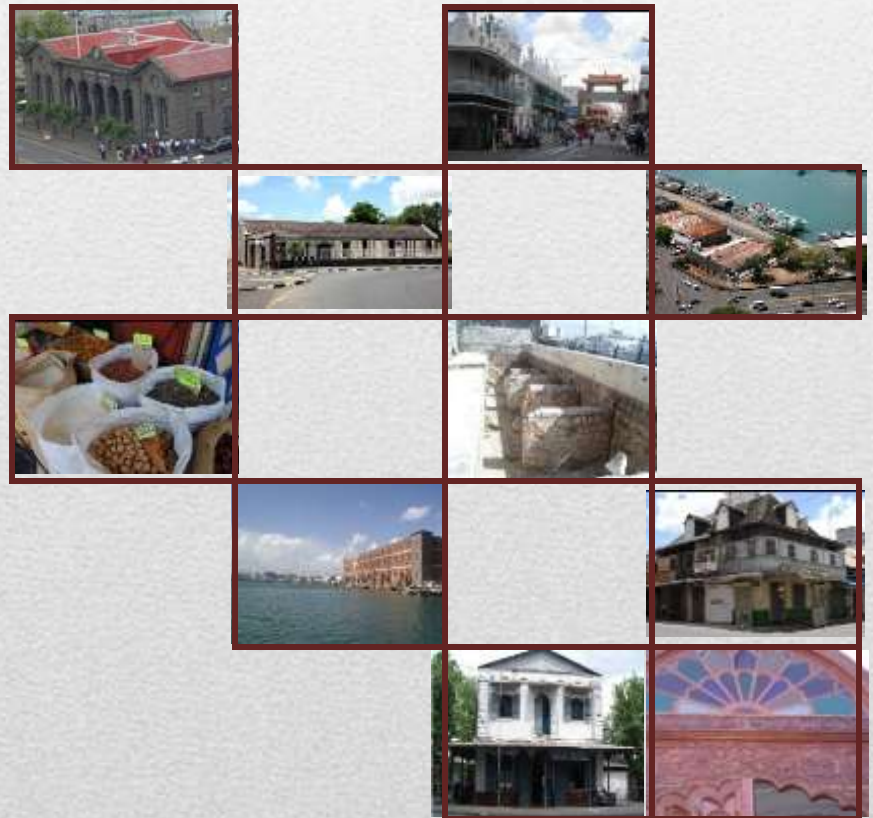

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1. ACRONYMS

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

2. INTRODUCTION AND ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FUND

(i) 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 Cultural Heritage.

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;

The Aapravasi Ghat Trust Fund, a corporate body which operates under the aegis of the Ministry of Arts and Cultural Heritage. it was established following enactment of the Aapravasi Ghat Trust Fund Act in 2001 and became operational as from 2002.

(ii) 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 Value¹ (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.”

¹ A definition is provided in the glossary.

A Buffer Zone² (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.

² The concept of buffer zone is explained in the annex.

3. PROFILE OF THE AGTF



i. 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 Cultural Heritage. The Fund ensures that proper standards of Corporate Governance are maintained. The report had been prepared as far as practicable in accordance with the code of Corporate Governance.

ii. 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.

iii. DIRECTOR APPOINTMENT PROCEDURES AND DUTIES

As per AGTF Act of 2001, the Board shall appoint a Director and determine his terms and conditions of appointment with the approval of the Minister. The Director will be responsible for the execution of the policy of the Board and control and manage the day to day business of the fund. Moreover, the director during his exercise of his function shall act in accordance with directions received from the Board. With approval of the Board he may delegate his powers to a member of staff. Since the departure of the Director, the administrative Secretary has been assigned to act as Officer-In-Charge as from January 2015.

iv. 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 Board, as the local part of the Corporate Governance System, was ultimately accountable and responsible for the performance and affairs of the fund. Its main responsibility was to determine the Fund's strategies, policies and values for implementation of the objects of the Fund as defined in the Act.

v. ROLE AND FUNCTION OF CHAIRMAN

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. The chairman of the AGTF was a non- executive and the core role and function of chairman are:

1. to preside over meetings of the Board and to ensure its smooth functioning in the interest of good governance;
2. to encourage and ensure active participation of members in discussion and Board Matters;
3. to ensure all relevant information and facts are placed before the Board to enable members to reach decisions;
4. execution of documents in accordance with section of the Act;
5. signing of cheques of the Fund.

vi. 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.

