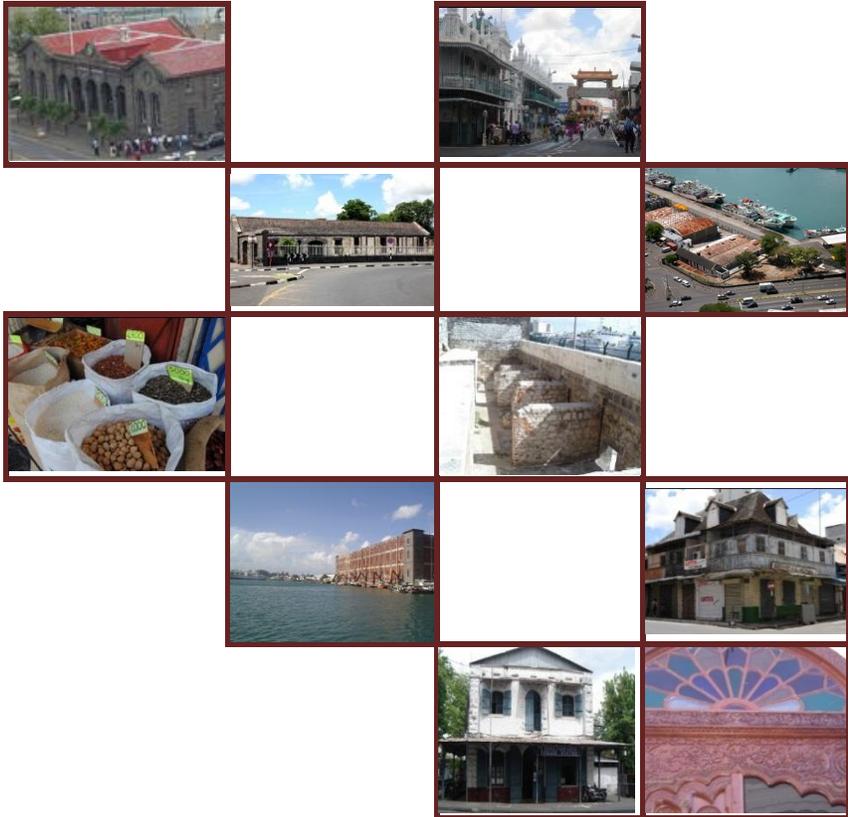


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# ACRONYMS

<b>AGTF</b>	Apravasi Ghat Trust Fund
<b>AG WHS</b>	Apravasi Ghat World Heritage Site
<b>AG WHP</b>	Apravasi Ghat World Heritage Property
<b>BRIC</b>	Beekrumsing Ramlallah Interpretation Centre
<b>BZ</b>	Buffer Zone
<b>CM</b>	Conservation Manual
<b>DP</b>	Development Plan
<b>STAC</b>	Scientific Technical and Advisory Committee
<b>VMP</b>	Visitor Management Plan



## VISION AND MISSION

The mandate and the actions of the Trust Fund are guided by the following framework:

In 2001, the Mauritian Government set up a dedicated institution, the Aapravasi Ghat Trust Fund (AGTF), to document, manage and promote the Aapravasi Ghat as a national and international site. The AGTF is a parastatal body that operates under the aegis of the Ministry of Arts and Culture.

The Trust Fund was mandated to:

- Establish, administer, manage, promote and maintain the Aapravasi Ghat as a national, regional and international heritage site;
- Preserve, restore and manage the Aapravasi Ghat and the sites specified in schedule 2 of the Act;
- Set up a museum at Aapravasi Ghat and create public awareness of the history of indentured labour;
- Promote social and cultural aspects of the sites specified in schedules 1 and 2 of the Act;
- Encourage and support projects and publications related to the Indentured Labour;
- Establish links with appropriate national, regional and international organizations in line with the objects of the Act;
- Identify and acquire sites, buildings and structures associated with indentured labour; and
- Encourage and support interdisciplinary scientific research related to indentured labour and to the sites specified in schedules 1 and 2.

The Trust's guiding principles include:

- Support of activities related to indentured Labour immigration;
- Support projects that benefit all Mauritians and in which Mauritians from all walks of life can participate. This includes the conceptualization, planning and execution of projects;
- To restore the links with past and our origins that have been broken as a result of rapid modernization and to restore pride into our indentured Heritage;
- To carry out projects in a democratic spirit, in a historically accurate way and in full respect of the multi-cultural society in which we live;

To promote excellence rather than be satisfied with basic minimum or the cheapest alternative.



## Aapravasi Ghat World Heritage Site

The Aapravasi Ghat Trust Fund AGTF is a body corporate under the aegis of the Ministry of Arts and Culture. It was created in 2001 by the Government of the Republic of Mauritius through Act of Parliament to manage and promote the Aapravasi Ghat

Site.

The site was declared National Monument under the National Monuments Act in 1987(GN31/87) and subsequently proclaimed National Heritage in 2003 under the National Heritage Act 2003.

The Aapravasi Ghat Site was inscribed on the World Heritage List under criteria (VI) in 2006 (Decision 30 COM 8 B.33). The concept of World Heritage was developed by UNESCO to define cultural and natural heritage that are irreplaceable, unique and authentic, not only for the nation to which they belong, but also for humanity as a whole. It is considered that the loss of this heritage through deterioration or disappearance would generate an impoverishment of the heritage of all the peoples of the world. As such, their significance is of Outstanding Universal Value<sup>1</sup> (OUV).

The Aapravasi Ghat was inscribed on the World Heritage List in 2006. The World Heritage Status is defined by the *Convention concerning the protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage* (1972) of UNESCO and by the *operational Guidelines for the implementation of the World Heritage Convention* (2008).

The inscription of the Aapravasi Ghat recognizes the Outstanding Universal Value of the Site as a symbol of the Great Experiment initiated in 1834 by the British colonial Government to evaluate the viability of *indenture* as a system to recruit “free” labour after the abolition of slavery in the British Colonies in 1833.

*“The first site chosen by the British Government in 1834 for the great experiment in the use of indentured rather than slave Labor, is strongly associated with memories of almost half a million indentured labourers moving from India to Mauritius to work on sugarcane plantations or to be transhipped to other parts of the World.”*

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<sup>1</sup> A definition is provided in the glossary.

A Buffer Zone<sup>2</sup> (BZ) was delimited for Aapravasi Ghat (AG) World Heritage Site (WHS) to allow the full expression of the outstanding significance of the World Heritage Site as per UNESCO *Convention concerning the protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage*. In its Convention, UNESCO explains that the Buffer Zone is important as it represents the context in which the World Heritage Site has evolved through time. As such, it is a fundamental element supporting its cultural significance at national and international level. This is the reason why appropriate measures are enforced in the Buffer Zone to protect, preserve, enhance and promote the Outstanding Universal Value (OUV) of the World Heritage Site. The ultimate objective is to create a suitable environment supporting the retention of the heritage in the BZ, and also, its sustainable development.

When the Aapravasi Ghat World Heritage Property was inscribed on the World Heritage List in 2006, the Buffer Zone had no legal protection. The Buffer Zone was proclaimed a legal entity in June 2011 with the legal protection provided by:

1. The Aapravasi Ghat Trust Fund Act (amended 2006 and 2011) defining the boundaries of the Buffer Zones;
2. The Local Government Act 2003 (amended 2011) making provision for the creation of a system to monitor development in the Buffer Zones; and
3. The Planning Policy Guidance 6 - Urban heritage area: Buffer Zone of Aapravasi Ghat World Heritage Property (PPG 6) provides with a set of planning guidance in the Buffer Zone to orientate development towards the valorisation and revitalization of the area which holds attributes associated to the outstanding universal value of the property.

The actions of the Trust Fund are therefore guided by this legal framework and also by key documents required by UNESCO.

The framework for the management, preservation and promotion of the World Heritage Property is described in the Management Plan. The **Management Plan** is the overarching document presenting the overall strategy for the conservation, management and the promotion of the World Heritage Property and its surroundings.

To address further specific issues that may affect the World Heritage Property, the Management Plan is complemented by supporting documents addressing:

- visitor management;
- risk management;
- management mechanisms for the Buffer Zone;
- urban planning for the conservation of heritage and its revitalisation in the Buffer Zone;
- actions for the implementation of the vision for development;
- measures for conservation management and enhancement.

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<sup>2</sup> The concept of buffer zone is explained in the annex.



## Profile of the AGTF

### ❖ **Corporate Governance**

The Aapravasi Ghat Trust Fund is a statutory body set up under the Aapravasi Ghat Trust Fund Act No 31 of 2001 operating under aegis of Ministry of Arts and Culture.

### ❖ **Directors' Responsibility for the Financial Statements**

The Fund's Directors are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with Accounting Standards issued by Financial Reporting Council in compliance with the requirements of prevailing statutes.

### ❖ **Responsibilities of the Board of Directors**

The fundamental statutory responsibilities of the Board of Directors are to lay down the overall policies regulating the various business/ activities of the Fund; it oversees the Fund's strategic direction and its organizational structure. The Board discharges the above responsibilities either or through Board Committees for more in-depth analysis and review of various issues while retaining its responsibility for all policy matters.

The Chairman of each Committee periodically places reports of its proceedings before the Board for approval/information, as may be relevant. The Board promotes openness, integrity and accountability to improve corporate behavior, strengthens control systems over business and reviews management performance on a regular basis. In addition the Board is committed to ensure as far as reasonably possible, and in accordance with legislation in force, the safety and health of its staff. To fulfill their responsibilities, Board members have unhindered access to accurate, relevant and timely information.

### ❖ **INTERNAL CONTROL**

Directors' responsibility includes designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Such systems should ensure that all transactions are authorized and recorded and that any material irregularities are detected and rectified within a reasonable time frame.

.....  
Chairman

.....  
Board Member

### ❖ THE OBJECTIVES OF THE FUND

The main objectives of the Fund is to establish and promote Aapravasi Ghat as a national, regional and international site, set up a museum at Aapravasi Ghat, create public awareness in the history of the site and depict the arrival, settlement and evolution of indenture in Mauritius. It also has to identify and acquire sites, buildings and structures linked with the history of the arrival of immigrants and promote the social and cultural aspects of Aapravasi Ghat.

### ❖ ADMINISTRATION

The Fund is administered by a Board comprising of a Chairperson, a Vice Chairperson and 13 members all appointed by the Minister of Arts and Culture under whose aegis the Fund operates.

### ❖ SOURCES OF INCOME

The main source of income of the Fund is derived from the Government. Hence the Fund has to depend entirely on government grant which are used for different projects and administrative purposes.

### ❖ THE MAIN DIVISIONS

For the execution of the policy of the AGTF Board and for the control and management of its day to day business, the Fund has the following main divisions:

- (a). The Administrative Section; and
- (b). The Technical and Research Section.

### ❖ TOP MANAGEMENT

In accordance with section No 21 of the AGTF ACT 2001 and subsequently amended in 2011.

- the Director shall be responsible for the execution of the policy of the Board for the control and management of the day to day business of the Fund.
- every member of the staff shall be render the administrative control of the Director

### ❖ ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

The Administrative Secretary is directly responsible for the general administration including the Personnel Division and acts inter-alia as Secretary to the Board. The Administrative Section is staffed by incumbents in the grades of Administrative Secretary, Accounting Technician, Financial Operations, Officer Clerk/Word Processing Operator, Accounts Clerk, Confidential Secretary and Office Attendant/Driver.

### ❖ TECHNICAL AND RESEARCH SECTION

This unit is responsible for the implementation of projects and activities defined by the Management Plan of the Aapravasi Ghat World Heritage Property as well as the projects defined in the strategic plan to meet the objects of the Fund.

The Technical and Research Section is composed of 33 members in the posts of: WHS Manager (1), Historian (1), Heritage Interpretation Manager (1) Researcher (1), Research Assistant (5), Field Guide (1), Heritage Guide/Public Outreach Officer (4), Site Conservation Worker (7), Watchman (4), Gateman (1) and General Worker (6). The unit is managed by the Head Technical Unit (1).

### ❖ RISK MANAGEMENT POLICY

Risk Management Policy has been disclosed at note 12 of the Financial Statement.

### ❖ HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY

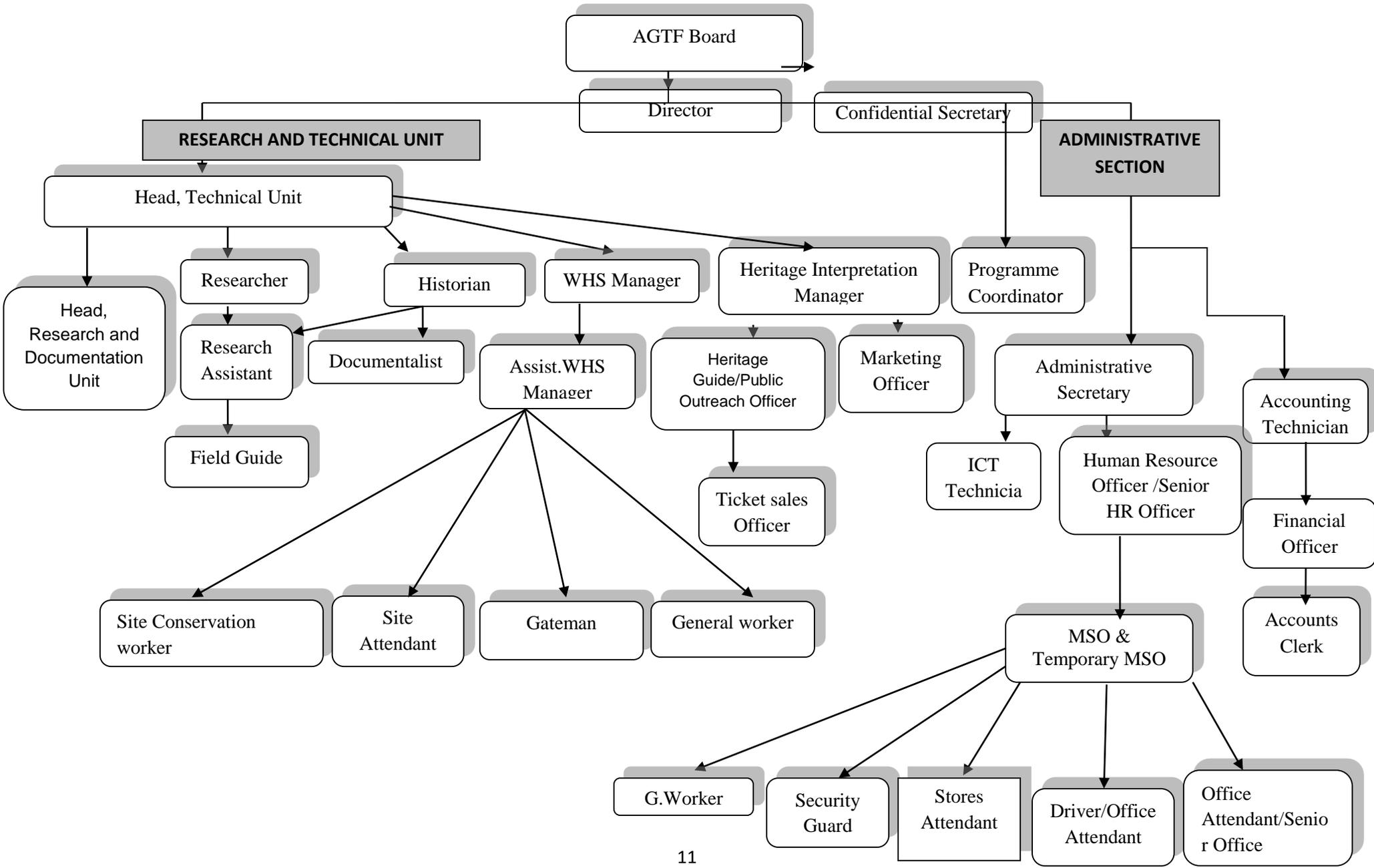
With the coming into force of the Occupational Health and safety Act 2005, this organization recognizes the fundamental importance of Health and safety of its staff members and other persons who may be directly affected by its activities. This organization complies with all relevant Health and Safety legislation. Protective clothing and equipment are supplied to staff working on different sites. Fire fighting equipment, first aid boxes are fixed in places to ensure rapid and easy use.

### ❖ REGISTERED OFFICE

1, Quay Street  
Ex-DWC Building  
Port Louis

### ❖ AUDITORS

Director of Audit  
National Audit Office  
14<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Paille en Queue Court  
Port-Louis



## **Composition of the Aapravasi Ghat Trust Fund Board**

The Aapravasi Ghat Trust Fund is responsible for the day-to-day management of the World Heritage Property. The Board of the Trust Fund is composed of 16 members as follows including the Chairperson and a Vice-Chairperson:

- One representative of the Prime Minister’s Office;
- One representative of the Ministry of Finance;
- One representative of the Ministry of Arts and Culture;
- One representative of the Ministry of Education and Human Resources, Tertiary Education and Scientific Research
- One representative of the Ministry of Tourism and External Communication
- One representative of the High Commission of India;
- One representative of the Mahatma Gandhi Institute;
- One representative of the National Heritage Fund;
- 7 Members from the local community.

Board Meeting <b>Names</b>	<b>Details</b>
Mr Dhuny Dharam Yash Deo	Chairman
Mrs Somatee Gokhool	Vice Chairperson
Ms Purvashee Banarsee	Representative from Ministry of Tourism& external Communications
Mrs Soorya Gayan	Representative from Mahatma Gandhi Institute
Ms P S Chiran	Representative from Ministry of Arts and Culture
Mrs Kalpana Gunputh Luchumun	Representative from Ministry of Education and Human Resources
Mr Mukesh Jhummun	Member
Mrs Sadhna Ramlallah	Member
Mr Omduth Bundhoo	Member
Mrs Bedwantee Bikhoo	Member
Mrs Jayshree bye Mahadoo as from Nov 2016	Member
Mrs N. Pandey	Representative from Indian High Commission
Mr Ravin Ballah	Member
Ms Divya Boodhooa as from Nov 2016	Member
Dr Anwar Janoo	Member
Mr Oodaye Prakash Seebaluck	Representative from Prime Minister's Office
Mr S Dowlutrao	Representative from National Heritage Fund
Mr N Mutty	Representative from the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development

## Profile of Board Members

1. Mr Dharam Yash Deo Dhuny  
Chairman of AGTF, Educator and Rector of Progressive College, Riv. Du Rempart.  
Rector (Redundant) at MEDCO, Alex Bhujoharry Secondary School, Port-Louis.
2. Mrs Somatee Gokhool  
Vice Chairperson of AGTF and Monitor of Driving School.
3. Ms Purvashee Banarsee is the Assistant Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Tourism & representative of the said Ministry on AGTF Board.
4. Mrs Sooryakanti Gayan, GOSK  
Director General (MGI & RTI) and representative of the said institution on AGTF Board.
5. Mrs Padma Shree Chiran is the Assistant Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Arts and Culture and is the representative of the said Ministry on AGTF Board.
6. Mrs Gunpath Luchumun Kalpana Devi is the Assistant Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Education and Human Resources, Tertiary Education and Scientific Research and is the representative of the said Ministry on AGTF Board.
7. Mr. N. Mutty is working as Senior Analyst at the ministry of Finance and Economic Development and represents the said ministry on the Board.
8. Mr. Oodaye Prakash Seebaluck works at the Prime Minister's Office and represents the said Ministry on AGTF Board
9. Mr. S. Dowlutrao is the Officer in Charge of the National Heritage Fund and represents the Fund on AGTF Board.
10. Mrs. Devi Gopinath is the Second Secretary and represents the High Commission of India in the AGTF Board.
11. Mr Mukesh Jhummun is a nominated member and presently he is working as an Education Officer in a Private Secondary School.
12. Mrs Sadhna Ramlallah is a nominated member and is working at the Edition Ocean Indien.
13. Mr. Omduth Bundhoo is a nominated member and is working as priest.
14. Mrs. Jayshreebye Mahadoo is a nominated member
15. Mrs. Divya Boodhooa is a nominated member

