius and Seychelles



VBSS Course on Countering Nuclear and Radiological Trafficking in the Operational Maritime Domain for Somalia and Yemen: From 21 February to 3 March, with the support of NSDD US Department of Energy, UNODC GMCP delivered a Vessel Board Search Seizure Course focusing on countering nuclear and radiological trafficking in the maritime domain, in Mahé, Seychelles. The boarding teams from Yemen and Somalia were trained on various nuclear and radiological detection equipment and their integration in VBSS Standard operating procedures. [Read More](#)

#### Boat training for Marines from the Ugandan People's Defence Force (UPDF) in Mahé



From 30 January to 10 February, in partnership with the British Peace Support Team-Africa, [UNODC GMCP](#)

included rope work, boat orientation, meteorology, safety at sea, patrol boat manoeuvres and vessel maintenance checklists. The course was aimed at further developing the boat handling skills of the Marines, exposing them to tidal changes and associated risks, as well as familiarizing them with coxswain responsibilities in an oceanic environment. This training forms part of efforts preparing the UPDF Marines for deployment to Mogadishu, Somalia as part of the African Union Mission in Somalia (AMISOM), where they are to support the protection of littoral maritime zones.

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## WHO Seychelles

WHO Seychelles supports the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Tourism during COVID-19



**Training of Seychelles Tourism Establishments to curb the high incidence of COVID-19.** As the world strives toward ending the acute phase of the COVID-19 pandemic, multiple sectors are involved in response activities. Early detection and curtailing the spread of cases in different settings will help reduce the incidence of the disease and as such enable the resumption of social and economic activities. "It was expedient that we had this training. The Health and Safety focal points were brought to speed on how to identify COVID-19 cases in the tourism establishment, infection prevention control and reporting," says Mrs Philomena Hollanda from Seychelles Ministry of Tourism. [Read More](#)

**WHO Seychelles collaborates with health sector partners to increase protection against COVID-19**



In the photo, WCO team members - Joyce Namulondo - Laboratory Expert, and Dr Rex Mpazanje, WR stand alongside Ministry of Health EPI team, Madame Florida Bijoux and Madame Louis-Marie Vereine, Family Health Programme.

The COVID-19 response in Seychelles bolstered the need to treat pandemics as a national security threat, and to build the requisite capacity of health staff for outbreak response. It was understood that structures built to address the pandemic could be leveraged for other potential public health threats, such as for monkeypox preparedness and readiness. Furthermore, Seychelles achieved a high vaccination coverage, considered key to reduce severity even when new variants emerge, in addition to the use of scalable strategies to enable a gradual strengthening of outbreak response capacities. With no previous outbreak experience, Seychelles' biggest strength was in implementing a strong triage mechanism at every health facility. This was effective in ramping up screening and testing, in addition to maintaining essential services.

"It was not just a health sector response. We integrated all sectors in the response including schools, banks, the hospitality industry and businesses" said Dr Rex Mpazanje, the WHO Country Representative in Seychelles.

For a country that relies heavily on tourism and fishing, Dr Mpazanje said it was critical to provide a multisectoral response. These efforts contributed to Seychelles becoming the first country on the continent to vaccinate more than 70% of its inhabitants. "Once people saw leaders leading by example and getting vaccinated, it was easy to convince them. Leadership was critical in the country getting where it is today."

In Seychelles, teamwork, and close collaboration with partners in the health sector resulted in increased protection for people against COVID-19.

Today, as the pandemic appears to wane, many national staff repurposed from other programmes to support COVID-19 have returned to regular areas of work, causing significant gaps in sustaining the response. It also results in countries having to juggle priorities to integrate the COVID-19 response into

## UN WOMEN

### Revisiting Gender Equality in the Seychelles



UN Women held a three-day workshop from 28 February to 2 March for civil servants on gender equality issues in agriculture sector in Seychelles. This workshop was held within the context of the 'Building the Resilience for Food Systems in Mauritius And Seychelles by Leveraging on Sustainable Agricultural Practices' programme implemented in both Mauritius and Seychelles. The project is funded by the Joint SDG Fund and under the leadership of the UN Resident Coordinators Office for Mauritius and Seychelles the project is implemented by UN Women, UNDP and FAO. This workshop allowed participants to explore the challenges faced by women in entering the agriculture sector, and in excelling within the sector. Access to time and labour saving technologies, sufficient farming inputs, access to extension services and access to agricultural land were identified areas where the Government could provide focused support to women. Gender equality issues beyond the agriculture sector were also raised, these included a high number of women-headed households (especially on Mahe Island); gender-based violence and a disproportionate share of unpaid care and domestic work that is born by women. Another issue that was raised was the lack of relevant data to fully understand the situation faced by many of the Seychellois.