The Board was primarily responsible for the effectiveness and efficiency of the system of internal control while the design, implementation and monitoring of the devolves on management.

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

vii. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FUND AND ITS OBJECTIVES

❖ 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 Cultural Heritage 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

Director shall be responsible for the execution of the policy of the Board and for the control and management of the day to day business of the fund.

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 (1), Accounting Technician (1), Program Coordinator (1), Management Support Officer (4), Accounts Clerk (1), Confidential Secretary (1) and Office Attendant/Driver (3) in the absence of Director, the Administrative Secretary was acting as Officer-In-Charge since January 2015 till January 2021. In February 2021 the Director was recruited on a contractual basis for AGTF. Mrs Gyaram Indira Devi- Program Coordinator gone on pre-retirement as from February 2021 and one staff was acting as Program Coordinator.

❖ 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 Head Technical Unit (1), World Heritage Site Manager (1), Heritage Interpretation Manager (1), Researcher (1), Research Assistant (5), Field Guide (1), Heritage Guide/Public Outreach Officer (3), Site Conservation Worker (7), Security Guard (7), Gateman (1) and General Worker (3). The unit is managed by the Head Technical Unit (1). One Heritage Guide/Public Outreach Officer retired on marriage ground and one Heritage Guide applied for one year leave without pay. Same was approved by the AGTF Board.

❖ RISK MANAGEMENT POLICY

Risk Management Policy has been disclosed in the Financial Statement. The risk management was to direct the responsibility of the Board. Risk assessment and the quality of risk management process was the responsibility of the management.

❖ 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. Firefighting equipment, first aid boxes are fixed in places to ensure rapid and easy use.

With the propagation of the virus know as Covid-19 infection, we have been adhering to the measures taken whenever there is a suspected case of the Covid-19 infection. The procedures are being followed for cleaning and disinfecting premises. The new normal policies namely: checking of temperature on arrival of staff at office, hand sanitizer and social distancing are being observed.

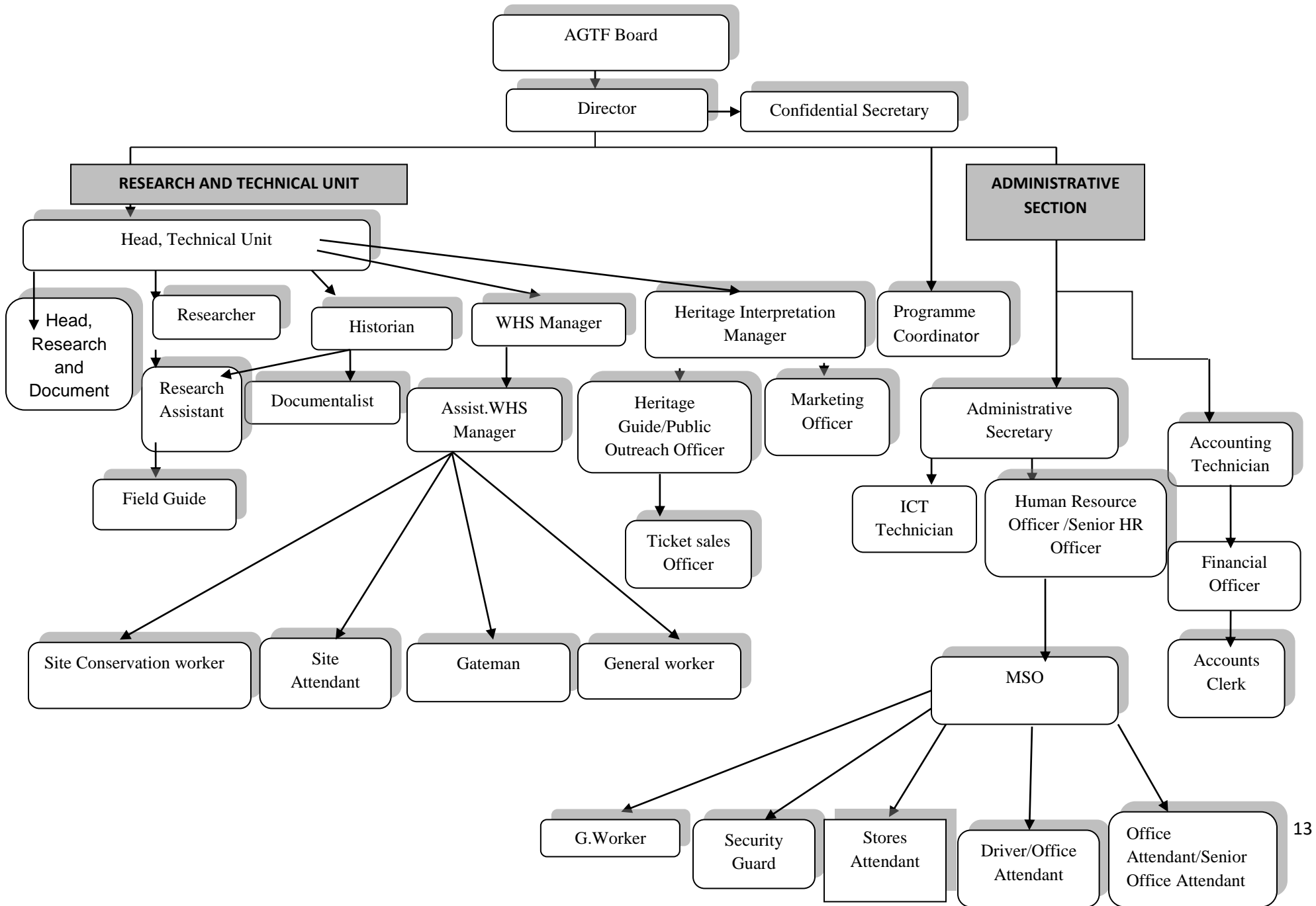
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❖ ORGANISATIONAL CHART