16. Dr. Anwar Janoo is a nominated member and works as senior lecturer at the University of Mauritius.

▪ **Senior Management Profile**

1. Mr V. Ramoutar                      Officer in Charge  
Post Graduate in Public Sector Management
  
2. Ms C. Forest                         Head Technical Unit  
Post-Graduate in Museology and Anthropology
  
3. Mrs D.Chuckowree                 Accounting Technician  
Graduate in Public Sector Financial Management
  
4. Mr L.Andiapen                        World Heritage Site Manager-  
Post Graduate in Heritage Management

## Constitution of Sub-Committees in 2017 to 30 June 2018

	<b>Staff Committee</b>	
<b>SN</b>	<b>Names</b>	<b>Details</b>
1	Mrs P S Chiran	Representative from the Ministry of Arts and Culture
2	Mrs S Nuckchady	Representative from the Ministry of Arts and Culture
3	Mr O P Seebaluck	Representative from the Ministry Prime Ministers' Office
4	Mr N Mutty	Representative from the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development
5	Mrs Dowlutrao	Representative from the National Heritage Fund
6	Mrs J Mahadoo	Member
7	Mrs S Gokhool	Member

<b>Finance Committee</b>		
<b>SN</b>	<b>Names</b>	<b>Details</b>
1	Mr N Mutty	Representative from the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development
2	Ms P Banarsee	Representative from the Ministry of Tourism External Communication
3	Mrs P S Chiran	Representative from the Ministry of Arts and Culture
4	Mr O P Seebaluck	Representative from the Prime Ministers' Office
5	Mrs S Gokhool	Member
6	Mr M Jhummun	Member
7	Mrs J Mahadoo	Member

	<b>Technical Committee</b>	
<b>SN</b>	<b>Names</b>	<b>Details</b>
1	Dr A Janoo	Chairperson
2	Ms P Banarsee	Representative from the Ministry of Tourism External Communication
3	Mrs P S Chiran	Representative from the Ministry of Arts and Culture
4	Mr S Dowlutrao	Representative from the National Heritage Fund
5	Mrs V D Koonjul	Representative from Mahatma Gandhi institute
6	Mrs J Mahadoo	Member

<b>Editing Committee</b>	
<b>Names</b>	<b>Details</b>
Mrs P S Chiran	Representative from the Ministry of Arts and Culture
Mr A Boodhun	Representative from the Ministry of Arts and Culture
Mr O P Seebaluck	Representative from the Prime Ministers' Office
Mrs S Ramlallah	Member
Mrs J Mahadoo	Member

	<b>Strategic Plan Committee</b>	
<b>SN</b>	<b>Names</b>	<b>Details</b>
1	Mrs V D Koonjul	Representative from Mahatma Gandhi institute
2	Mr O P Seebaluck	Representative from the Ministry Prime Ministers' Office
3	Mrs P S Chiran	Representative from the Ministry of Arts and Culture
4	Mrs N.Pandey	Representative from High Commissioner of India
5	Mr S Dowlutrao	Representative from the National Heritage Fund
6	Mrs S Gokhool	Member
7	Mr M Jhummun	Member
<b>8</b>	Mrs S Ramlallah	Member

<b>Buffer Zone STAC Committee</b>		
<b>SN</b>	<b>Names</b>	<b>Details</b>
1	Mrs P S Chiran	Representative from the Ministry of Arts and Culture
2	Mr N Mutty	Representative from the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development
3	Ms P Banarsee	Representative from Ministry of Tourism and External Communication
4	Mr S Dowlutrao	Representative from National Heritage Fund
5	Dr V Koonjul	Representative from Mahatma Gandhi institute
6	Mr B Jhummun	Member
7	Dr A Janoo	Member

<b>2nd November Sub Committee</b>		
<b>SN</b>	<b>Names</b>	<b>Details</b>
1	Mrs S Gokhool	Chairperson
2	Mrs P S Chiran	Representative from the Ministry of Arts and Culture
3	Mr O P Seebaluck	Representative from the Prime Ministers' Office
4	Mrs V D Koonjul	Representative from Mahatma Gandhi institute
5	Ms P Banarsee	Representative from the Ministry of Tourism External Communication
6	Mrs Nutan Panday	Representative from High Commissioner of India
7	Mr M Jhummun	Member

SN	<b>Disposal Committee</b>	
<b>1</b>	<b>Names</b>	<b>Details</b>
2	Mrs S Ramlallah	Member
3	Mrs F Jahangeer	Representative from the Ministry of Arts and Culture
4	Ms D Boodhooa	Member
5	Mrs J Mahadoo	Member

	<b>BRIC Shop Committee</b>	
SN	<b>Names</b>	<b>Details</b>
1	Mr N Mutty	Representative from the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development
2	Ms P Banarsee	Representative from the Ministry of Tourism External Communication
3	Mrs Nutan Panday	Representative from High Commissioner of India
4	Mrs J Mahadoo	Member
5	Mrs S Gokhool	Member
<b>6</b>	Mrs S Ramlallah	Member
7	Mr M Jhummun	Member

<b>Varshik Parampara Committee</b>		
<b>SN</b>	<b>Names</b>	<b>Details</b>
1	Mr D Y D Dhuny	Chairman
2	Mrs P S Chiran	Representative from the Ministry of Arts and Culture
3	Mr N Mutty	Representative from the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development
4	Mr O P Seebaluck	Representative from the Prime Ministers' Office
5	Ms P Banarsee	Representative from the Ministry of Tourism External Communication
6	Mrs S Gokhool	Member
7	Mrs J Mahadoo	Member
8	Mr M Jhummun	Member

<b>Sales of Book Committee</b>		
<b>SN</b>	<b>Names</b>	<b>Details</b>
1	Mr N Mutty	Representative from the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development
2	Ms P Banarsee	Representative from the Ministry of Tourism External Communication
3	Mr O P Seebaluck	Representative from the Prime Ministers' Office
4	Mrs S Gokhool	Member
5	Mrs J Mahadoo	Member
6	Mr M Jhummun	Member

<b>Queen's Baton Relay Committee</b>		
<b>SN</b>	<b>Names</b>	<b>Details</b>
1	Mr D Y D Dhuny	Chairman
2	Mr O P Seebaluck	Representative from the Prime Ministers' Office
3	Mrs S Gokhool	Member
4	Mrs J Mahadoo	Member
5	Mr M Jhummun	Member
6	Mrs S Ramlallah	Member
7	Mr V Gungaram	Member
8	Mr S Goburdhun	Member

<b>Buffer Zone STAC Committee</b>		
<b>SN</b>	<b>Names</b>	<b>Details</b>
1	Mrs P S Chiran	Representative from the Ministry of Arts and Culture
2	Mr N Mutty	Representative from the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development
3	Ms P Banarsee	Representative from Ministry of Tourism and External Communication
4	Mr S Dowlutrao	Representative from National Heritage Fund
5	Dr V Koonjul	Representative from Mahatma Gandhi institute
6	Mr B Jhummun	Member
7	Dr A Janoo	Member

## NUMBER OF MEETINGS

For the period under review, the main Board meeting of AGTF held 17 Meetings, 5 Special Board Meeting and the holding of sub-Committees meetings were as follows:

- **NUMBER OF MEETINGS HELD**

SN	Type of Meeting	No. of Meetings
1	Special Board Meeting	2
2	Board Meeting	17
3	Finance Committee	7
4	Staff Meeting	2
5	Forbach Event Meeting	2
6	Bufferzone STAC Committee Meeting	3
7	Sub Committee Meeting icw 2 Nov Committee	2
8	Sub Committee: Queen Baton Relay.	3
9	Editing Committee	2
10	Technical Committee	3
11	Yaj Ceremony Meeting	1
12	Sales of Book Meeting	1
13	Varshik Parampara Meeting	2
14	BRIC Shop Committee Meeting	3

## **Remuneration of Directors of Board**

The Chairperson is entitled to a monthly fee of **Rs 28,500**

All other Board members receive a fee of **Rs 890** as per Board meeting and a fee of **Rs 815** per sub-committee.

The Chairperson of the following sub-committees receives an allowance of **Rs 1,195** per sitting:

- Staff Committee;
- Finance Committee;
- Sub-Committee ICW Procedural Agreement;
- Editorial Committee.

### ATTENDANCE RECORDS & REMUNERATION & BENEFITS OF MEMBERS

In total, 17 Board Meetings, 2 Special Board Meetings, 2 Staff Committee meetings and 7 Finance Committee meetings were held during the year January 2017- 30 June 2018.

Names	Board	Special Board	Staff	Finance	Technical Comm	Bufferzone STAC
Mr Dhuny Dharam Yash Deo	17	2				
Mrs Somatee Gokhool	17	2	2	7		
Ms Purvashee Banarsee Alternate Mr P Gujadhur	15	1		7		1
Mrs S. Gayan/Dawosing/Bissessur	14				3	
Miss A Chummun			1	3		
Mrs P S Chiran/Beeharry/Bachoo	8	2	1			3
Mrs Kalpana Gunputh Luchumun	5	1				
Mr Mukesh Jhummun	16	2		6	1	2
Mrs Sadhna Ramlallah	15					
Mr Omduth Bundhoo	4					
Mrs Bedwantee Bikhoo						
Mrs Jayshree bhye Mahadoo as from Nov 2016	17	2	2	7	3	
Dr N.Pandey	5	2				
Mr Ravin Ballah						
Ms Divya Boodhooa as from Nov 2016	4	1				
Dr Anwar Janoo	10	2			2	1
Mr Oodaye Prakash Seebaluck	14	2	1	4		
Mr S Dowlutrao/Ramjuttun	12	1	2		3	3
Mr N Mutty/Tangman	14	1	2	7	2	1

Mr V.N.Boodhun	3		1		1	
Mr Sobrun	6	1				
L.Beesoo					1	
V.Beezadur					1	

## **Financial Information**

### **Funds allocated for the period January 2017- 30 June 2018**

For the period January 2017-30 June 2018 Government has allocated:

#### **❖ Recurrent Grant**

The Government Grant for Recurrent Expenditure was MUR 29 Million for the period January 2016 to 30 June 2017 and AGTF has received only Rs 25.7 m.

#### **❖ Capital Grant**

The AGTF received Rs 400,000 as Capital Grant for the acquisition of Office & IT Equipment for this period.

### Recruitment during 2017/2018

SN	Name	Post	Date joined AGTF
1	Mr Sophie	Security Guard	01 January 2018
2	Mr Nagadoo	Security Guard	01 January 2018

### Training and workshop/ Capacity Building

SN	Date	Training	Person Attending	Institution
1	8 Aug- 26 Aug 2017	ICH Training for experts from African Countries	Mrs K.C. Jankee	Embassy of China
2	16-20 April 2018	Greenstone Training	Mrs Runghen, Mrs Bahadoor, Mrs Miao Mr Peerthum Mrs Ramcharitar Mrs Jankee	University of Mauritius
3	8-18 May 2018	Seminar on restoration of cultural relics	Mrs Bahadoor	Embassy of china
4	25 May 2018	Research Seminar	Mrs Runghen	University of Mauritius

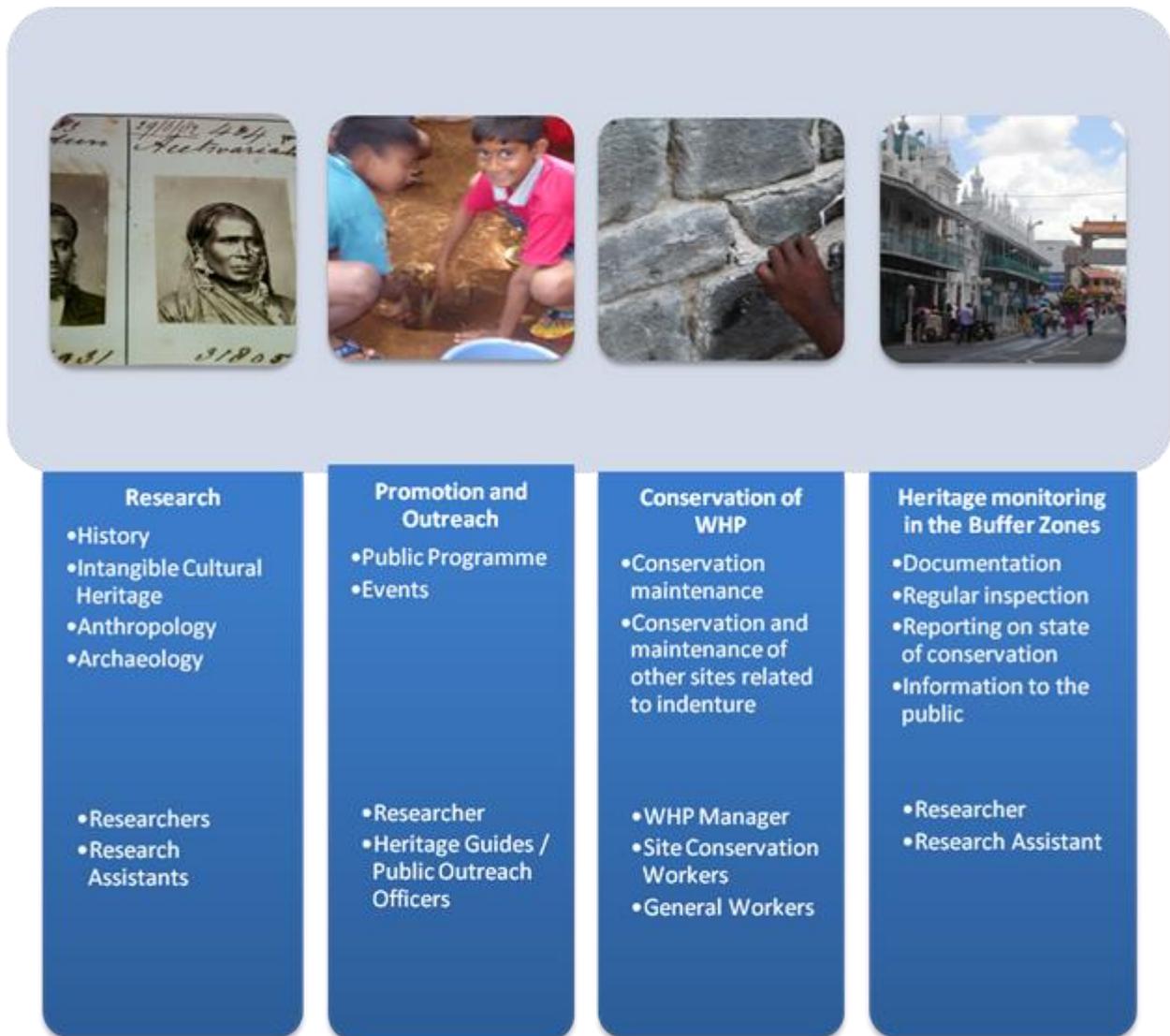
## Research & Technical Unit

### THE RESEARCH AND TECHNICAL UNIT

A Research Unit was created in 2003 to conduct research on the Aapravasi Ghat when it was a former immigration depot and on indenture in Mauritius.

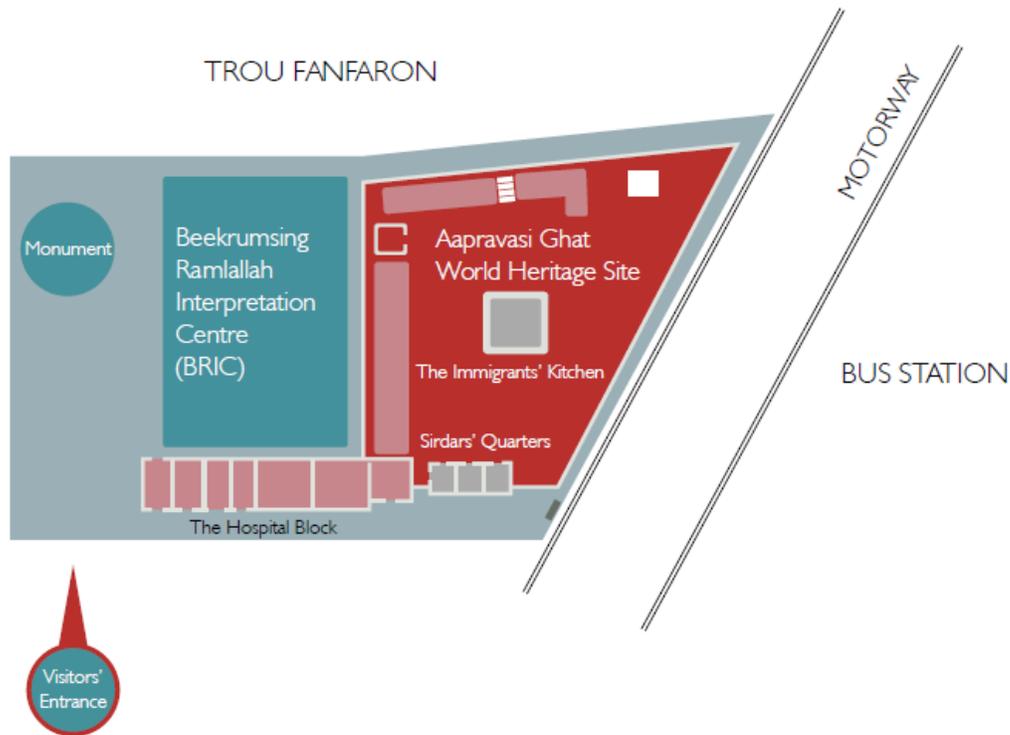
Since 2008, the unit has expanded to cater for the expertise required at World Heritage Site.

The unit is divided in four sections as follows:



### VISITS AT WORLD HERITAGE SITE

The visit at the Aapravasi Ghat World Heritage Site includes a visit of the Beekrumsing Ramlallah Interpretation Centre (45 mins) and a visit of the World Heritage Site (20 mins).



The Interpretation Centre is a permanent exhibition area that retraces the experience of indentured labourers and the key role of Mauritius in the history of indenture.

The Centre opened on 3 November 2014. It was inaugurated on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2014 in the context of the 180<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the arrival of indentured labourers in Mauritius.

The Centre was named after Beekrumsing Ramlallah (1915-2000), Journalist and Member of Parliament, in homage to his commitment to recognize the Aapravasi Ghat as a landmark in the history of the nation.

Activities:

- Guided visits of the World Heritage Site (20 mins);
- Guided cultural trails (45 mins – on booking on 217 7770);
- Educational activities for children aged between 3 to 14 years old (45 mins – on booking on 217 7770)

Educational documentation can be downloaded from our website from the Page “Resources”:  
<http://www.aapravasighat.org/English/Education/Pages/default.aspx>

An Educational kit for teachers is available on demand and can be downloaded from our website: it includes information on the history of the World Heritage Site and proposes educational documentation for teachers in order to conduct activities with students in class.

A Quiz on the World Heritage Site and on the history of the Aapravasi Ghat Immigration Depot is also available. The students can fill in this quiz during their visit at the Interpretation Centre. Other quizzes for children are also available for download on our website (“Resources”) for further activities in class with primary and secondary students.