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International Women's Day 2023: Embracing Gender Equality at the ILO

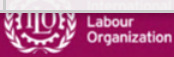
**Globally, women earn only****51 cents****for each dollar earned by men**

On International Women's Day we acknowledge the achievements of all women and girls across the globe and their invaluable contributions to societies, economies and the planet. However, International Women's Day is also an opportunity to reflect on challenges and obstacles that limit women's possibilities and undermine their participation in economic, political, social and professional life. It is a moment to recommit to the work that remains to be delivered towards achieving the full measure of equality, and dignity for all within the Office. Equal rights and opportunities for women and girls in all their diversity are at the core of the ILO's mandate since its Constitution in 1919. They are essential for social justice to prevail and key to productive, and resilient economies.

Since 1919, the ILO has extensively worked to ensure that all its policies, programmes and activities aim to systematically and formally address the specific and often different concerns of both women and men in all their diversity while also taking mutually reinforcing action to promote gender equality in staffing, substance and structure within our organization.

In today's exceptionally challenging context, gender equality and women's empowerment in the world of work are key to achieving the vision of "Leave no one behind" in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and to meeting all the Sustainable Development Goals with particular attention to SDGs 5, 8 and 10. All men and boys are key partners to embrace and advance the ILO transformative agenda for gender equality, diversity and inclusion.

Even though there is measurable progress in terms of gender equality including within the ILO's work, it is of key importance to build on this momentum and continue "walking the talk" on gender equality by improving gender mainstreaming in all ILO's work while also improving the representation of women at all levels. This can be achieved by establishing an inclusive and enabling organizational culture free from gender bias and discrimination and well supported by progressive institutional policies and practices.



Globally,  
**15%** of working-age women  
who would like to work,  
do not have a job

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compared with **10.5%** of men



The ILO's International Women's Day event on 8 March 2023 will provide a space for the Office to:

- acknowledge women's crucial contributions to the world of work while reflecting on persistent obstacles in advancing their role in societies and economies and ways to advance;
- take stock of key regional priorities and showcase impact on the ground
- reflect on progress in advancing gender equality and parity within the Office.

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**Advancing social justice.** The International Labour Organization (ILO) is the United Nations agency for the world of work. It was founded on the conviction that universal and lasting peace can be established only if it is based on social justice.

The ILO brings together governments, employers and workers from its 187 member states in a human-centred approach to the future of work based on decent employment creation, rights at work, social protection and social dialogue.

The ILO undertakes research and data collection across the range of world of work topics. It publishes flagship reports and a wide range of publications and working papers. Its globally renowned set of statistical databases are maintained and updated with nationally sourced labour market data.

The ILO manages a wide range of development cooperation projects in all regions of the world. Realized in partnership with donor countries and organizations, these projects aim to create the conditions for delivery of the ILO decent work agenda. The ILO has its headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland, and field offices in more than 40 countries.

The International Labour Conference meets once a year to discuss pressing world of work issues, adopt new international labour standards and approve the ILO's work plan and budget. The Governing Body, the Organization's executive council, meets three times a year in Geneva.

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## Upcoming events

Keep an eye out for these upcoming activities by the UN Family in Mauritius and Seychelles!

**UNDP → Regional Forum on Technology and Innovation for MSMEs**

**WHO Seychelles → Training of ECD Centres to reduce COVID-19 prevalence among children ages 5 and under • 7 April 2023 World Health Day**

**UNODC in Mauritius → Boarding Officer Qualification Training Course (BO QTC), 3 – 28 April • Boat Crew Coxswain Qualification Training Course (BCOX QTC), 3 – 28 April • Boat Crew Engineer Training Course (BCE QTC), 8 – 28 May • VBSS Instructor Course 2023-1 for Comoros and Mauritius, 22 -28 March**

**UNODC in Seychelles → Boarding Team Member Qualification Training Course (BTM QTC), 20 March – 14 April TBC •**



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