4. 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 and Economic , Planning and Development
- One representative of the Ministry of Arts and Cultural Heritage;
- One representative of the Ministry of Education and Human Resources, Tertiary Education and Scientific Research
- One representative of the Ministry of Tourism
- 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.

SN	Names	Details
1	Mr D Y D Dhuny Mr R Kanhye	Chairman Chairman nominated as from 20.01.2021
2	Mrs S Gokhool Mr M Jhummun	Vice -Chairperson Vice Chairperson as from nominated as from 20.01.2021
3	Mrs A S Jaunhangeer Mrs U Sohar	Representative from Ministry of Arts and Cultural Heritage
4	Mrs K F Boodhoo	Representative from Prime Minister's Office
5	Mr D Mathoora	Representative from the Ministry of Finance Economic, Planning and Development
6	Mr N N Seedoyal	Representative from Ministry of Tourism
7	Mr S Dowlutrao Mr Ramjuttan	Representative from National Heritage Fund
8	Mrs U D Kowlessur Dr G. Bissessur	Representative from Mahatma Gandhi Institute
9	Mrs L D Rupear	Representative from Ministry of Education and

		Human Resources
10	Mr A Kapoor Mr S Pahuja	Representative from High Commissioner of India Representative from High Commissioner of India nominated as from 26.02.2021
11	Mrs S Ramlallah	Member
12	Mr D Beejan	Member nominated as from 20.01.2021
13	Mrs J B Mahadoo Mrs K Dookeeram	Member Member nominated as from 20.01.2021
14	Ms D Boodhooa Mr Teckman Ennergeet	Member Member nominated as from 20.01.2021
15	Dr Anwar Janoo	Member

a) REMUNERATION OF CHAIRMAN AND BOARD MEMBERS

The Chairman, members of the board and other committees were remunerated in accordance with the provisions made in the Pay Research Bureau Report- the Chairman is paid a monthly fee amounting to Rs 28,500.00, and Board member fee of Rs 890.00/sitting.

b) BOARD AND SUB-COMMITTEES

The Board had set up various committees appointed under its powers conferred by the AGTF Act with specific delegated responsibilities:

- A Finance committee- To make recommendations to the Board in respect of any financial matters in particular all capital expenditure and recurrent expenses
- A staff committee which:-
 - (i) Recommended to the Board on all staff matters, in particular relating to recruitment, promotion, training etc
 - (ii) Advised the Board on matters relating to employment policy and strategies and human resource development etc including discrepancies matters.

c) PROFILE OF BOARD MEMBERS

- 1) Mr Dharam Yash Deo Dhuny is Chairman of AGTF, Educator and Rector of Progressive College, Riv Du Rempart. Rector (Redundant) at MEDCO. Alex Bhujoharry Secondary School, Port-Louis.
- 2) Mr Rishiraj Kanhye was nominated as Chairman of AGTF as from 20 January 2021 at the AGTF and he was working as an Education Officer in the previous years
- 3) Mrs Somatee Gokhool is Vice Chairperson of AGTF and Monitor of Driving School.