#### **PRACTICAL INFORMATION**

Opening Hours

Monday - Friday: 9.00 – 16.00

Saturday: 9.00 – 12.00

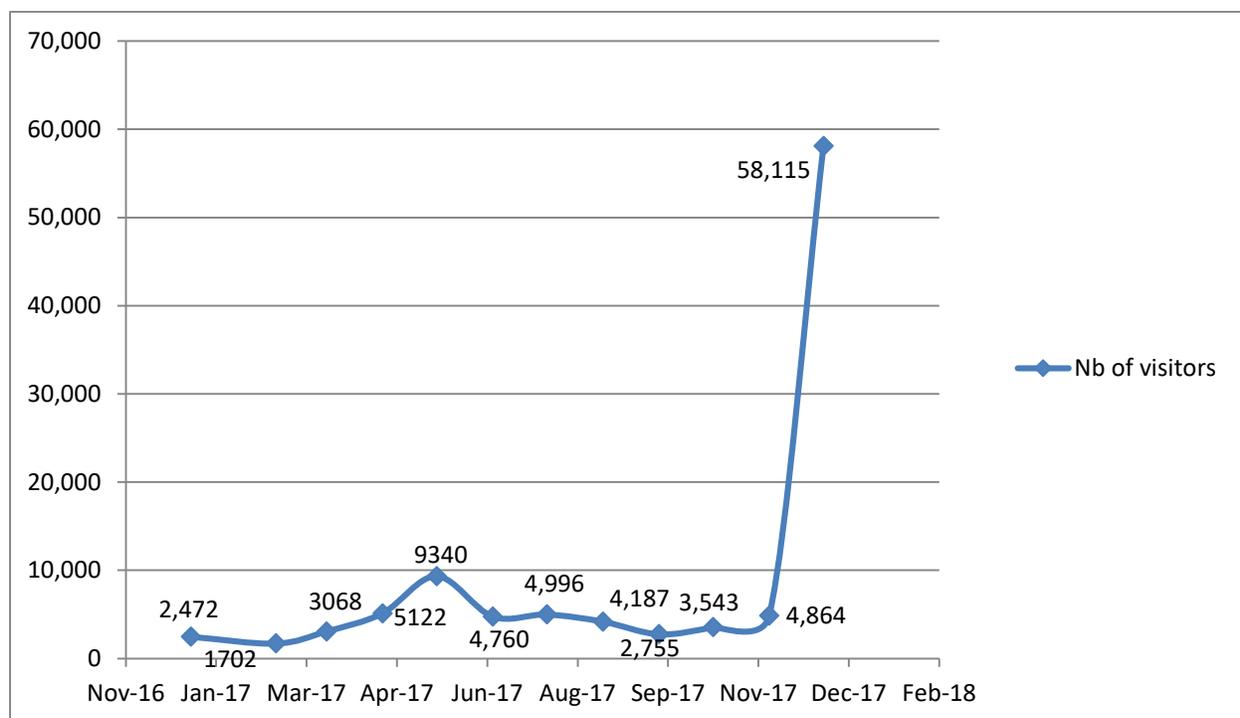
Closed on Sundays and Public Holidays

#### **STATISTICS**

Since its opening on 3rd November 2014, a total number of 214,269 visitors visited the Centre as at 31st December 2017; this figure includes the number of visitors as part of Porlwi by Nature. It is interesting to note the proportion of tourists increases regularly: 68% are Mauritians and 32% tourists.

From 3rd January to 31 December 2017, a total of 50,224 visitors came to AG WHS including 56% Mauritians and 44% tourists.

The Porlwi Festival (Porlwi by Nature) brought a total of 33,429 visitors at Beekrumsing Ramlallah Interpretation Centre (BRIC) and 54,700 at World Heritage Site from 29 November to 3 December 2017 representing more than 40% of the total number of visitors in the year 2017. The participation of the World Heritage Site in Porlwi by Nature has had a major positive impact on the total number of visitors.



### Students and Associations

The peak season for Mauritian visitors was the period between **April and July** when students perform outings with schools. During this period, the percentage of Mauritian visitors represents more than 60% of the total number.

The **students represent 33%** of the total number of visitors for 2017 (excluding Porlwi festival).

In 2017, in total 252 schools visited the Interpretation Centre between March and June as follows:

- Total of pre-primary: 12 schools representing 495 children;
- Total number of Primary: 198 schools representing 14,590 students;
- Total number of Secondary: 31 schools representing 1,258 students;
- Total number of Tertiary: 5 institutions representing 71 students;
- Total number of 6 disabled associations/schools representing 304 children.

Regarding Associations, the World Heritage Site received a total of 47 associations including mainly:

- Total number of 37 Senior Citizens Associations (SCA) representing a total of 2,370 visitors;
- A total of 10 Women Associations representing 558 visitors.

**Associations represent 6%** of the total number of visitors for the year 2017.

### Foreign Visitors

The peak season for **foreign visitors** was the period of **September to February** when more than **60%** of the total number of visitors.

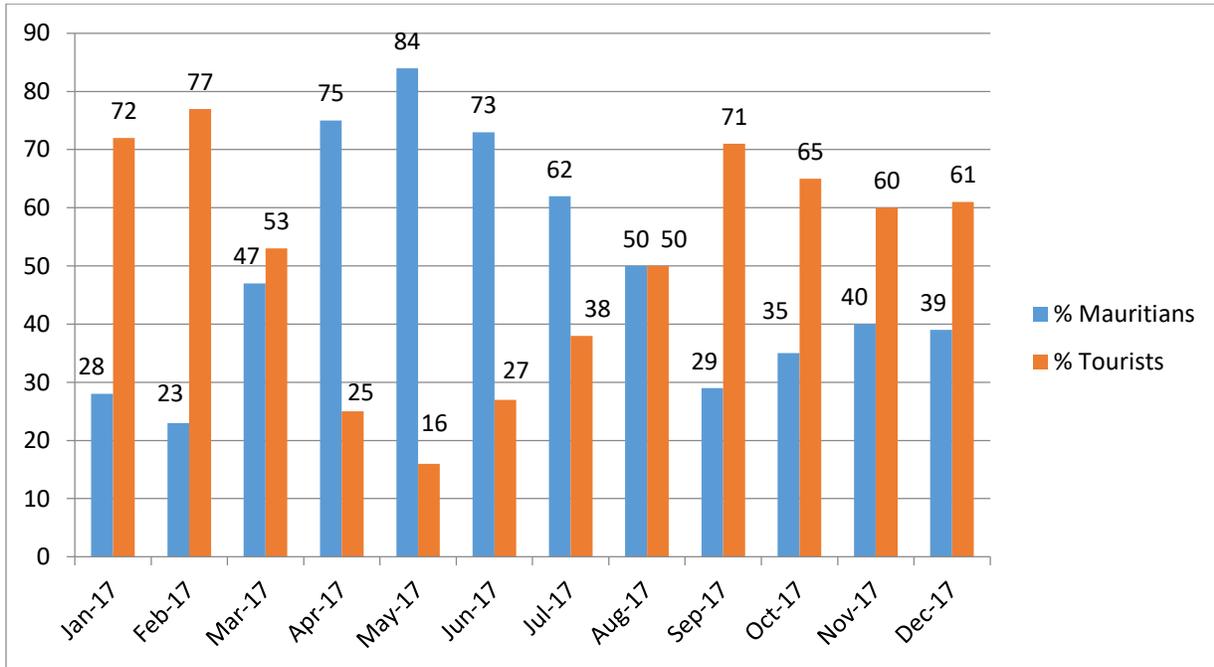


Fig.3: Percentage of Mauritian visitors and tourists per month for the period January to December 2017

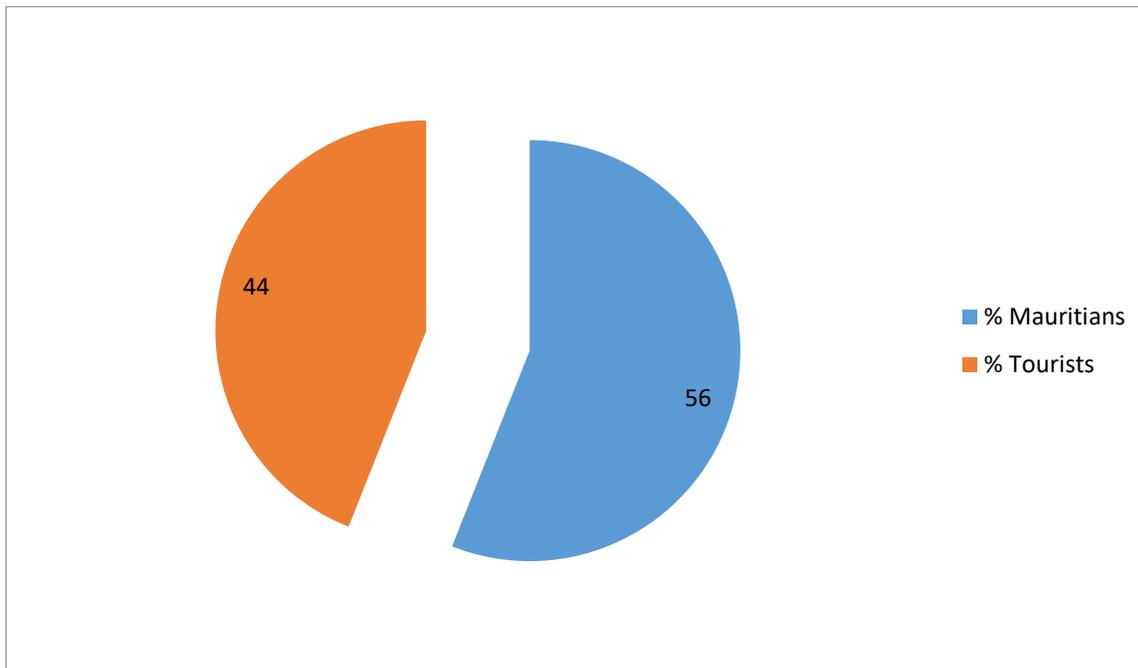
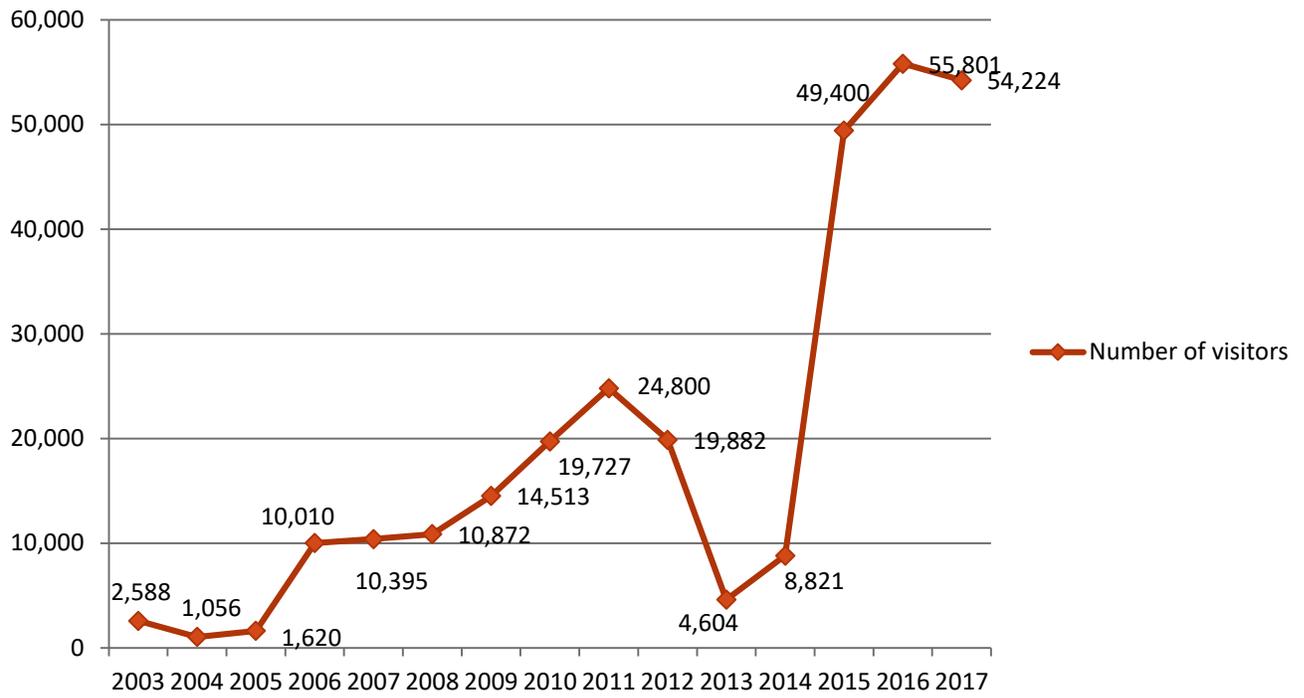
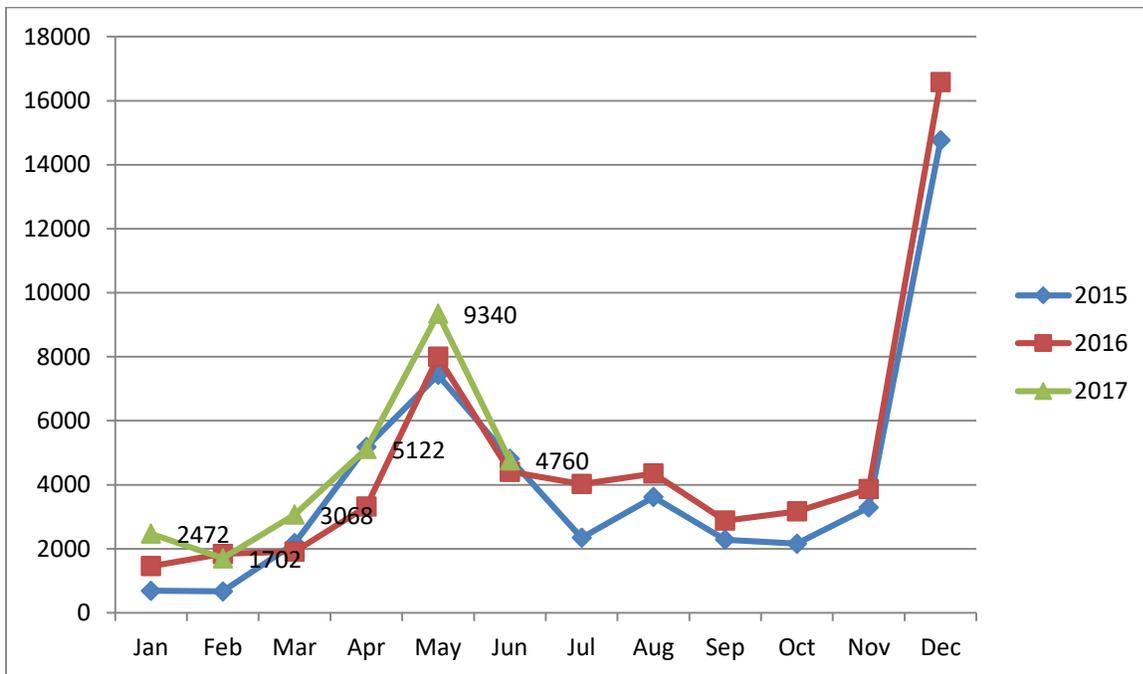


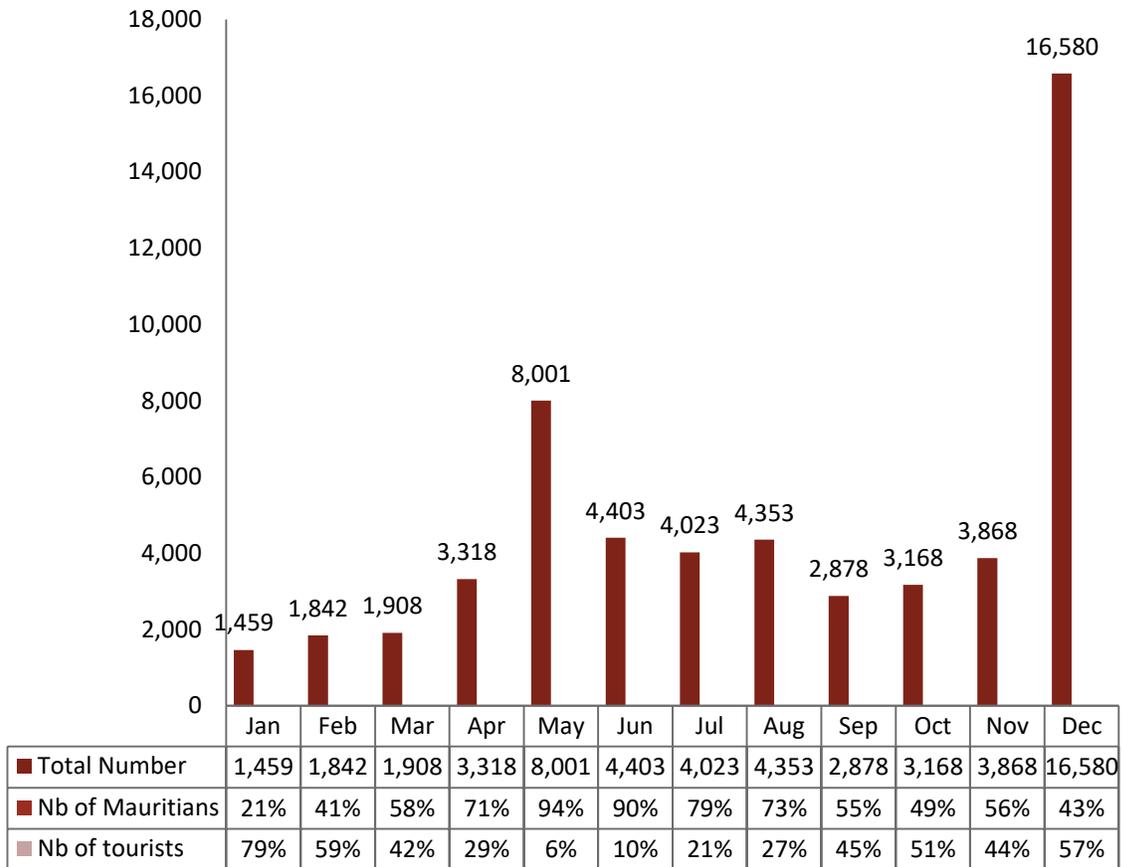
Fig.3: Percentage of the total number of visitors for the period January to December 2017



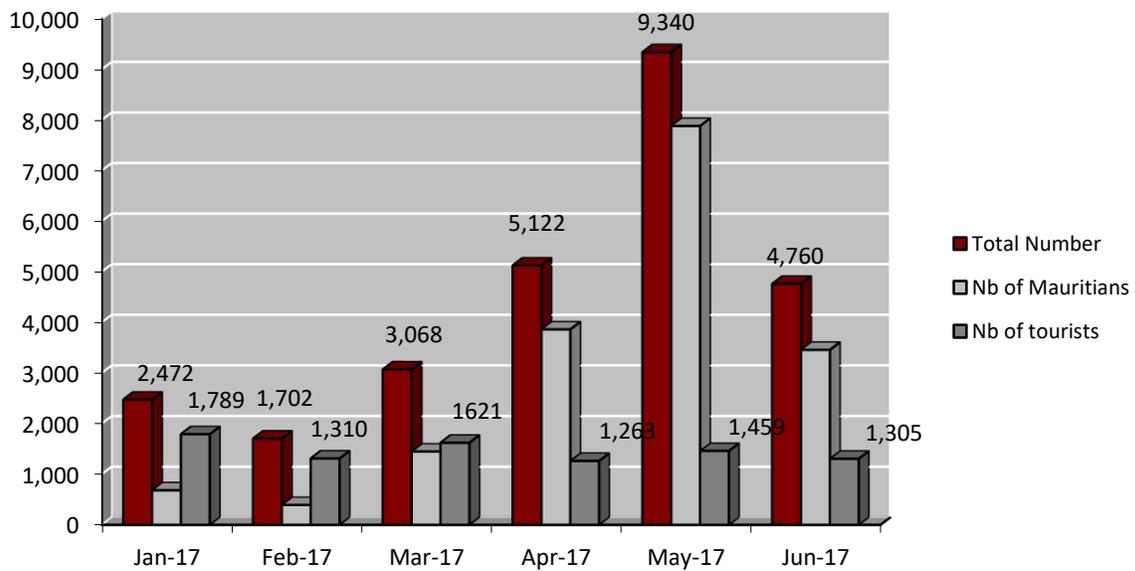
Total Number of visitors per year from 2003 to 2017



Number of visitors per month from 2015 to 2017



Number of visitors per month for the year 2016



Number of visitors per month from January to June 2017



## THE CONSERVATION OF THE OLD LABOURERS' BARRACKS AT TRIANON HERITAGE SITE

The Conservation of the Heritage Site has started in May 2011 and will be tentatively completed in 2017.

The purpose is to restore one of the rare examples of dwellings built for indentured labourers on sugar estates. The ultimate goal is to propose a development project for Trianon

Heritage Site including exhibition spaces for the public.

The Old Labourers' Quarters also known as *Camp Doc* is located at Trianon. It was a former accommodation for indentured labourers working on the Trianon sugar estate which was established in 1803. The barracks are one of the rare remaining structures constructed in stone where indentured immigrants were housed. For this reason, it was listed as a National Monument in 1974.

Since 2003, the Old Labourers Quarters was vested in AGTF who undertook historical research and conditional survey of the building. The site was in a state of dereliction and urgent cleaning was required. The AGTF team undertook urgent cleaning and preventive conservation measures in 2010 to maintain the site before initiating the conservation project.

The restoration and conservation of Trianon Heritage Site started in August 2011 with the preparation of a Conservation Plan for the Barracks. The objective of the Plan was to state all activities required to restore the indentured labourers' barracks and consolidate its structure to preserve it for future generations. Concurrently, a comprehensive architectural documentation of the barracks was prepared before the start of the conservation works.

Funds amounting to MUR 526,000 from the Mauritius Telecom Foundation were received in 2015 under the CSR for the completion of the project. The conservation project was expected to be completed by December 2016. However, due to the unavailability of calcinated lime which is used as mortar on the local market, the AGTF has had to revise its time-frame for the completion of the conservation project.

### Aim and objectives of the conservation of The Trianon Barracks

The main objectives of the AGTF with regards to the Old Labourers' quarters are as follows:

- To fulfil the objectives of the AGTF Act in preserving and promoting the research on indenture sites in Mauritius;
- To conserve the existing structures and restore the roof of the barracks so as to prolong its lifespan and to create a sense of identity that should be sustained for the benefits of the present and future generations;
- To ensure the integrity and authenticity of the Trianon Barracks site;

- To control access to the site;
- To ensure the preservation of the heritage site;
- To develop cultural tourism and develop an indentured labour trail in Mauritius.

### State of Conservation prior to the implementation of the Conservation Project

The Trianon barracks has been a state of abandonment since the 1970s. Time, nature and human intervention, not always considerate of the conservation of the building, have further added to the degeneration of the structures. The growth of plants and the proliferation of roots above the vaults, walls and floor of the barracks have contributed in the major deterioration of the structures.



Trianon Barracks prior to emergency interventions in 2010

(Source: AGTF)

The spread of roots has led to the fractional crumbling of the structures in certain areas of the building. Structural cracks were highly visible in few chambers. Moreover, the accumulation of rain water in the closed apertures of the barracks is another cause of rapid structural weakening. It not only contributes to the fast growth of flora but also enfeebles the structure and the basement of the building. The water retention in the walls has accelerated surface algal and fungal development thus leading to the corrosion of the lime mortars and lime layers.

## The conservation Project of the Old Labourers' Quarters

The Trianon Conservation project was initiated by the Aapravasi Ghat Trust Fund in 2010. The main aim behind the implementation of the Conservation project was to restore and conserve the barracks thus prolonging the life span of this National Monument for the benefit of the present and upcoming generation. Between June and September 2010, the AGTF Technical Unit undertook emergency preventive measure to stop further degradation of the barracks. The thick vegetation in and around the barracks were removed. Thereafter, a stone to stone architectural survey was carried out to document the pre-conservation state of the structure. Based on the architectural documentation, a conservation plan was devised by the Conservation Architect and consultant to the AGTF, Mr. Pandit.



Trianon Barracks after emergency Interventions

The conservation plan identifies the main elements affecting the site and makes provision for intervention measures, necessary to the restoration of the building to its original state. As such, while restoring and conserving historic buildings, it is essential to preserve the authenticity and integrity of the structure. The main principle in conservation is to respect the use of traditional techniques and materials. The guidelines adopted for the conservation of this site are principally derived from worldwide acknowledged ICOMOS charters like the Venice Charter, the Burra Charter and the Nara document.

### **Interventions completed so far as per conservation plan**

- The conservation of all outer walls is completed representing 400 sq meters;
- Documentation inside the 15 chambers is completed. This was required before any interventions was carried out;
- The cement raking and lime pointing was completed inside chambers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15;
- Documentation of the exterior facades of the building is completed;
- Chambers 9 and 10: paintings and other designs were found on the walls. Decision was therefore taken to integrate their restoration within the programme of development of the heritage site as the preservation of these drawings and paintings requires the expertise of a trained and specialized restorer;
- The conservation of the roofs of the chambers 9, 11, 12 and 14 were completed;
- Original plasters were consolidated wherever necessary;
- Maintenance of the 2 acres of land surrounding the barracks is being carried out on a regular;
- Archaeological investigation was also performed by external consultants prior to the conservation works.

### **Problems encountered in the implementation of the Conservation project**

- i. The conservation plan advocates the use of lime mortar in all interventions as while restoring and conserving historic buildings, it is essential to preserve the authenticity and integrity of the structure. As such, the conservation project was put on hold as calcinated lime used as mortar is currently unavailable on the local market. Macondé Lime the sole supplier of calcinated lime on the Mauritian market has ceased its operations.
- ii. Actions were undertaken to identify an alternate material to replace lime mortar. Mr Sood, conservation Engineer, and AGTF Consultant, recommended to use Natural Hydraulic Lime (NHL 3 & 5). Suppliers were identified on the international market.
- iii. The AGTF order the supply of 12 tons of Natural Hydraulic Lime was awarded to Chaux et Enduits de St Astier (France) following Board decision of 19 December 2017. Lime was shipped on 26 December 2017 and delivered at the end of February 2018. The second potential source

of lime identified in Reunion Island was explored and Architecte des batiments de France confirmed that the lime “chaux grasse” cannot be used for structural works.

- iv. The works resumed after 12 March 2018 considering that the team of Skilled conservation workers were taken up with other activities at AGTF (Visit of the President of India on 12 March & Forbach activity).

## DOCUMENTATION AND RESTORATION PROJECT AT FLAT ISLAND



### *Flat Island*

Following the grant received from the American Embassy, the AGTF is implementing a project entitled “the documentation and restoration of Flat Island” in collaboration with the Forestry Service and the National Parks and Conservation Services.

The islet located 12 km away from the Mauritian north coast was a former quarantine station for indentured labourers. The stone buildings and structures on Flat Island are intimately linked with the former Immigration Depot called Aapravasi Ghat listed on the World Heritage List by UNESCO in 2006. Flat Island former quarantine station is a key site to document further the global phenomenon of indenture in the 19th century and the cultural significance of the World Heritage Site.

This project supports the recommendation of UNESCO to the State Party to “undertake research on indentured labour to consider the extent, scope and impact of the indentured labour Diaspora around the world” (WHC- 06/30 COM/19, p.145).

The project includes two phases:

- Phase 1: the documentation of the islet by the team of Archaeologists from Stanford University (USA) and the Conservation team led by EcoAfrica Ltd; South Africa;
- Phase 2: the preparation and submission of a Conservation plan for the Cultural Heritage Resources at Flat Island prepared by EcoAfrica Ltd in collaboration with AGTF team.

## OVERALL OBJECTIVES OF THE FLAT ISLAND PROJECT

- Conduct a detailed documentation of the islet’s structures and areas devoted to its use as a quarantine station during the indenture period (1834 – 1920s);
- Document the islet’s cultural heritage resources as a basis for the conservation plan;

- Prepare a conservation plan to integrate cultural heritage resources in the Management Plan (2012) seeking to convert Flat Island into an Eco-Tourism destination.

The project consists in the comprehensive documentation of the structures located at Flat Island with the view to undertake the conservation of the cultural site.

The deliverables included a complete conservation plan for the islet's structures submitted to the Forestry Services under the aegis of the Ministry of Agro-Industry and Food Security. It is understood that this conservation plan would take into consideration the Management Plan for the Conservation & Management of Offshore Islets for the Republic of Mauritius: Phase II prepared under the aegis of the Ministry of Agro – Industry and Food Security in 2012 and serve its purpose to rehabilitate and restore cultural heritage.

The project of documentation and conservation of the cultural site is also in line with the proposal of the Ministry of Agriculture to create a permanent station on the island to monitor the nature reserve.

The long term vision for the former quarantine station is to allow the development of eco-tourism on the island. The documentation and conservation of the structures are essential to achieve this vision mentioned in the Management Plan for the islet.

## REPORT ON PHASE 1: DOCUMENTATION OF THE CULTURAL HERITAGE RESOURCES

### REPORTS SUBMITTED

The Technical team of AGTF submitted progress reports on this project:

1. Report dated 31<sup>st</sup> July 2015;
2. Report dated 31<sup>st</sup> December 2015
3. Report dated 20 September 2016;
4. Report dated 15 November 2017.

### PHASE 1: DOCUMENTATION PHASE

#### EXPEDITIONS TO THE ISLET

In order to undertake the phase 1 of the project, the AGTF conducted expeditions to the islet as follows:

- 11 June 2015: One day expedition in order to:
  - o Locate the main structures and provide an general assessment on their condition in order to better appreciate the needs for documentation;
  - o Explore the islet and report on areas that require further cleaning;
  - o Report on the requirements for documentation to Archaeologists.
- From 13 to 16 July 2015 (4 days)
- Expedition held on 24 July 2015 (1 Day)
- Expeditions held in July 2016 and July 2017.

## METHODOLOGIES EMPLOYED FOR DOCUMENTATION

Structures were documented using 2D digital imagery, captured in high resolution, and then rectified using photogrammetric software and techniques. This provides views of the standing archaeology that is dimensionally accurate in space, and can then be integrated into a GIS, as well as utilized for 3D modeling.

The team of archaeologists employed a Real Time Kinetic (RTK) GPS system, with an accuracy of between 1-2cms, to rapidly locate and delimit the main zones of the islet. In addition to this, the team utilized imagery taken from a quad-copter drone to overlay terrain, than can then be used to increase the resolution of the evident landscape and features.

Field walking and small-scale test pitting surveys was undertaken around the 'hospital' to gain some indication of the surface and sub-soil material culture.

## TEAM

### AGTF TEAM:

- Corinne Forest, *Head Technical Unit*
- Lovehin Andiapen, *World Heritage Site Manager*
- Ashveen Nemchand, *Research Assistant*
- Christelle Miao Foh, *Research Assistant*
- Kevin Ramsurrun, *Site Conservation Worker*
- Badoo varun, *General Worker*
- Kamal Ramdhony, *Site Conservation Worker*
- Arunagiri Sungaralingum, *General Worker*

### STANFORD UNIVERSITY TEAM:

- Dr Krish Seetah, *Assistant Professor, Stanford University, USA;*
- Dr Sasa Caval, *Archaeologist, Stanford University, USA;*
- Dr Diego Calaon, *Archaeologist, Ca'Foscari, Italy;*
- Dr Aleks Pluskowski, *Archaeologist,*
- Ms Hannah Moots, *Student*
- Ms Julia Haines, *PhD Student*
- Ms. Sophie Raszy, *Student*
- Ms. Aurélie Crauzaz, *Student*
- Mr Winston Chen, *Student*
- Mr Tamu Adumer, *Student*
- Ms Natalie Marie, *Student*
- Ms Emily Kent, *Student*
- Ms Isabelle Thompson, *Student;*
- *Claire Maass (Ph.D. Student);*

- *Maurice Chiang; Lance Hilderbrand; Vivienne Le; Jamie Rodriguez; Emily Kent; Olivia Taybeck; Mika Koch (undergraduates).*

FIELDWORK in 2017

The 2017 campaign in Flat Island was conducted by Krish Seetah, Diego Calaon, Saša Čaval & Alessandra Cianciosi, accompanied by five students from Stanford: Sam Good, Sasha Landauer, Mahpiya Vanderbilt, Sheetal Ranmsurran and Medora Rorick. This year, the team of archaeologists were able to devote 10 days to site work from 19 to 30 June 2017.

PURPOSE OF WORK:

Documentation and survey of buildings and infrastructure pertaining the 19th c. quarantine station.

LOCATION OF BUILDINGS SURVEYED AT FLAT ISLAND:

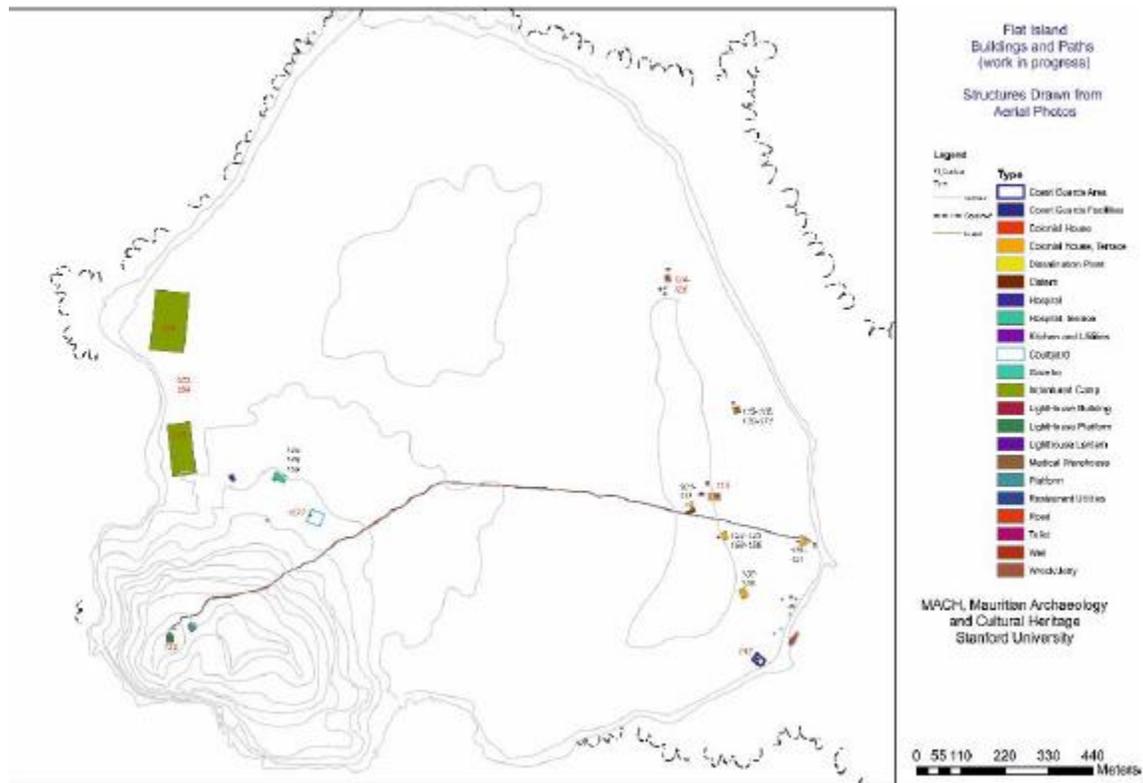
Seven principal buildings with their infrastructure were cleaned and documented. Although overgrown, the western side of the island was also mapped, but the most of buildings documented are located on the Eastern side of the Island:

- 118-121: Provision Store, Baggage Store composed by cut stones building, with two rooms and two verandas, water cistern and modern privies.
- 101-111: the "House of distillation apparatus" was already documented during the 2015 campaign, but the cleaning inside the rectangular stone building of distillery and the documentation of metal finds were completed on 2017.
- 122-123 and 156-158: the "Police Station" composed by a small cut stones building with "L" veranda on northern and western side, a small kitchen with hob and oven, two water cisterns (the smaller and the bigger) and a small toilet.
- 137-139: the "Pilot's House" composed by a cut stones building with one room, covered by wooden floor, and one veranda, a small kitchen with hob and oven and a small water cistern.
- 115-116 and 170-171: a big colonial house composed by cut stones building, with one big room, covered by wooden floor, two verandas, a large kitchen with hob and oven, a small water cistern and an underground rectangular stone structure, probably a small cellar for storage and preservation of food.
- 145-148 and 159. Hospital composed of a large building, constructed of cut stone blocks, with one room, a "L" veranda on the western and southern side, privies and a water cistern. On the southern side there was a small cut stone building, probably the Dead House with one small room.

METHODOLOGY / TECHNIQUE USED AND BRIEF DESCRIPTION AND WORK UNDERTAKEN:

Using high resolution digital imagery, and photogrammetric techniques, all the standing archaeology has now been recorded. The preliminary cleaning of each building -inside and outside- revealed

artefacts of the last stages of use of the quarantine station. In addition, we located previously unknown underground structures, water cisterns and small cellars, documented using the total station. The western side of the island was more overgrown, so we made a preliminary mapping. Using high precision GPS, we located and geo-referenced the "coolie camps", the barracks used for indentured labourers, that stayed on the quarantine station. With these data, we are able to produce precise GIS-maps of all the structures identified to date from the quarantine station.



## PHASE 2: CONSERVATION PLAN FOR THE ISLET'S STRUCTURES

The tender (AGTF 34/2015/2016) to enlist the services of a Conservation expert to prepare the Conservation Plan for Flat Island was launched on 22 December 2015. The closing date for the submission of bids was 29 January 2016. On 23 February 2016, the evaluation committee submitted its report revealing that the tender exercise was not successful.

After compiling a list of 23 potential consultants, the AGTF launched a tender to enlist the services of an expert in conservation for a second time on Friday 16 September 2016 (AGTF/RB/05/2016/2017) with a closing date on 19 October 2016.

After successful evaluation, the contract was awarded on 2 December 2017 to Eco Africa Group Ltd, South Africa, for an amount of USD 14,100. As per contractual agreement, the duration of the project was 6 months starting as from 13 February 2017.

## REQUEST FOR EXTENSION

Considering the delay caused by the procurement exercise (the first one being unsuccessful), a second extension until 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017 was requested to the US Embassy given that the preparation of the conservation plan was estimated at 6 months. The US Embassy agreed to this request.

## PREPARATION OF THE CONSERVATION PLAN

The preparation of the Conservation Plan constitutes the second and final phase of the project. The conservation plan was prepared to:

- To address the objectives of the Management Plan for islets prepared in 2012;
- To document and preserve the heritage associated with the former quarantine station for indentured labourers at Flat Island as per the mandate of the AGTF;
- To allow the rehabilitation of the heritage resources on the islet which are a key asset for Mauritius.

The conservation plan was prepared by Andrew Hall, Heritage expert, John Winter, Architect with the support of a graphic designer who generated the photographic documentation into scaled plans.

## FIRST VISIT: 12-17 FEBRUARY 2017

EcoAfrica Ltd started the preparation of the conservation plan during their first visit from 12 to 17 February 2017. Beforehand, the AGTF had provided background information on Flat Island cultural heritage resources.

During their visit, Consultants completed the following activities:

- Signature of contact on 13 February 2017 between EcoAfrica Ltd and Aapravasi Ghat Trust Fund;
- An inception meeting was held at the Aapravasi Ghat Trust Fund Offices in Port Louis on 13 February 2017. During this meeting, the following was discussed and agreed upon:
  - The Scope of Work and deadlines for deliverables;
  - The programme for the field visit to Flat Island on 14-16 February.
- Fieldwork visit took place to collect data and assess the state of conservation of the heritage features; Mr Andrew Hall, Mr John Winter and Ms Olga van den Pol from EcoAfrica together with AGTF team including Mr Lovehin Andiapen, World Heritage Site Manager, and Mr Ashveen Nemchandi, Research Assistant and other staff assisted with clearance of vegetation and measurement of the buildings. During the three days, 14 structures and 2 foundations were assessed. Measurements were made of floor plans and photo-documentation was undertaken.
- On 17 February 2017, a working session took place with:
  - Andrew Hall, EcoAfrica Ltd
  - John Winter, EcoAfrica Ltd
  - Olga van den Pol, EcoAfrica Ltd
  - Zayd Jhumka, Forestry Service, Ministry of Agro-Industry
  - Vimul Nundloul, National Parks and Conservation Services
  - Dwijdesh Ramjuttun, National Heritage Fund
  - Corinne Forest, AGTF
  - Christelle Miao Foh, AGTF

The purpose of the working session was to:

- Present an update on the preparation of a conservation plan for the cultural heritage located at Flat Island including project timeframe, milestones and funding;
- Discuss future strategy for Flat Island and identify requirement of Governmental departments;
- Discuss protection and monitoring of the cultural heritage at Flat Island;
- Discuss the potential and cultural significance of cultural Heritage at Flat Island;
- Discuss future collaboration among institutions.

Upon return from Mauritius, the team of EcoAfrica Ltd undertook the conversion of the sketches to measured drawings and started the writing up of the site descriptions and state of conservation of each of the buildings.

In March 2017, the measured drawings were completed and a start was made on the generation of sketches of each façade and interior wall from the photographs. Writing of site descriptions and state of conservation continued.

In April, sketches of each facade and interior walls were generated. Site descriptions and state of conservation were concluded. Where necessary, a panoramic photograph of longer walls was generated by stitching photographs.

#### SECOND VISIT: 23 – 27 JULY 2017

EcoAfrica came for a second and last visit from 23 to 27 July 2017. A working session with AGTF staff was organised on 23 July 2017 during which Andrew Hall from EcoAfrica presented the draft conservation plan.