Mr Mukesh Jhummun was nominated as Vice Chairman as from 20 January 2021 at the AGTF and he is working as an Education Officer in a Private Secondary School.
- 4) Mrs U Sohar is the Assistant Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Arts and Cultural Heritage and is the representative of the said Ministry on AGTF Board.
- 5) Mrs A S Jauhangeer is the Principal Culture Officer at the Ministry of Arts and Cultural Heritage and is the representative of the said Ministry on AGTF Board.
- 6) Mr Nirvaan Nareshlall Seedoyal is the Assistant Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Tourism and representative of the said Ministry on AGTF Board.
- 7) Mrs K Fulena- Boodhoo works at the Prime Minister's Office and represents the said Ministry on AGTF Board.
- 8) Mr D Mathoora is working as Analyst at the ministry of Finance Economic, Planning and Development and represents the said ministry on the Board.
- 9) Mr Jayganesh Dawosing is working as lecturer at Mahatma Gandhi Institute in the department of Bhojpuri, Folklore & oral Traditions.
- 10) Mr Bissessur is working as Senior Lecturer/Head at Mahatma Gandhi Institute in the department of, Bhojpuri, Folklore & Oral Traditions
- 11) Mrs L D Rupear 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.
- 12) Mr. Shivajee Dowlutrao is the Officer in Charge of the National Heritage Fund and represents the fund on AGTF Board.
Mr Ramjuttun is the Technical Officer of the National Heritage Fund and represents the fund on AGTF Board.
- 13) Mr Ankush Kapoor is the first secretary and represents the High Commission of India of the AGTF Board.
- 14) Mrs Sunita Pahuja is the second secretary and represents the High Commission of India of the AGTF Board.

15)Mrs Sadhna Ramlallah is a nominated member.

16)Mr. Omduth Bundhoo is a nominated member and is working as priest.

17)Mr Devanund BeejanBeejan is a nominated member in the AGTF Board as from 20 January 2021

18)Mrs Krishnawtee Dookeeram is a nominated member in the AGTF Board as from 20 January 2021

19)Mr Teckman Ennergeet is a nominated member in the AGTF Board as from 20 January 2021.

20)Ms Divya Boodhooa is a nominated member

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

22)Mrs Jayshree Cooshna is a nominated member.

a) CONSTITUTION OF SUB-COMMITTEES IN 1 JULY 2019 TO 30 JUNE 2020

A Finance Committee		
SN	Names	Details
1	Mr D Mathoora	Representative from the Ministry of Finance Economic, Planning and Development
2	Mrs A S Jaunhangeer Mrs U Sohar	Representative from Ministry of Arts and Cultural Heritage
3	Mr N N Seedoyal	Representative from Ministry of Tourism
4	Mrs K F Boodhoo	Representative from the Prime Ministers' Office
5	Mrs S Gokool Mr T Ennergeet	Member
6	Mr M Jhummun	Member

(B) Staff Committee		
SN	Names	Details
1	Mrs A S Jaunhangeer Mrs U Sohar	Representative from Ministry of Arts and Cultural Heritage
2	Mr D Mathoora	Representative from the Ministry of Finance Economic, Planning and Development
3	Mr S Dowlutrao	Representative from National Heritage Fund
4	Mr N N Seedoyal	Representative from Ministry of Tourism
5	Mrs K F Boodhoo	Representative from the Prime Ministers' Office
6	Mrs S Gokool Mr T Ennergeet	Member
7	Mrs J Cooshna Mr Beejan	Member
8	Mrs S Gokhool Mrs K Dookeeram	Member
9	Dr A Janoo	Member

(c)	Editing Committee	
SN	Names	Details
1	Mrs A S Jaunhangeer	Representative from Ministry of Arts and Cultural Heritage
2	Mrs K F Boodhoo	Representative from the Prime Ministers' Office
3	Mr J Dawosing	Representative from Mahatma Gandhi Institute
4	Mrs S Ramlallah	Member
4	Mr M Jhummun	Member
5	Mrs J Cooshna	Member