Several points were raised:

- There is a need to indicate the surface in square meters of the buildings recommended for conversion into a permanent station. This would allow a better appreciation by the Forestry Service of the space potentially available.
- The most appropriate building for conversion was the house of Jules Poilly. It is proposed to reinstate the existing water collection system for contemporary use but also to document existing system on the island.
- There is a need to fix a warning sign for visitors to inform that it may be dangerous to stand by structures considering their state of conservation.
- There is a need to post a sign to inform of the history of the islet so that visitors can understand that it is a historic site.
- Andrew Hall impressed on the fact that the building used as a restaurant is in a critical state of conservation. There is a need to inform the Ministry of Agro-Industry and Food Security as it is a matter of public security.
- There is a need to discuss with the Forestry service the inclusion of cultural heritage as part of their maintenance plan. There is a need to examine how far the AGTF can take part in the maintenance of the historic features and what is the vision of the Forestry Service regarding the cultural heritage at Flat Island.

- Maintenance of the historic features should be done every three months in order to prevent invasion of vegetation.
- Andrew Hall thinks that the British authorities may have contracted out the removal of building materials when they abandoned the islet. This conclusion is based on the fact that on several buildings, the wood was removed/sawed and the roofing materials were removed as well. There is a need to look into the archives to see if there is any trace of contracting out the removal of materials from Flat Island when it ceased to operate.
- Beyond the conservation plan, there is a need to address the issue of tourism as the islet is affected by the traffic generated by the catamarans and visitors do access the islet.

A Meeting with stakeholders took place at AGTF office on Wednesday 26 July 2017 to:

- Present the conservation plan to the stakeholders including:
  - National Parks and Conservation Services;
  - National Heritage Fund;
  - Forestry service unfortunately could not come to attend the meeting.
- Collect the views and comments from stakeholders.

Andrew Hall presented the conservation plan to the stakeholders consisting in the following sections:

- Photo documentation
- Measured drawings
- Digital sketches
- Written descriptions:
  - Structure descriptions
  - Assessment of state of conservation
  - Identification of safety issues
- Specifications & bill of quantities
- Monitoring and maintenance plan
- Recommendations

His main recommendations were to:

PHASE 1: Prevent further deterioration:

- Close restaurant S11 for safety reasons
- Destroy plant growth on and around structures
- Stabilise S8 and S11
- Implement monitoring

PHASE 2: Repairs to stabilise:

- Cap off parapets first to prevent water penetration
- Repoint stonework and stabilise plaster to prevent other major source of water penetration

Overall, the following points were raised during the working session:

- There is a need to collect the remaining metal parts at S3 in order to document the same and preserve the heritage. The issue of metal conservation was also raised as metal may be affected by active corrosion and would therefore require stabilization.
- Regarding S3, Andrew Hall recommended that the boiler be examined and that information be collected to document the functioning as it appears to be a high technology for the time. This boiler would have generated steam to activate a generator: it was probably more than a distillation plant.
- Andrew Hall highlighted the key issue of security regarding Governor's house where the gable is instable and may fall at any moment. There is a need to conduct an assessment by a structural Engineer because of the safety issue.
- The poisoning of the vegetation also needs to be discussed with Forestry service as there is a need to ensure that vegetation keeps away from a distance of 3 meters around the structures to ensure their preservation.
- There is a need to collect the metal artefacts lying around to conserve them as they are threatened of disappearance.
- There is a need to create toilets as visitors do access the islet and the absence of toilets does impact on the islet's condition.
- There is a possibility to reuse S1 and convert it into toilets considering that there may be a septic tank or there is appropriate space to create one.
- There is a need to reinstate the historic paths and provide indications through signage in order to canalize the visitors.
- There is also an opportunity to provide information on the buildings so that visitors can take cognizance of the historical significance of the historic features.
- There is a need to meet with the Forestry Service regarding the conservation plan since they could not make it to the presentation.

## CONCLUSION

The following steps were taken after the submission of the Final Conservation Plan for Flat Island cultural heritage resources:

- A meeting with the forestry service took place;
- The final conservation plan was sent to the following stakeholders for their comments and views:
  - o National Heritage Fund;
  - o Forestry Service;
  - o National Parks and Conservation Services;
  - o Ministry of Agro-Industry and Food Security.
- The Ministry of Agro-Industry and Food Security was officially informed of the safety issue at Governor's house.
- Regarding Flat Island cultural heritage, there is a need to meet regularly with the stakeholders listed here above in order to discuss the way forward for the islet's conservation.

On completion of the Conservation Plan and documentation of the islet's structures, it appears crucial to explore the possibility to inscribe Flat Island as part of the Aapravasi Ghat nomination on the UNESCO World Heritage List. AGTF Board approved this recommendation from the technical team on 19 December 2017.

The AGTF is currently undertaking the required steps to look into this possibility in collaboration with the Ministry of Arts and Culture and the Ministry of Agro-Industry.



### **BOIS MARCHAND CEMETRY**

The team of Stanford University led by Dr Krish Seetah conducted archaeological excavations at Bois Marchand cemetery in 2015, 2016 and 2017. The team uncovered 16 graves, with 33 burials. In the season 2015, the team worked in the northeastern part of the section R, while in 2016 the research excavation was performed in the southern part of the same section, on the second and third row of graves.

The excavation methodology adopted can be summarized as follows:

1. Cleaning the area, designated for the archaeological research,
  2. Arbitrary soil removal of the first 30 cm (removing 10 cm spits) to identify the top of the individual graves;
  3. Identification and recording process of the grave borders (with the Total Station);
  4. Stratigraphic excavations of the archaeological deposits, with the total collection of artifacts in the whole excavation area;
  5. Micro-excavation of the human remains, samples collections and detailed documentation (photos, photogrammetry, drawings, Total Station, georeferencing, etc.);
- Grave cuts have been excavated in their entirety, until the virgin layers.

#### **TEAM INVOLVED:**

The 2017 campaign, continuing work that has been ongoing since 2011, was conducted by Krish Seetah, Saša Čaval & Alessandra Cianciosi, accompanied by the same five students from Stanford: Sam Good, Sasha Landauer, Mahpiya Vanderbilt, Sheetal Ranmsurran and Medora Rorick. The team worked for 10 days on the site from 3 to 14 July 2017.

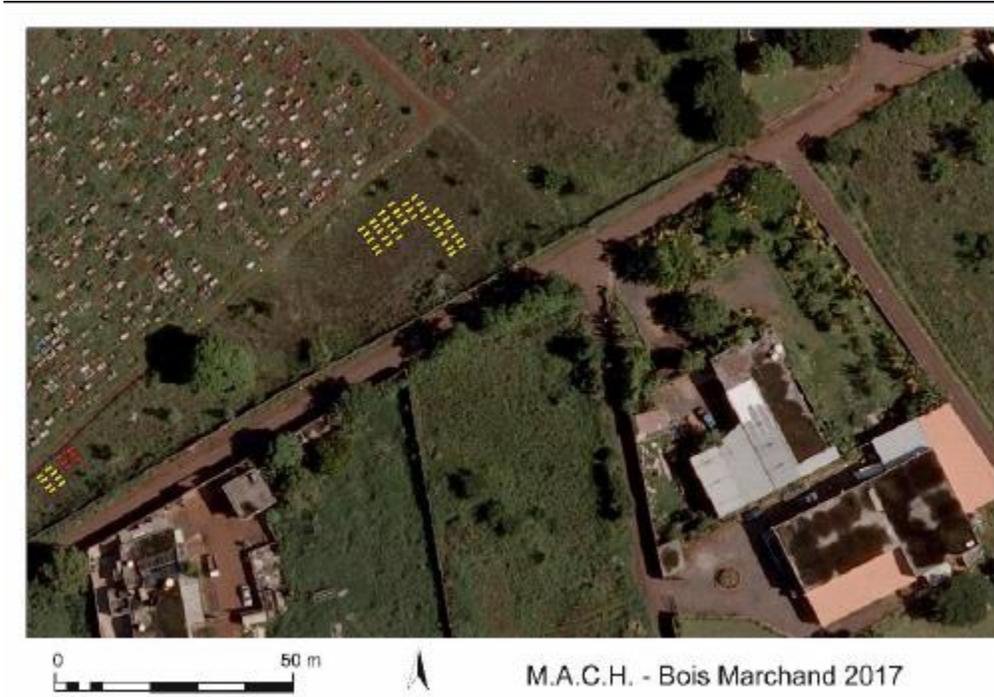
**PURPOSE OF WORK:** Excavation and documentation of graves.

**LOCATION OF EXCAVATIONS** The team excavated a new area adjacent to the site focused on in 2016.

#### **METHODOLOGY / TECHNIQUE USED AND BRIEF DESCRIPTION AND WORK UNDERTAKEN:**

Six graves were opened and nine complete skeletons were recorded (three of the graves housed double inhumations). All these three double burials had evident clues of disturbance: in all the three lower skeletons a number of bones were missing or had been removed. For each grave, the team recorded the grave size (1.80 x 0.90 m), depth (1.60-1.70 cm), and the orientation. With one exception, (GR. 53lower, that was SW-NE), all burials were aligned NESW. Overall, the team recorded eight adults and one infant, whose grave was characterized by a large stone on the top, as noted from other infant burials investigated in the past campaigns. All the burials were interred in coffins, made of wood and in some cases lined with lead. One burial was characterized by the presence of coral lime spread along

the whole skeleton, in particular at the skull, thorax and lower limbs. The burials contained various personal objects such as bronze pins, a toe-ring, a belt buckle, bone and metal buttons, glass fragments, a glass beads rosary and coins, that could help to define the chronology of these graves.





## Indentured Labour Route

### FIRST MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE FOR THE INDENTURED LABOUR ROUTE PROJECT

The concept of the Indentured Labour Route has been discussed ever since 2001 in Mauritius and in countries that have experienced indenture. This idea was expounded for the first time in Mauritius in May 2001, at the Mahatma Gandhi Institute seminar entitled ‘Coolie Route’ where the project proposal entitled ‘Coolie Route-Crossing the Seven Seas’. Based on the model of the slave route project set up in 2001, the Indentured Labour Route project was thoroughly discussed during an international conference entitled “New Perspectives On Indentured Labour (1825 – 1925)” held at the University of Mauritius 5-8 December 2011. This event marked the elaboration of the first detailed project proposal for the setting up of the Route. A second international conference entitled “Towards the establishment of the International Indenture Labour Route” was held at the Mahatma Gandhi Institute in Moka from 3 to 5 November 2014 in order to proceed further with the project. On 20 October 2014, the proposal of Mauritius for the setting up of the Indentured Labour Route was presented to UNESCO’s Executive Board at its 195<sup>th</sup> session whereby Mauritius received the full support of the international organization.

From 30 to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2017, Mauritius organized the first ever International Scientific Committee including 9 countries (Mauritius, India, France, Reunion, Australia, Malaysia, Suriname, South Africa, Trinidad & Tobago) as well as a representative from UNESCO at InterContinental Hotel in Balaclava, Mauritius to:

1. Officially launch the Indentured Labour Route project;
2. Share their views on the proposed projects and activities proposed for the Indentured Labour Route Project;
3. Discuss and establish a strategy, method and tools to implement the Indentured Labour Route project together with activities and projects for :
  - a. Memorials and events;
  - b. Research on indenture;
  - c. International Database on indenture;
  - d. Synergies with the UNESCO Slave Routes Project.
4. Invite ISC Members to present to the ISC:
  - a. The nature of existing projects that their countries have undertaken on indenture;
  - b. The nature of projects and activities, whether at national or international level, that their countries propose to undertake as part of the ILRP.
5. Determine a budgetary estimate and discuss a fund raising strategy;
6. Examine and adopt the Terms of Reference for:
  - a. The International Scientific Committee (ISC);
  - b. Member of the ISC;
  - c. National Committees.
7. Define a Strategy for 2018-2021 together with an action plan for the next three years for the Indentured Labour Route project and adopt the same as resolution;
8. Elect a Chairperson of the International Scientific Committee of the Indentured Labour Route Project;
9. Produce a calendar of meetings, a provisional agenda and programme for the second session of the International Scientific Committee;
10. Consider the proposal by members to host the second meeting of the International Scientific Committee in 2018;
11. Approve the decisions of this 1st session of the International Scientific Committee.

The first meeting included 10 members and observers as follows:

Country	Names
Mauritius	Vijayalakshmi Teelock, G.O.S.K., Associate Professor (History), Faculty of Humanities and Social Studies, University of Mauritius Member of UNESCO Slave Route Project , founder and coordinator of the Centre for Research on Slavery and Indenture at the University of Mauritius
France	Marc Nouschi Directeur des Affaires culturelles Ocean Indien, Representative of Ministère de la Culture, France
Reunion	Catherine CHANE-KUNE Directrice de la Culture et du Sport, Departement de La Reunion, France
India	Manish Gupta Joint Secretary Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs
	Sathyabhama Badhreenath Archaeological Survey of India – Regional Director (South)
UNESCO Expert	Karalyn Monteil Culture Programme Specialist UNESCO Regional Office for Eastern Africa, Kenya
Australia	Brij LAL, Emeritus Professor Australian National University
Malaysia	Muhamad Mansur Bin Ahmad Kusosi, Curator, Archeology Division, Department of National Heritage, Ministry of Tourism and Culture, Malaysia
Suriname	Maurits Hassankhan Historian /senior lecturer from the Anton de Kom University of Suriname.
South Africa	Nalini Moodley Assistant Dean and Senior Lecturer of the Faculty of the Arts, Tshwane University of Technology of Pretoria, South Africa
Trinidad & Tobago	Radica Mahase Senior Lecturer, History College of Science, Technology and Applied Arts of Trinidad and Tobago

### RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FIRST INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

During the closing session on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2017, members confirmed their commitment to establish the Indentured Labour Route Project and made the following recommendations:

1. The International Scientific Committee (ISC) is now formally established marking the beginning of the Indentured Labour Route Project (ILRP).
2. The ISC is the driving force steering the implementation of the ILRP.
3. The ISC adopted the Terms of Reference for the ISC and recommended developing Terms of References for National Committees and for National Focal Point.
4. The Aapravasi Ghat Trust Fund, Mauritius, houses the International Secretariat of the ILRP.
5. The ISC endeavours to widen its membership.
6. The ISC has devised and adopted a plan of action for the next three years to implement the Indentured Labour Route Project (ILRP). In the context of this project, indenture is understood to be a form of contract labour with a penal clause. The scope of the ILRP will also include other forms of mass unfree contract labour in the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries including overseas and internal migrations (i.e. *kangani*, *maistry*).
7. The ISC will meet every year to monitor and review the implementation of the action plan. Regional / thematic committees will also meet every year.
8. The ISC will endeavour to benefit from experiences, lessons learnt, and resources from the UNESCO Slave Route Project.
9. The ISC will foster the involvement of the young generations and the dissemination of knowledge on indenture and other forms of contract labour.
10. The ISC recommends involving the local communities, diaspora, civil society as well as partners such as regional economic commissions, embassies, private sector etc.
11. The ISC recommends the inclusion of ILRP in the national policies of respective countries.
12. The ISC will be supported by National Committees (NC). The composition of Members of the National Committee should reflect a varied expertise: scholars of art, music, ethnography, history, media, archives, museums etc. and should include representatives of the governmental and non-governmental organisations, and individuals with an interest in indenture.
13. A National Focal Point (NFP) nominated by the Government in each country will be on the National Committee and report regularly to the ISC.
14. Every national committee will be responsible for fund raising and funding within its scope.
15. Every country will set up a National Committee.
16. ISC will set up sub committees that will be geographically and thematically based in line with the principle of geographical balance.



Group photographs of the members of the International Scientific Committee in the presence of the Hon. Pritvirajsingh Roopun, Minister of Arts and Culture, Mr Chaumiere, Senior Advisor for Culture to the Prime Minister, Dr Luckeenarain, Permanent Secretary, Mr Dhuny, Chairman of the Apravasi Ghat Trust Fund.

The International Scientific Committee worked relentlessly during three days to produce a plan of actions to guide the implementation of the Route for the next three years. These projects and activities focus on four main themes:

- Memorials and events;
- Research on indenture;
- International Database on indenture;
- Synergies with the UNESCO Slave Routes Project.

The ISC also proceeded to the election of Dr. Vijaylakshmi Teelock from Mauritius as President and Maurits Hassankhan from Suriname as Vice-President.



## DEVELOPMENT AND MONITORING IN THE BUFFER ZONE

The City Council of Port Louis is in charge of implementing the Planning Policy Guidance for the Aapravasi Ghat World Heritage Property Buffer Zone. In addition, the Local Government Act 2011 was amended to set up a Technical Committee under the City Council of Port Louis. The Technical Committee is chaired by the City Council of Port Louis and also comprises representatives from:

- Ministry of Arts and Culture;
- Ministry of Public Infrastructure;
- Ministry of Tourism and Leisure;
- Ministry of Housing and Lands;
- Ministry of Environment;
- Mauritius Ports Authority;
- National Heritage Fund; and
- Aapravasi Ghat Trust Fund.

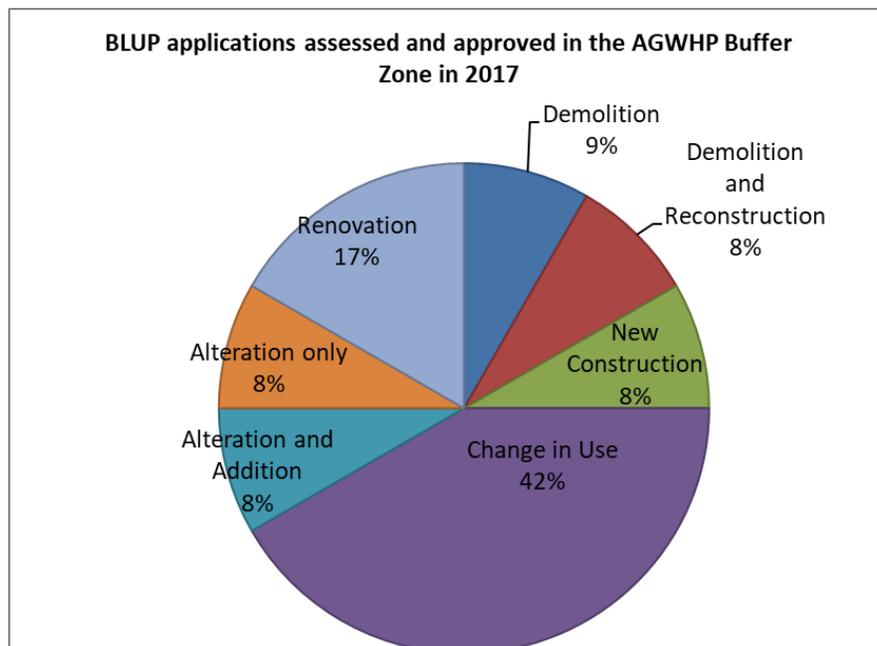
The role of the Technical Committee is to ensure the implementation of the Planning Policy Guidance for the Aapravasi Ghat World Heritage Property Buffer Zone. This task is achieved through the assessment of all applications for Building and Lands Use Permits in the Buffer Zone.

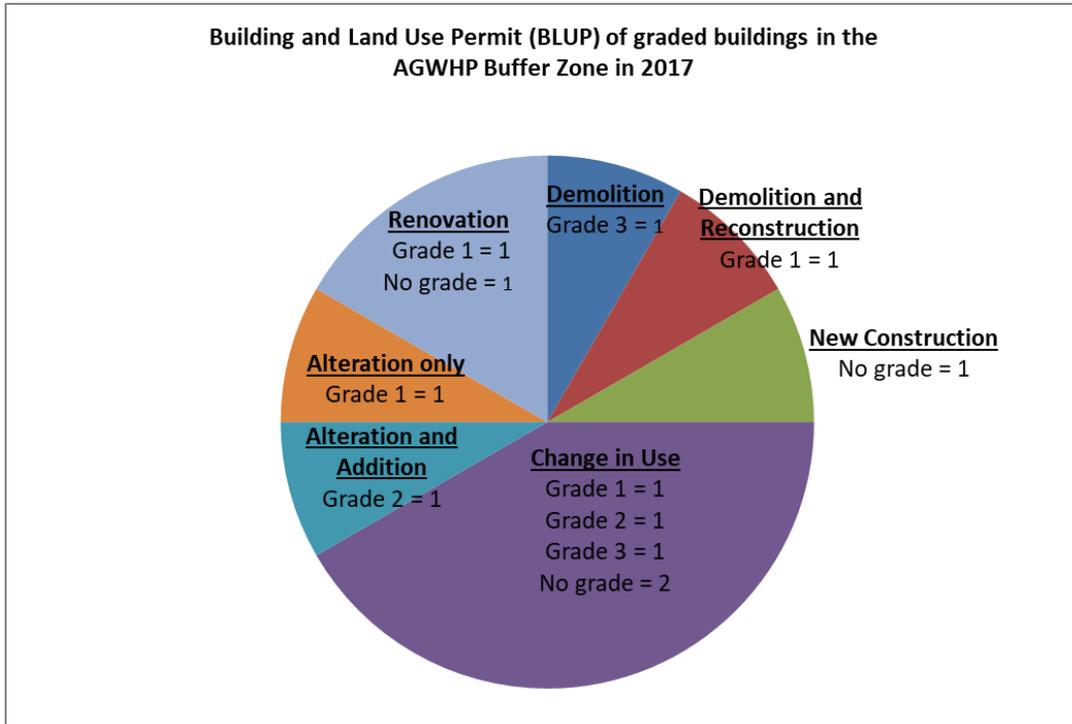
Since the issue of the (PPG6) in 2011, the role of the Aapravasi Ghat Trust Fund is to monitor the heritage component in the buffer zone. The institution carries out regular monitoring of heritage in the buffer zone and reports to the Technical Committee chaired by the City Council of Port Louis in case of non-compliance with the PPG 6.

Regular monitoring in the buffer zone took place to assess and monitor the changes affecting the heritage component. Regular reports were submitted. The following table gives an overview of changes and alterations that affected the heritage component in the buffer zone during the year 2017.

## Building and Land Use Permit (BLUP) in the AGWHP Buffer Zone - 2017

<b>BLUP applications received, assessed and approved in the AGWHP Buffer Zone in 2017</b>		
<b>Nature of Development</b>	<b>No. of BLUP applications</b>	<b>%</b>
Demolition	1	8.333333333
Demolition and Reconstruction	1	8.333333333
New Construction	1	8.333333333
Change in Use	5	41.66666667
Alteration and Addition	1	8.333333333
Alteration only	1	8.333333333
Renovation	2	16.66666667
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>100</b>
G1	4	33
G2	2	17
G3	2	17
NG	4	33
	<b>12</b>	<b>100</b>





**ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS**



**PORLWI BY NATURE 2017**

Since the first edition in 2015, the Aapravasi Ghat Trust Fund is participating in the Porlwi festival taking place on the first week of December. During the past two editions, the Aapravasi Ghat received  $\frac{1}{4}$  of its total yearly number of visitors.

Porlwi festival named ‘Porlwi by Nature’ was dedicated to the theme of Nature this year. The event was held from Wednesday 29 November to Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2017 from 19:00 to 00:00.

The Technical Committee held on 17 November 2017 and Board meeting held on 23 November 2017 approved the participation of Aapravasi Ghat in the 2017 edition as follows:

- Exhibition ‘Anba Pie’ at AG WHS;
- All logistics and visitor management are under the responsibility of the PORLWI by nature team;
- Support of the AGTF to exhibition at rue de la Balance;
- Support of the AGTF to provide a space for 15 artists who performed at Military hospital.

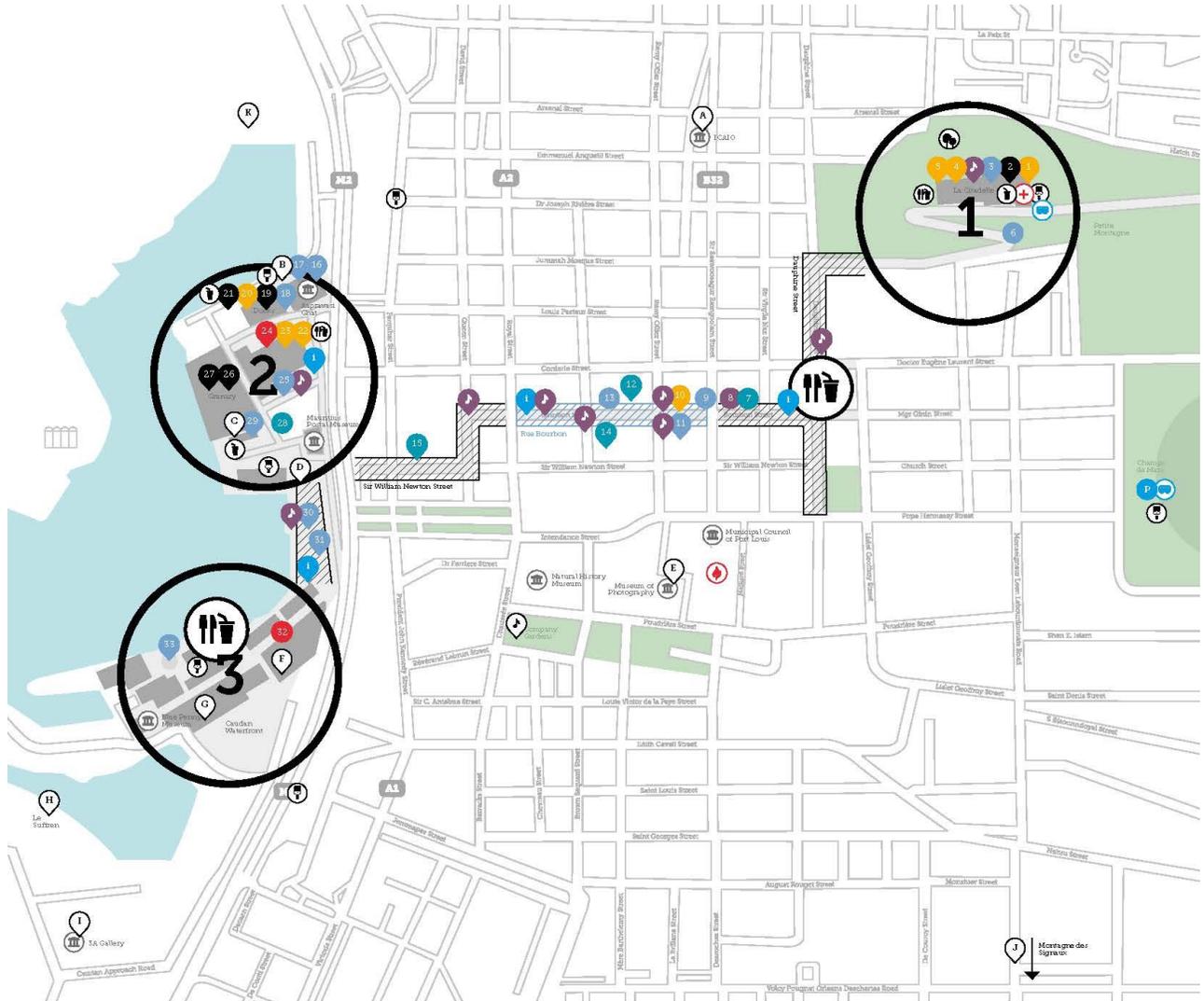
**Porlwi by Nature 2017**

For this year’s edition, the concept of the festival has changed on various accounts including:

- The number of days has increased from 3 days to 5 days;

- The activities focused within 5 specific areas as follows:
  - o Citadel;
  - o Bourbon Street;
  - o Granary;
  - o Waterfront;
  - o Caudan.

For the first time, the Cerné Docks was integrated in the Porlwi Festival attracting more visitors in this area, at Apravasi Ghat in particular.



### 1 Îlot Citadelle

- 1 Underwater Digital Installation
- 2 Ateliers Solar Jar Workshop
- 3 Solar Jar Project Light Installation
- 4 Scintilla Light Installation
- 5 Subsee Diving Experience
- 6 Photosynthesis: Le voyage d'Uniciti Light Path
- Programme de reforestation Citadelle Reforestation Project

### Food Beverages

### Rue Bourbon

- 7 Street Art Zone
- 8 Street Music Zone
- 9 Mwa mo kontan lari Bourbon
- 10 Un soir d'Azalées Floral Windows
- 11 Home Grown Green Architecture
- 12 Bault Street Art
- 13 Z'endémik in the city Upcycling Art
- 14 Meo974 Street Art
- 15 Gory One Street Art

### 2 Îlot Grenier

- 16 Anba Pie Light Installation
- 17 La route des épices
- 18 CIEI One Beat, One Tree Environmental Art
- 19 Côtés Mystérieux Whale Exhibition
- 20 La Planète des Géants Cinema
- 21 IBL Porlwi Lab Talks & Workshops
- 22 Nature Illuminated Video Projection
- 23 Beyond the Visible Art Installation
- 24 Holistik Dance Performance
- 25 The Red Staircase Urban Park
- 26 MCB Granary Walk-Through Art Exhibition
- 27 31 Concept Store
- 28 Street Art Zone
- 29 Porlwi Kids

### Waterfront

- 30 Open Air Cinema
- 31 Kas Enn Poz

### 3 Îlot Caudan

- 32 Street Performance Zone
- 33 Nature Cocoon Nature Immersion
- Restaurants, Cafés & Bars Kas Enn Poz

### Porlwi Off

- A Inkumbulo ngezasemandulo ICAIO
- B Cultural Tour Aapravasi Ghat
- C Community Café
- D MyPorlwi Balades culturelles
- E 3 Tiers Museum of Photography
- F Enn bouke bwa tanbour Dias Pier
- G Nature Island Book Court
- H Ebony Society x The Bakery Le Suffren
- I The Painters Project 3A Gallery
- J Green Balade Montagne des Signaux
- K Art | Wine | Dine | Design Concept Space

- Open Ideas
- Street Light
- Street Art
- Street Music
- Porlwi Off
- Street Performances
- Exhibitions & Workshops
- Pedestrian (Night Only)
- Pedestrian (Day & Night)
- Information
- Shuttle Bus
- Medical Care
- Fire Brigade
- Public Toilets



All of the festival venues are accessible by wheelchair, except for La Citadelle.



#porlwi #porlwibynature #2017

### Exhibition at the Aapravasi Ghat: 'Anbe Pie'

The Exhibition was created by Le Collectif Tournesol and funded by Attitude. The logistics were managed by Impact Production Group. Le Collectif Tournesol based its idea for this exhibition on the fact that two centuries ago, a law required that each family living in Port Louis planted a fruit tree in their inner yard or in their garden.

This principle was used as a basis for this interactive and educational exhibition: the trees at the Aapravasi Ghat were covered with optic fibre lights at the end of which children and adults could pick up an origami carrying seeds inside. The purpose was to sensitize the public to the need to grow our own food. The public was also sensitized to the need to share the food produced with others in brotherhood spirit.

The principle of the exhibition was described by Porlwi By Nature team as follows:

*“Anba Pie est une installation interactive et éducative qui associe l’arbre, le fruit et la graine dans un mouvement de guérilla verte, une invitation à planter et cultiver dans la ville. Des « fruits » en papier contenant du savoir sont suspendus à un arbre, et appellent à être cueillis par les festivaliers. À l’intérieur, il y a des semences de fruits et légumes locaux pouvant être semés dans des potagers, sur des balcons, des terrains en friche. Ces plantes et arbres fruitiers deviennent un symbole de demain. »*



Once the origami picked up with the help of Porlwi Guides who provided detailed information to the public, the audience was invited to take the origamis home and to plant the seeds in their gardens.



Anba Pié: Guides explaining the exhibition to the public



La Route des Epices



Exhibition at Rue de la Balance prepared by AGTF

**Opening hours**

The Aapravasi Ghat World Heritage Site and BRIC were open as follows:

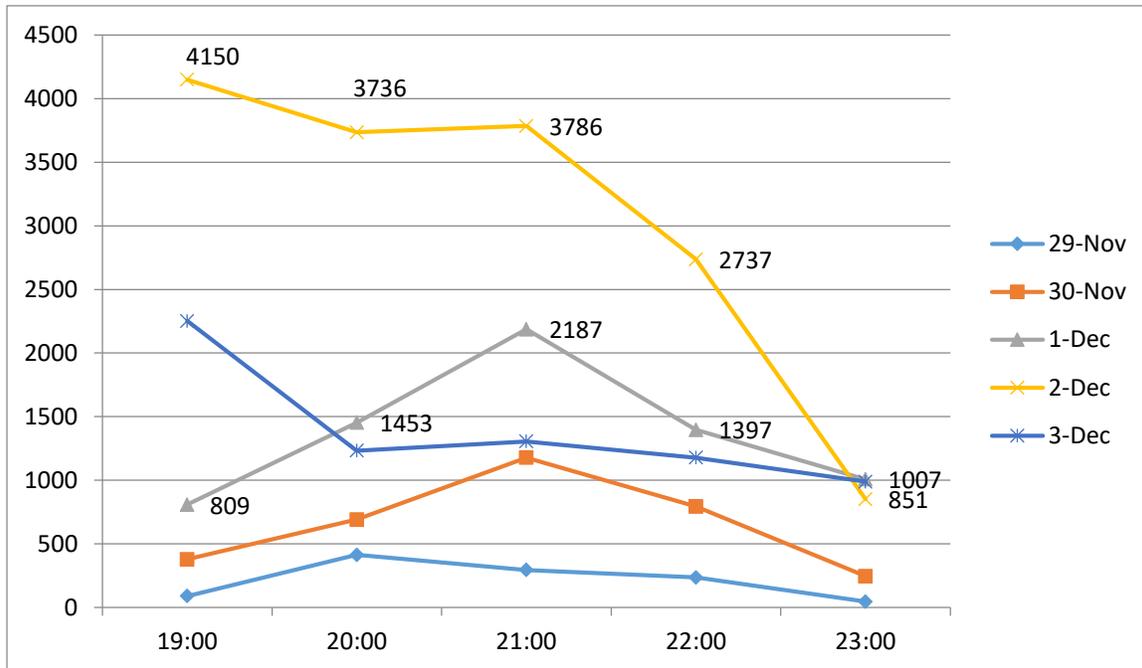
Date	Opening hours
Wednesday 29-Nov-17	9:00 – 00:00
Thursday 30-Nov-17	9:00 – 00:00
Friday 1-Dec-17	9:00 – 00:00
Saturday 2-Dec-17	9:00 – 00:00
Sunday 3-Dec-17	19:00 – 00:00

**Number of visitors**

This year’s edition has brought in total **33,429 visitors**.

Compared to previous editions, the number of visitors has tripled and amounts to **42%** of the total number of visitors this year (46,449 from 3<sup>rd</sup> January to 30 November 2017).

	29-Nov-17	30-Nov-17	1-Dec-17	2-Dec-17	3-Dec-17
16.30 - 19.30	89				
16:00				125	
17:00			42	289	226
18:00			139	1,154	407
19:00		378	628	2,582	1,619
20:00	413	691	1,453	3,736	1,232
21:00	294	1,177	2,187	3,786	1,305
22:00	235	794	1,397	2,737	1,177
23:00	45	245	1,007	851	989
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,076</b>	<b>3,285</b>	<b>6,853</b>	<b>15,260</b>	<b>6,955</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>33,429</b>				



**Number of visitors per year during Porlwi Festival**

	<b>Total number of visitors 2015</b>	<b>Total number of visitors 2016</b>	<b>Total number of visitors 2017</b>
Wednesday	N/A	N/A	1,076
Thursday	N/A	N/A	3,285
Friday	3,465	5,054	6,853
Saturday	4,349	656	15,260
Sunday	4,485	7,496	6,955
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12,299</b>	<b>12,551</b>	<b>33,429</b>

**“MORIS MO PEI, 50E PAS VERS SON DESTIN”**

Le Defi Media Group organized a series of Activities at the Swami Vivekananda International Conference Centre (SVICC) from 26 to 4 March 2018 in the context of the 50th anniversary of the Independence of Mauritius. As part of these series of activities, an exhibition gathering all aspects of Mauritian History and Culture was presented from Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March to Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2018 during this event entitled “Moris mo Pei, 50e pas vers son destin”.

As part this exhibition, the AGTF presented:

1. An exhibition of 5 panels presenting the main outline of AG’s history;

2. Educational activities were offered to children visiting the SVICC to disseminate knowledge on indenture and foster interest in the history of the nation;
3. Presentation of a multimedia on Panoramic views of AG WHS and on “Rajah” for children.

### **INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR MONUMENTS AND SITES**

“50 years of Independence bridging Art & Heritage”

In the context of the International Day for Monuments and Sites on the theme ‘Heritage for Generations’, an event entitled “50 years of Independence bridging Art & Heritage” was a 2-week Art workshop held during the Easter holidays as from 2 to 13 April 2018.

This workshop targeted children aged between 5 and 16 years old. Under the guidance and supervision of resource persons from Save Art, children visitors and young adults were encouraged to express their views on the independence of Mauritius and on Mauritianity through different art forms and media discussed and taught during the tenure of this workshops.

The workshop included:

- Pointillism
- Chinese painting with ink
- Watercolor/Aquarelle
- Group work paper plate
- Craft with plastic bottles
- Manadala / Dream Catcher
- Painting of flowers
- Mosaic/collage paper
- Collage with brochures
- Dance Demonstration
- Pottery Coiling
- Clay lamps
- Guided visit of the Beekrumsing Ramlallah Interpretation Centre and the Aapravasi Ghat World Heritage Site
- Painting competition on Saturday 07 April 2018.

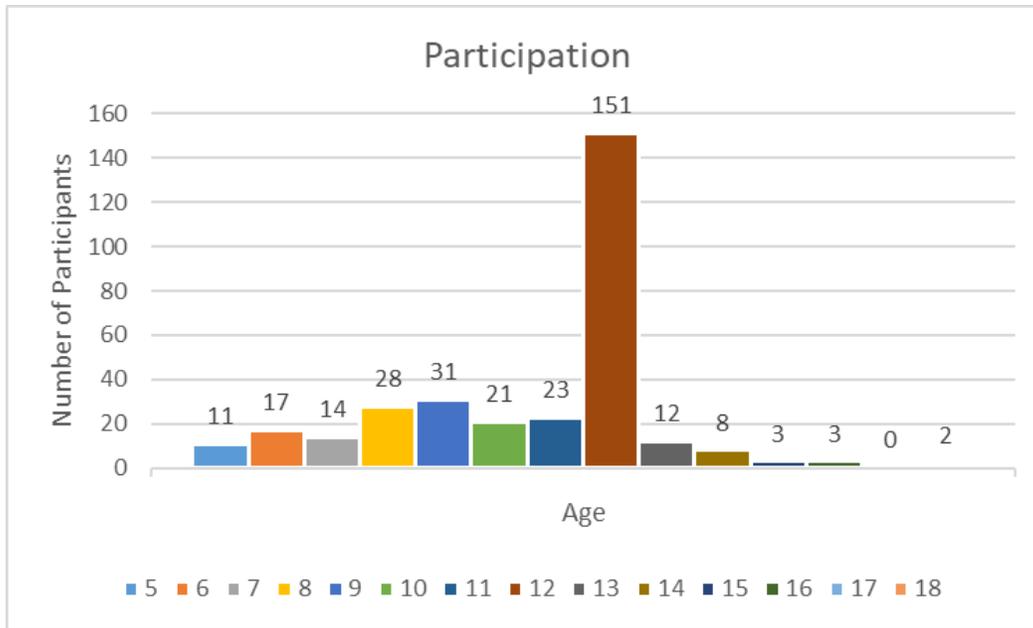
Staff from AGTF provided all logistic support in terms of management of visitors and children as well as bookings. Resource persons from Save Art were involved in the organization of the activity. These are professional and/or experienced skilled artists (registered at the Ministry of Art and Culture and/or at the National Art Gallery) Active in the field since the last years. The Resource persons were as follow:

1. Jessie Callychurn
2. Marjorie Nadal
3. Frederique Cerafinn
4. Sheela Gokool
5. Audrey Poussin-Clain
6. Pamela Saramandif
7. Kaushnee Jhurree
8. Reena Moloo
9. Malika Dhurn Teeluck
10. Valérie Médard-Ramchurn
11. Kavita Moorooogen
12. Anjani Govinden
13. Malini Callimootoo-Jeewon
14. Roshni Goonraj Beeharry

Children from different NGOS were invited to participate in the activities namely:

1. SOS Poverty,
2. Global Rainbow Foundation
3. SAFIRE
4. CLEFF

Booking were also received from several individuals from the public. A total of 324 Children aged between 5 and 16 participated in the different educational activities presented. This figure does not take into consideration the several parents who attended the activities along with their children and who also enjoyed and benefitted from the activities.



The best works produced by children were exhibited in the hospital block at the Aapravasi Ghat World Heritage Site from 7 July to 31<sup>st</sup> September 2018 and best works be provided prizes in the forms of certificates, publications, pins and pens.

The prize giving was organized on Saturday 7 July 2018 at the Beekrumsing Ramlallah Interpretation Centre in the presence of the Hon. Pritivijajsingh Roopun, Minister of Arts and Culture.

### Commemorative events

#### COMMEMORATION AT VAGRANT DEPOT, GRAND RIVER NORTH WEST

its establishment in 2002, the Aapravasi Ghat Trust Fund has played a paramount role in identifying, promoting, preserving, restoring, managing and revalorizing the Aapravasi Ghat World Heritage Site, and other sites related to indenture .

The history of the Vagrant Depot ,which is situated at Grand River North West, and that of the vagrants are intertwined with the history of indenture and labour in colonial Mauritius. The Vagrant Depot is a tangible symbol of oppression and resistance of the indenture period.

It is the second most important indenture sitein Mauritius after the Aapravasi Ghat World Heritage Site: this is the reason why it was listed as a National monument in 1958.

In collaboration with the National Heritage Fund, the Aapravasi Ghat Trust Fund organized a wreath laying ceremony and a cultural programme in situ on Tuesday 27 February 2018 to commemorate the 154<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the opening of the Vagrant Depot.

Hon. Prithvirajsing Roopun, Minister of Arts and Culture and his Lordship Daniel Eric Clive Laurent were the main guests at the ceremony. Besides the speeches delivered by the dignitaries and Mr S.Peerthum’s powerpoint presentation, a cultural programme was presented by ‘Lilo Mathoor Sookun Group’, and an

enactment by artists from the parent Ministry. Booklets on the Vagrant Depot were distributed to all guests present and a guided visit of the exhibition was conducted by Mr S.Peerthum.

The participation of the local community, the students of the Bhujoharry State Secondary school and those of the ' La Tour Koenig State Secondary school' contributed to make the event a success.

### COMMEMORATION AT FORMER SUGAR ESTATE IN FORBACH

In the context of the 50th anniversary of the Independence of Mauritius celebrations, a cultural event was organised by the Aapravasi Ghat Trust Fund in collaboration with the High Commission of India, the District Council of Rivière du Rempart, the National Heritage Fund, the Novaterra Ltd and the Cottage Suryavanshi Ramayan Mandali, at the former Sugar Estate of Forbach at Cottage on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2018.

This activity aimed at promoting Geet Gawai, an element that received international recognition in December 2016 when it was inscribed on the representative list of UNESCO.

A small exhibition on the former Sugar Estate of Forbach was held and Mr S. Peerthum's publication of Forbach was launched by the chief guest His Excellency Mr Paramasivum Pillay Vyapoory, G.O.S.K, Acting President of the Republic of Mauritius.

The local community participated fully in the cultural programme which consisted of Ramayana chanting, poems and songs in Tamil, Telugu, Geet Gawai in Bhojpuri and a Marathi enactment. The students of the Cottage Government School collaborated in this programme by singing the National Anthem and a patriotic song *Lame dan Lame*.

Prior to this cultural event a wreath laying ceremony was organized at the stele of Mrs Anjalay Coopen who died in the strike riots that took place at Cottage in 1943.

### PUBLICATIONS

During the 183<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of the arrival of indentured labourers in Mauritius, the AGTF launched two publications at follows:

- 'They Came to Mauritian Shores: Portraits and Life-Stories of the Indentured Labourers (1826-1925)' by Satyendra Peerthum;
- The Life of Dr. Idris Goomany by Dr. Assad Bhuglah.

**'They Came to Mauritian Shores: Portraits and Life-Stories of the Indentured Labourers (1826-1925)'** is an important landmark book which is being launched on 2nd November 2017 by the Aapravasi Ghat Trust Fund with the collaboration of the Ministry of Arts and Culture in the context of the national commemorations marking the 183rd anniversary of the arrival of the indentured workers in Mauritius. It narrates the life-stories and highlights the portraits of more than 180 Indian and non-Indian indentured men, women, and children who reached Mauritian shores between 1826 and 1910. Furthermore, this publication focuses on the social history of more than 462,000 Indian and non-Indian indentured pioneers who transformed Mauritius from a barren volcanic island into a garden of sugar.

Through its 182 pages, more than 200 pictures, and numerous charts and tables, this book highlights the social, economic, and demographic transformation of the island from the 1830s until the early 1900s. 'They Came to Mauritian Shores: Portraits and Life-Stories of the Indentured Labourers (1826-1925)' makes an important and original contribution to modern Mauritian national and indentured labour historiography by showing the importance, labour, toils, sacrifices, and achievements of these immigrants and their descendants who adopted our island as their new home.

### **The Life of Dr. Idris Goomany by Dr. Assad Bhuglah**

The launching of the publication *The Life of Dr. Idris Goomany* by Dr. Assad Bhuglah is in line with the mission statement of the Aapravasi Ghat Trust Fund and the objectives of its Act which promote research on the history of indentured labour, the indentured labourers, and their descendants in Mauritius. Furthermore, this ground breaking work is significant because reflections on the tragic and eventful life of Dr. Goomany helps us as descendants of indentured labourers, in a way, to explore the untold aspects of our history that are necessary -- indeed, essential -- to complement and further enhance the multi-cultural and multi-ethnic dimension of our Mauritian society and to consolidate our identity as Mauritians.

Dr. Goomany, in a way, personifies the ramifications of acculturation, accommodation, and adjustments of people of Indian origin in Mauritius during the Age of Indenture. They had to confront and surmount made trials, tribulations, and challenges inherent in a colonial society often marked by racism, communal divisions, chauvinism, mistrust, prejudice, inequality, injustice, discrimination, and alienation.

### **Publication of a booklet on Forbach Sugar Estate**

Discovering our country's indenture sites: the history of Forbach Sugar Estate (1818-1943) by Satyendra Peerthum, Historian, Aapravasi Ghat Trust Fund.

The publication entitled 'Discovering our Country's Indenture Sites: The History and Heritage of Forbach Sugar Estate (1818-1943)' by Satyendra Peerthum, Historian of the Aapravasi Ghat Trust Fund is a booklet launched in the context of the 50th anniversary of Mauritian independence and the ICOMOS International Day for Monuments and Sites. This date also marked the bicentenary anniversary of the founding of Forbach Sugar Estate by Joseph Staub in 1818, a former British captain who settled in Mauritius with his family and became a successful merchant and landowner.

## **EXHIBITIONS**

### **FORBACH**

'Discovering our Country's Indenture Sites: The History and Heritage of Forbach Sugar Estate (1818-1943)' provides an account of the expansion and gradual decline of Forbach Sugar Estate. It spans around 121 years from 1818 to 1939 and narrates how the sugar estate functioned with indentured labourers, factory workers, managers and the estate owners to form a productive enterprise. Today, its stone structures, including its famous windmill listed as a national heritage, stand as the remains of nineteenth century Mauritius when the sugar industry represented as much as 90% of the islands' exports.

### **The evolution of the Constitution of Mauritius by the State Law Office**

The State Law Office presented an exhibition on the evolution of the constitution of Mauritius from 7 May to 30 June 2018.

### TRAINING / CONFERENCES

Satyendra Peerthum, Historian

1. AGTF-National Library-Ministry of Education talk on the '50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Independence: Citizenship and Identity' at SSS Osman Secondary School in Phoenix on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2018
2. AGTF-National Library-Ministry of Education talk on the '50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Independence: Citizenship and Identity' at the MGI Secondary School on 26<sup>th</sup> February 2018
3. AGTF-NL-MAC-M of QB Talk on Mauritian Independence and History at the Municipality of Quatre Bornes on Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> March 2018.
4. AGTF-NL-MAC-NAD talk on the occasion of World Book Day 'The Relevance of Books, the Past, and History' at SSS Flacq in Centre de Flacq on Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> April 2018.
5. SLAfnet training mid April 2018
6. Presented a paper on the Indentured Labour Documentation and Archival Heritage of the Republic of Mauritius at the ARSP-AGTF-IHC-MGI-regional conference on indentured labour on 18 and 19 July 2018.
7. Presented 2 papers, the first one on the Ram Leela and Ramayana chanting tradition among the Indian indentured workers and the Indentured Labour Documentation and Archival Heritage of the Republic of Mauritius and chaired a session at the Colloque International au Musée Stella Matutina L'engagement dans l'océan Indien, histoire globale, nouvelles perspectives Organisé en partenariat avec l'ODI REUNION et l'Université de la Réunion on 9 and 10 August 2018.

July 2017 – June 2018

Training

Name	Position	Title of training attended	Organisers	Dates
Corinne Forest	Head Technical Unit	Séminaire de formation des chefs de projets internationaux	Sites et Cités remarquables de France	28 May – 1 June 2018
Babita Bahadoor	Research Assistant	Training workshop on “ la restauration du patrimoine culturel pour les restaurateurs africains »	External Relations Office of the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of the People’s Republic of China in collaboration with the Central Academy of Cultural Administration (CACA) Central Academy of Cultural Administration (CACA), Beijing, China	08 – 18 May 2018
Vikram Mugon	Heritage Interpretation Manager	Train-the Trainers for the on- the job facilitators	National Productivity and Competitiveness Council	09-10 May 201
Maurina Soodin Runghen Satyendra Peerthum Christelle Miao Foh Babita Bahadoor Natasha Ramcharitar	Researcher Historian Research Assistants	Training in use of Greenstone	University of Mauritius, SLAFNET, CRSI	16 to 20 April 2018
Maurina Soodin Runghen	Researcher	Archival Resources Training Workshop On Slavery In The South West Indian Ocean	University of Mauritius, SLAFNET, CRSI	3-4 April 2018

Maurina Soodin Runghen	Researcher	ArcGIS I: Introduction to GIS & ArcGIS II: Essential Workflows	University of Mauritius, ESRI	11 to 15 Dec 2017
Maurina Soodin Runghen	Researcher	Introductory lecture on Greenstone platform and "technical terms"	University of Mauritius, SLAFNET, CRSI	18 & 25 Nov 2017

### Seminars and Conferences

Name	Position	Title of Conference attended	Organisers	Dates
Maurina Soodin Runghen	Researcher	Workshop on Digital Archive of Slave Societies in the USA	University of Mauritius, SLAFNET, CRSI	25 November 2017
Babita Bahadoor Presented a paper entitled: <i>The transition from Immigration Depot to Labour Department – the final years of indentureship in Mauritius</i>	Research Assistant	International Seminar on “ <b>Ending Indenture: Comparative Perspectives 1875-1938</b> ” in the context of the <b>Commemoration of the Centenary of the Abolition of Indentureship in the British Empire.</b>	CRSI & The Dept. of History & Political Science, University of Mauritius in collaboration with MRC, MGI & AGTF University of Mauritius, Réduit	<b>28 – 30 September 2017</b> 09 00 – 16 00hrs
Babita Bahadoor Presented a paper entitled: <i>From Sugar Estate to National Cultural Park : The Case of Bras d’Eau</i>	Research Assistant	Colloque international: « L’engagisme dans l’océan Indien, histoires globale, nouvelles perspectives »	ODI-Réunion Musée Stella Matutina, Piton Saint-Leu, Ile de la Réunion	09 – 10 August 2018



**REPORT OF THE  
DIRECTOR OF AUDIT**

**On the Financial Statements  
of the Aapravasi Ghat Trust Fund  
for the year ended 30 June 2018**



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# NATIONAL AUDIT OFFICE

## REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF AUDIT

### TO THE BOARD OF THE

### AAPRAVASI GHAT TRUST FUND

#### Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

#### Opinion

I have audited the financial statements of the Aapravasi Ghat Trust Fund, which comprise the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2018 and the statement of financial performance, statement of changes in equity and the cash flow statement for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

In my opinion, the accompanying financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Aapravasi Ghat Trust Fund as at 30 June 2018, and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Financial Reporting Standards for Small Entities issued under the Financial Reporting Act.

#### Basis for Opinion

I conducted my audit in accordance with International Standards of Supreme Audit Institutions (ISSAIs). My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of my report. I am independent of the Aapravasi Ghat Trust Fund in accordance with the INTOSAI Code of Ethics together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to my audit of the financial statements in Mauritius, and I have fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

#### Other Information

Management is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information in the annual report of the Aapravasi Ghat Trust Fund for the year ended 30 June 2018, but does not include the financial statements and my auditor's report thereon.

My opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and I do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with my audit of the financial statements, my responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or my knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work I have performed, I conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, I am required to report that fact. I have nothing to report in this regard.

#### **Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements.**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with Financial Reporting Standards for Small Entities issued under the Financial Reporting Act and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Aapravasi Ghat Trust Fund's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management intends to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance is responsible for overseeing the Aapravasi Ghat Trust Fund's financial reporting process.

#### **Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements**

My objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISSAIs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISSAIs, I exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. I also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Aapravasi Ghat Trust Fund's internal control.

- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Aapravasi Ghat Trust Fund's ability to continue as a going concern. If I conclude that a material uncertainty exists, I am required to draw attention in my auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify my opinion. My conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of my auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Aapravasi Ghat Trust Fund to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

I communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that I identify during my audit.

## **Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements**

### ***Management's Responsibility for Compliance***

In addition to the responsibility for the preparation and presentation of the financial statements described above, management is also responsible for ensuring that the activities, financial transactions and information reflected in the financial statements are in compliance with the laws and authorities which govern them.

### ***Auditor's Responsibility***

In addition to the responsibility to express an opinion on the financial statements described above, my responsibility includes expressing an opinion on whether the activities, financial transactions and information reflected in the financial statements are, in all material respects, in compliance with the laws and authorities which govern them. This responsibility includes performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about whether the Aapravasi Ghat Trust Fund's expenditure and income have been applied to the purposes intended by those charged with governance. Such procedures include the assessment of the risks of material non-compliance.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

## **Opinion on Compliance**

### ***Statutory Bodies (Accounts and Audit) Act***

I have obtained all information and explanations which to the best of my knowledge and belief were necessary for the purpose of my audit.

In my opinion, in all material respects, the activities, financial transactions and information reflected in the financial statements are in compliance with the Act.

### ***Public Procurement Act***

The Apravasi Ghat Trust Fund is responsible for the planning and conduct of its procurement. It is also responsible for defining and choosing the appropriate method of procurement and contract type in accordance with the provisions of the Act and relevant Regulations. My responsibility is to report on whether the provisions of Part V of the Act regarding the Bidding Process have been complied with.

In my opinion, the provisions of Part V of the Act have been complied with as far as it appears from my examinations of the relevant records.



**K.C.TSE YUET CHEONG (MRS)**  
Director of Audit

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29 April 2019

**AAPRAVASI GHAT TRUST FUND**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
30 JUNE 2018**

# **AAPRAVASI GHAT TRUST FUND**

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# AAPRAVASI GHAT TRUST FUND

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION  
AS AT 30 JUNE 2018

	Notes	2018 MUR	2017 MUR
<b><u>ASSETS</u></b>			
<b>Non-current assets</b>			
Property, plant and equipment	6	100,501,663	109,105,330
Employee benefits		-	-
		<u>100,501,663</u>	<u>109,105,330</u>
<b>Current assets</b>			
Inventories	9	1,298,431	1,005,940
Trade and other receivables		41,911	20,510
Cash and cash equivalents		<u>12,335,135</u>	<u>14,901,944</u>
		<u>13,675,477</u>	<u>15,928,394</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<u><u>114,177,140</u></u>	<u><u>125,033,724</u></u>
<b><u>EQUITY AND LIABILITIES</u></b>			
<b>Equity and reserves</b>			
Accumulated Fund	11	3,458,897	3,613,939
Revaluation Reserve	13	200,000	200,000
Donation		-	-
<b>Total equity</b>		<u>3,658,897</u>	<u>3,813,939</u>
<b>Non-Current liabilities</b>			
Deferred income	12	96,623,136	102,001,588
Employee Benefits	8	291,299	967,176
Trade and other payables	10	3,356,390	2,806,708

		<u>100,270,825</u>	<u>105,775,472</u>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Trade and other payables	<b>10</b>	<b>1,250,806</b>	<b>1,430,690</b>
Deferred Income	<b>12</b>	<u><b>8,996,612</b></u>	<u><b>14,013,623</b></u>
		<u><b>10,247,418</b></u>	<u><b>15,444,313</b></u>
<b>TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES</b>		<u><b>114,177,140</b></u>	<u><b>125,033,724</b></u>

Approved by the Board of Directors and authorised for issue on .....

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Chairman

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Board  
Member

The notes on pages 7 to 19 form part of the Financial Statements

# AAPRAVASI GHAT TRUST FUND

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2018

	<i>Notes</i>	(12- MONTHS) 2018 MUR	(18- MONTHS) 2017 MUR
Revenue	4	25,958,558	36,155,239
Refund from insurance		-	227,442
Finance Income		40,137	71,022
Release from Capital Grant	12	<u>10,795,462</u>	<u>15,221,036</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<u>36,794,157</u>	<u>51,674,739</u>
<b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>			
Administrative expenditure	<i>Appendix</i>	26,372,472	38,567,192
Finance costs	<i>Appendix</i>	20,295	23,624
Trianon Restoration project		280,227	76,594
Research programmes		59,010	405,386
Other costs		32,000	2,524
LED Project		(63,021)	665,928
Indentured labour route project		1,146,357	-
Flat island		344,277	56,981
Amortisation	6	7,670,588	11,505,882
Depreciation	6	<u>1,326,024</u>	<u>2,507,740</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>		<u>37,188,229</u>	<u>53,811,851</u>
<b><u>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR</u></b>		<u>(394,072)</u>	<u>(2,137,112)</u>

# AAPRAVASI GHAT TRUST FUND

CASH FLOW STATEMENT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE  
2018

	<b>(12- MONTHS)</b>	<b>(18- MONTHS)</b>
	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>
	<b>MUR</b>	<b>MUR</b>
<b>OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Net (deficit)/surplus	(394,072)	(2,137,112)
Adjustments for :		
Depreciation & Amortisation	8,996,612	14,013,622
Prior year adjustment	25,147	-
Release from Capital Grant	(10,795,462)	(15,221,036)
Other non cash movement		
Employee Benefits	(446,277)	(476,089)
Interest Income	<u>(40,137)</u>	<u>(71,022)</u>
Operating profit before working capital	(2,654,189)	(3,891,637)
Decrease/(increase) in inventories	(292,491)	(12,865)
Decrease/(increase) in trade & other receivables	(21,402)	(12,139)
(Decrease)/ increase in trade & other payables	<u>369,798</u>	<u>1,383,954</u>
Cash generated from operating activities	<u>(2,598,284)</u>	<u>(2,532,687)</u>
<b>INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Acquisition of property & equipment	<u>(408,662)</u>	<u>(3,764,175)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities	<u>(408,662)</u>	<u>(3,764,175)</u>



## AAPRAVASI GHAT TRUST FUND

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2018

	<b>Accumulated Fund MUR</b>	<b>Revaluation Reserve MUR</b>	<b>TOTAL MUR</b>
At 1 January 2016	6,906,188	200,000	7,106,188
Net Surplus for the year	(2,137,113)	-	(2,137,113)
Actuarial gain/(loss)	(1,155,136)	-	(1,155,136)
Transfer from donation	-	-	-
Revaluation of Motor Vehicles	-	-	-
At 30 June 2017	<u>3,613,939</u>	<u>200,000</u>	<u>3,813,939</u>
At 1 July 2017	3,613,939	200,000	3,813,939
Net (Deficit)/Surplus for the year	(394,072)	-	(394,072)
Actuarial gain/ (loss)	229,600	-	229,600
Prior year adjustment	9,430	-	9,430
<b>At 30 June 2018</b>	<b><u>3,458,897</u></b>	<b><u>200,000</u></b>	<b><u>3,658,897</u></b>

# AAPRAVASI GHAT TRUST FUND

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2018

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### 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Aapravasi Ghat is a trust fund established under the AGTF ACT No.31 of 21st December 2001 and domiciled in Mauritius. The address of its registered office is Ex-DWC Building, 1 Quay Street, Port Louis, Mauritius.

The principal activities of the trust fund are:

- a) To establish and promote Aapravasi Ghat as a National and International Memorial Site;
- b) To preserve and restore the aesthetic and architectural aspects of Aapravasi Ghat  
To set a museum at Aapravasi Ghat and create a public awareness in the history of the site and to depict the arrival, settlement and evolution of the immigrants in Mauritius;
- c) To promote the social and cultural aspects of Aapravasi Ghat;
- d) To encourage and support projects and publications related to indentured Labour System;
- e) To establish links with appropriate national, regional and International Organisations in line with the objects of the ACT and;
- f) To identify and acquire sites, buildings and structures linked with history of the arrival of immigrants in Mauritius.
- g)

### 2. REPORTING PERIOD

Comparative information has been re-stated or re-classified, as necessary, to conform to the current year's presentation

### 3. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied unless otherwise stated.

#### Statement of compliance

The financial statements are prepared in accordance and in compliance with Financial Reporting Standards for Small Entities issued by the Financial Reporting Council.

#### Basis of preparation

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention. The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting framework for Small Entities requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the year. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### Financial instruments

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised on the trust fund's statement of financial position when the trust fund has become a party to the contractual provisions of the instruments.

# AAPRAVASI GHAT TRUST FUND

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## **Accounting for Property, Plant and Equipment: Revaluation Reserve**

Revaluation of fixed assets is the process of increasing or decreasing their carrying value in case of major changes in fair market value of the fixed asset. Whenever Plant and Equipment is revalued and the revaluation results in a decrease, then both Plant and Equipment and the revaluation Reserve in the Statement of Financial Position are decreased by the amortised amount. In case of an increase in the asset's carrying amount, the increase is directly credited to the Revaluation Reserve Account and same is debited to the Plant and Equipment.

### **Other**

**receivables** - - - -

Other receivables are stated at original invoice less an estimate of doubtful receivables based on a review of all outstanding amounts at year end.

### **Other**

**payables**

Accounts payable are stated at fair value.

## **Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash comprises of cash at bank and in hand. Cash equivalents are short term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

## **Financial liabilities**

Financial liabilities are recognised initially at fair value plus any directly attributable transaction costs. Subsequent to initial recognition, these financial liabilities are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. The trust fund derecognises a financial liability when its contractual obligations are discharged or cancelled or expired.

## **Related parties**

For the purpose of these financial statements, parties are considered to be related to the Trust Fund if they have the ability, directly or indirectly, to control the trust fund or exercise significant influence over the trust fund in making financial and operating decisions, or vice versa, or where the trust fund is subject to common control or common significant influence. Related parties may be individuals or other entities.

## **Provisions**

A provision is recognised in the statement of financial position when the Trust Fund has a legal or constructive obligation as a result of a past event, and it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation.

## **Revenue recognition**

Income received from Government to meet recurrent expenditure is treated as revenue grant. Revenue from sale of books is recognized in the statement of financial performance when the significant risks and rewards of ownership have been transferred to the buyer.

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## Deferred income

Grants received from Government for capital expenditure are treated as deferred income. An amount equal to the depreciation charge for the year is transferred to other income in the statement of financial performance and the amount of deferred income to be amortised in the next 12 months is recognized as a current liability

## Expense recognition

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All expenses are accounted for in the statement of Financial Performance on an accrual basis

## Going Concern

The trust fund's management has made an assessment of the trust fund's ability to continue as a going concern and is satisfied that the trust fund has the resources to continue in business for the foreseeable future. Furthermore, the management is not aware of any material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt upon the trust fund's ability to continue as a going concern. Therefore, the financial statements continue to be prepared on the going concern basis.

## Employee benefits

The trust fund subscribes to a defined benefit plan, the assets are administered by Sicom Ltd. The pension costs are assessed using the projected unit credit method. The cost of providing the benefit is determined in accordance with actuarial review. The pension obligation is measured as the present value of the estimated future cash outflows using a discounted rate by reference to the current interest rates and the yields on bonds and treasury bills.

The trust fund's net obligation in respect of defined benefit pension plan is calculated by estimating the amount of future benefit that its employees have earned in return for their service in the current and prior periods, that benefit is discounted to determine the present value. Any unrecognized past service costs and the fair value of any plan assets are deducted. The discount rate is the yield at balance sheet date. The calculation is performed by a qualified actuary using the projected unit credit method every year.

When the benefits of a plan are improved, the portion of the increased benefit relating to past service by employees is recognised as an expense in the statement of Financial Performance on a straight - line basis over the average *period until the benefits become vested. To the extent that the benefits vest immediately, the expense is recognised immediately in the statement of Financial Performance.*

Where the calculation results in a benefit to the trust fund, the recognised asset is limited to the net total of any unrecognised actuarial losses and past service costs and the present value of any future refunds from the plan or reductions in future contributions to the plan.

## Employee Passage Benefit Entitlement

Employee entitlements to passage benefit allowance are recognised when they accrue to employees.

A provision is made for the estimated liability up to the balance sheet date.

# AAPRAVASI GHAT TRUST FUND

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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### Non-Current Assets

I. Property, Plant & Equipment are valued in the statement of financial position at cost less accumulated depreciation. The Apravasi Ghat Site at Trou Fanfaron is being restored and is now a World Heritage Site and Historical Site. Costs associated with the restoration of the site are being capitalised as work in progress under fixed assets. It had been the policy of AGTF to classify assets of amount Rs5,000 or above as Plant & Equipment. For year 2015 and onwards, the threshold of Rs10,000 has been adopted for classification of assets.

II. Depreciation

Depreciation is being calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets over their estimated useful lives as follows:

	Rate per annum
Furnitures & Fittings	10%
Office Equipment	20%
Motor Vehicles	20%
ICT	25%

- The policy is to charge full depreciation in the year of acquisition and no depreciation to be charged in the year of disposal. No depreciation has been provided on restoration works in progress. Fully depreciated Assets still in use are revalued and depreciated over remaining estimated useful life. The increase in valuation is accounted as revaluation reserve

II. Amortisation

Given the nature of activity of the AGTF and status of the Building (BRIC), it has been decided that the value of BRIC be amortised for a period of 10 years. This will reflect the reducing value of BRIC over time. The renovation work in BRIC was completed in year 2014, thus amortisation has been adopted for year 2015 and onwards.

### Inventories

Inventories are valued at the cost. Cost is determined on a first-in, first-out (FIFO) basis and includes expenditure incurred in acquiring the inventories and bringing them to their existing location and condition. Where necessary, a write off is made for obsolete and slow moving inventories.

### Government Grants

Asset-related grants are treated as deferred income, whereas income-related grants are recognized in the period they become receivable.

# AAPRAVASI GHAT TRUST FUND

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## 4 REVENUE

	<b>MUR</b>
Income recurrent	25,750,000
Sponsorship	52,030
Other income	2,400
Sale of books & articles	<u>154,128</u>
Cash Income received during the year	<u><b>25,958,558</b></u>

## 5 (DEFICIT)/ SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR

(Deficit)/ Surplus for the year has been arrived at after charging/(crediting):

	<b>MUR</b>
Staff costs	19,170,274
Operational costs	7,222,493
Recurrent expenditure on projects	1,803,951
Depreciation & amortisation	<u>8,996,612</u>
	<u><b>37,193,330</b></u>

Recurrent expenditure on projects for the amount of MUR 1,803,951 has been financed by capital grant.

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### 6. PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT

	Aapravasi Ghat	Office Equipment	Furniture & Fittings	Motor Vehicle	ICT	Total
	MUR	MUR	MUR	MUR	MUR	MUR
<b>COSTS</b>						
At 01 July 2017	124,734,790	4,328,076	603,073	1,995,375	5,026,345	136,687,659
Additions	-	144,011	80,546	-	184,105	408,662
Prior year adjustment	-	-	-	-	(25,147)	(25,147)
At 30 June 2018	<b>124,734,790</b>	<b>4,472,087</b>	<b>683,619</b>	<b>1,995,375</b>	<b>5,185,303</b>	<b>137,071,174</b>
<b>ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION</b>						
At 01 July 2017	19,176,470	3,136,279	164,666	972,070	4,132,844	27,582,329
Prior year adjustment	-	-	-	-	(9,430)	(9,430)
Amortisation - BRIC	7,670,588	-	-	-	-	7,670,588
Charge for the year	-	390,182	67,588	235,230	633,024	1,326,024
At 30 June 2018	<b>26,847,058</b>	<b>3,526,461</b>	<b>232,254</b>	<b>1,207,300</b>	<b>4,756,438</b>	<b>36,569,511</b>
<b>NET BOOK VALUES</b>						
At 30 June 2018	<b>97,887,732</b>	<b>945,626</b>	<b>451,365</b>	<b>788,075</b>	<b>428,865</b>	<b>100,501,663</b>
At 30 June 2017	<b>105,558,320</b>	<b>1,191,797</b>	<b>438,407</b>	<b>1,023,305</b>	<b>893,501</b>	<b>109,105,330</b>

**Aapravasi Ghat consists of the following:**

<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount MUR</b>
Development of a collection of BRIC	1,144,602
Setting up of BRIC	76,705,882
Buffer Zone	907,893
Vagrant Depot	2,344,675
Trianon	1,706,170
Research Programmes	4,268,379
Aapravasi Ghat World Heritage Site	35,882,905
LED Project	554,211
Flat Island	112,984
Promotion & Outreach Programme	1,107,089
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>124,734,790</b>

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### 7. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

#### Key Management Personnel

Key Management Personnel are:

- (a) All Directors or members of the governing body of the AGTF; and
- (b) Other persons having the authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the AG

The Management of AGTF comprises the officer in charge , Head of Technical Unit, World Heritage Site Manager and Heritage Interpretation Manager as Key Management Personnel.

The aggregate remuneration of Key management personnel and the number of members determined on full time equivalent receiving remuneration in this category are:

	30 June 2018	30 June 2017
	Mur	Mur
Director (till Jan 2016)	-	-
Officer-in-Charge	1,165,586	1,811,310
Other Key Management Personnel	2,603,408	3,890,304
Number of Persons	4	4

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## 8. EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

The trust fund participates in a pension plan administered by and invested with State Insurance Company of Mauritius Ltd(SICOM).

The following employee benefits information is based on the report of SICOM dated 30 June 2018.

	(12 Mths) <b>2018</b> <b>Mur</b>	(18 Mths) <b>2017</b> <b>Mur</b>
Amounts recognised in balance sheet at end of year		
Defined benefit obligation	(13,204,906)	(11,284,009)
Fair value of plan assets	12,913,607	10,316,833
	<u>(291,299)</u>	<u>(967,176)</u>
<b>Assets recognised in balance sheet at end of year</b>		
Amounts recognised in income statement:		
Current service cost	(1,120,407)	(1,577,673)
Past service cost	-	-
Employees contributions	622,101	828,397
Fund expenses	(32,252)	(84,073)
Net interest(expense)/income	<u>(13,664)</u>	<u>66,984</u>
	(544,222)	(766,365)
<b>Remeasurement:</b>		
Liability gain/(loss)	(47,007)	(1,071,117)
Assets gain/(loss)	<u>276,607</u>	<u>(84,019)</u>
Total Other Comprehensive Income(OIC) recognized	229,600	(1,155,136)

<b>Total</b>	<u><b>(314,622)</b></u>	<u><b>(1,921,501)</b></u>
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Movements in liability recognised in balance sheet:

At start of year	(967,176)	(288,129)
Amount recognized in P&L (Contributions paid by employer)	(544,222)	(766,365)
	990,499	1,242,454
Amount recognized in OCI	<u>229,600</u>	<u>(1,155,136)</u>
At end of year	<u><b>(291,299)</b></u>	<u><b>(967,176)</b></u>

The plan is a defined benefit arrangement for the employees and it is wholly funded. The assets of the funded plan are held independently and administered by the State Insurance Company of Mauritius Ltd.

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## 8. EMPLOYEE BENEFITS(CONT'D)

	(12 Mths) <b>2018</b> <b>Mur</b>	(18 Mths) <b>2017</b> <b>Mur</b>
Reconciliation of the present value of defined benefit obligation		
Present Value of obligation at start of period	(11,284,009)	(7,901,325)
Current service cost	(1,120,407)	(1,577,673)
Interest cost	(789,881)	(770,379)
(Benefits paid)	36,398	36,485
Liability gain/(loss)	<u>(47,007)</u>	<u>(1,071,117)</u>
<b>Present Value of obligation at end of period</b>	<b><u>(13,204,906)</u></b>	<b><u>(11,284,009)</u></b>
<b>Reconciliation of fair value of plan assets</b>		
Fair value of plan assets at start of period	(10,316,833)	(7,613,196)
Expected return on plan assets	(776,217)	(837,363)
Employer contributions	(990,499)	(1,242,454)
Employees contributions	(622,101)	(828,397)
(Benefits paid + other outgo)	68,650	120,558
Asset gain/(loss)	<u>(276,607)</u>	<u>84,019</u>
Fair value of plan assets at end of period	<u>(12,913,607)</u>	<u>(10,316,833)</u>
<b>Distribution of plan assets at end of period</b>		
	<b>June 2018</b>	<b>June 2017</b>
Percentage of assets at end of year	-	-
Government securities and cash	59.6%	56.6%
Loans	3.7%	4.4%
Local Equities	14.6%	15.8%
Overseas bonds and equities	21.6%	22.6%
Property	0.6%	0.6%
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>100%</u></b>	<b><u>100%</u></b>
<b>Additional disclosure on assets issued or used by the reporting entity</b>		

	<b>June 2018</b>	<b>June 2017</b>
	%	%
Percentage of assets at end of year	-	-
Assets held in the Entity's own financial instruments	-	-
Property occupied by the entity	-	-
Other assets used by the entity	-	-
At end of year	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Components of the amount recognized in OCI</b>		
Year	June 2018	June 2017
Currency	Mur	Mur
Asset experience gain/(loss) during the period	(276,607)	84,019
Liability experience gain/(loss) during the period	<u>47,007</u>	<u>1,071,117</u>
	(229,600)	1,155,136
<b>Year</b>	<b>2018/2019</b>	<b>2017/2018</b>
Expected employer contributions (Estimate to be reviewed by Aapravasi Ghat Trust Fund)	(980,051)	(879,715)
Weighted average duration of the defined benefit obligation (Calculated as a % change in PV liabilities for a 1% change in discount rate)	25 Years	29 Years

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## FIGURES FOR IAS19 ADOPTION FOR:

The plan is exposed to actuarial risks such as: investment risk, interest rate risk, longevity risk and salary risk. The risk relating to death in service benefits is re-insured.

The cost of providing the benefits is determined using the Projected Unit Method. The principal assumptions used for the purpose of the actuarial valuation were as follows:-

	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>
Discount rate	7%	6.5%
Future salary increases	4.5%	4%
Future pension increases	3.5%	3%
Mortality before retirement	A 6770 Ultimate Tables	
Mortality in retirement	PA (90) Tables- rated down by 2 years	
Retirement age	As per Second Schedule in the Statutory Bodies Pension Funds Act	

The discount rate is determined by reference to market yield on bonds.

Significant actuarial assumptions for determination of the defined benefit obligation are discount rate, expected salary increase and mortality. The sensitivity analyses below have been determined based reasonably on possible changes of the assumptions occurring at the end of the reporting period.

- If the discount rate would be 100 basis points (one percent) higher (lower), the defined benefit obligation would decrease by Rs. 2.8M (increase by Rs. 3.7M) if all other assumptions were held unchanged.

-If the expected salary growth would increase (decrease) by 100 basis point, the defined benefit obligation would increase by Rs. 2.6M, (decrease by Rs. 2.1M) if all assumptions were held unchanged.

-If life expectancy would increase (decrease) by one year, the defined benefit obligation would increase by Rs. 0.3M (decrease by Rs. 0.3M) if all assumptions were held unchanged.

In reality one might expect interrelationships between the assumptions, especially between the discount rate and expected salary increases, given that both depends to a certain extents on expected inflation rates. The analysis above abstracts from these interdependence between the assumptions.

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## 9. INVENTORIES (AT COST)

	2018 MUR	2017 MUR
<b>Publications</b>		
Publications as at 01st July	982,271	958,722
Add New Publications during the year	400,600	200,750
Less Publications sold/gifted	<u>(108,109)</u>	<u>(177,201)</u>
Balance as at 30 June	<u>1,274,762</u>	<u>982,271</u>
Spare parts- Woods as at 01st July	23,669	34,353
Less stock used	<u>-</u>	<u>(10,684)</u>
Balance as at 30th June	<u>23,669</u>	<u>23,669</u>
Add Stock Publication as at 30 June	<u>1,298,431</u>	<u>1,005,940</u>

## 10. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

	2018 MUR	2017 MUR
Accruals	331,897	805,961
Passage Benefits	999,894	569,775
Sick leaves	3,268,139	2,854,240
BRIC	<u>7,420</u>	<u>7,420</u>
	<u>4,607,350</u>	<u>4,237,396</u>

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<b>11.</b>	<b>ACCUMULATED FUND</b>		<b>2018 MUR</b>
	Balance as at 01st July 2017		3,613,939
	Movement during the year		(394,072)
	Actuarial gain/ (loss)		229,600
	Prior year adjustment		<u>9,430</u>
	Balance as at 30 June 2018		<u><b>3,458,897</b></u>
<b>12.</b>	<b>DEFERRED INCOME</b>		<b>2018 MUR</b>
	Balance as at 1st July 2017		116,015,210
	Grant received during the year		400,000
	Transfer to Other Income		<u>(10,795,462)</u>
			105,619,748
	Amount to be amortised within 1 year recognised as Current Liabilities		<u>(8,996,612)</u>
	Balance as at 30th June 2018		<u><b>96,623,136</b></u>
<b>13.</b>	<b>REVALUATION RESERVE</b>		
		<b>2018 MUR</b>	2017 MUR
	Motor Van - Balance as at 01 July	<b>200,000</b>	200,000
	Amortisation	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	Closing Balance as at 30 June	<u><b>200,000</b></u>	<u>200,000</u>

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**NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE**  
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	(12- MONTHS) 2018 (Rs)	(18- MONTHS) 2017 (Rs)
<b><u>ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURE</u></b>		
Salaries & related costs	19,170,274	28,299,765
Insurance - BRIC	94,746	171,633
Utilities	1,299,223	2,049,369
Staff costs	230,105	82,024
Motor Vehicle Running Expenses	205,332	251,447
Office expenses	125,578	188,603
Maintenance of Equipment,Buildings,Furniture, It,Signage	428,039	1,003,674
Site Miantenance	510,331	176,271
Cleaning Expenses	616,459	820,552
Professional charges	75,750	52,750
Postage, printing & stationery	270,495	409,731
Chairman & Board Members Fees	826,290	995,672
Newspaper & Publications	67,498	207,951
Training fees	40,215	35,000
General Expenses	73,194	17,574
Security	213,900	648,428
Events	993,991	1,569,434
Expenses - 2nd November	1,006,351	1,070,755
Membership Fee	-	28,167
Overseas Mission	-	304,507
Workshop/Seminars	16,592	-

Pedagogical Activities	-	6,686
Publication Costs	<u>108,109</u>	<u>177,201</u>
	<u>26,372,472</u>	<u>38,567,192</u>
<b>FINANCE COSTS</b>		
Bank charges	<u>20,295</u>	<u>23,624</u>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>		
Computer equipment	633,024	1,402,758
Office equipment	390,182	661,676
Furniture & fittings	67,588	90,461
Motor Vehicle	<u>235,230</u>	<u>352,845</u>
	<u>1,326,024</u>	<u>2,507,740</u>

**Salaries & Related costs consists of the following:**

Description	Amount (Rs)
Salary	13,067,938
Travelling	1,405,833
Overtime	610,771
Allowances	796,919
Gratuity	150,525
Pension AGTF	1,191,989
FPS AGTF	237,066
NSF AGTF	1,191,989
Passage Benefits	517,244
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>19,170,274</u></b>

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