(D)	Technical Committee	
SN	Names	Details
1.	Dr A Janoo	Chairperson
2.	Mrs A S Jaunhangeer Ms Rojee	Representative from Ministry of Arts and Cultural Heritage
3.	Mr D Mathoora	Representative from the Ministry of Finance Economic, Planning and Development
4.	Mr N N Seedoyal	Representative from Ministry of Tourism
5.	Mr S Dowlutrao Mr L Persand	Representative from National Heritage Fund
6.	Mrs Kowlessur Dr G Bissessur	Representative from Mahatma Gandhi Institute
7.	Mr B Jhummun	Member
8.	Mr Beejan	Member

(E)	Hindi Committee	
SN	Names	Details
1.	Mr M Jhummun	Member
2.	Dr A Janoo	Member
3.	Mrs S Pahuja	Member
4.	Mr D Beejan	Member
5.	Mr D Beejan	Member
6.	Dr G Bissessur	Representative from Mahatma Gandhi Institute
7.	Dr M Ramdharee	Representative from World Hindi Secretariat
8.	Mr K Bundhoo	Representative from Sanskrit Speaking Union
9.	Dr S Boodhoo	Representative from Bhojpuri Speaking Union
10.	Mr K Bundhoo	Representative from Sanskrit Speaking Union

(F)	2nd Novomber Yaj Committee	
SN	Names	Details
1	Mrs P Tulsi	Representative from Ministry of Arts and Cultural Heritage
2	Mrs S Ramlallah	Member
3	Mrs J B Cooshna	Member
4	Mrs S Gokool	Member
5	Mrs S Boodhoo	Member
6	Mr M Ramlallah	Member

(G)	Sub Committee icw 14th Anniversary of the Inscription of the AGWHS	
SN	Names	Details
1	Mr Jhummun	Member
2	Mrs J Cooshna	Member
3	Mrs S Gokool	Member

(H)	Strategic Plan Committee	
SN	Names	Details
1	Dr G Bissessur	Representative from Mahatma Gandhi Institute
2	Mr S Dowlutrao	Representative from National Heritage Fund
3	Mr M Jhummun	Member
4	Mr D Beejan	Member

(I)	Buffer Zone STAC Committee	
SN	Names	Details
1	Dr A Janoo	Chairperson
2	Mrs A S Jaunhangeer Ms Rojee	Representative from Ministry of Arts and Cultural Heritage
3	Mr D Mathoora	Representative from the Ministry of Finance Economic, Planning and Development
4	Mr N N Seedoyal	Representative from Ministry of Tourism
5	Mr S Dowlutrao Mr L Persand	Representative from National Heritage Fund
6	Mrs Kowlessur Dr G Bissessur	Representative from Mahatma Gandhi institute
7	Mr B Jhummun	Member

(J)	Inter Ministerial Committee for Indenture Labour Route Project	
SN	Names	Details
1	Mr V N Boodhun	Representative from Ministry of Arts and Cultural Heritage
2	Mr K Daworaz	Representative from Ministry of Arts and Cultural Heritage
3	Mr P Tulsi	Representative from Ministry of Arts and Cultural Heritage
4	Mr M Jhummun	Member
5	Mr D Beejan	Member

b) ATTENDANCE RECORDS & REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS OF MEMBERS

In total, 10 Board Meetings, and 2 Finance Committee meetings were held during the year July 2020 - June 2021.

Name	Board	Finance
	11	2
Mr D.Dhuny	5	-
Mr R.Kanhya	6	-
Mrs S.Gokool	6	2
Mr B.Jhummun	10	2
Mr N.Seedoyal	8	1
Mr D.Mathoora	11	2
Mr K. Fulena Boodhoo	6	1
Mr A.Janoo	10	-
Mrs A.S Jauhangeer	7	2
Mrs J.Cooshna	6	2
Mr T.Ennergeet	4	-
Mr Dev Beejan	5	-
Mrs Sunita Pahuja	4	-
Mr Dawosingh	4	-
Mr S.Dowlutrao	7	-
Mrs S.Ramlallah	10	-
Dr G.Bissessur	6	-
Mr D.Ramjuttun	2	-
Mrs L.D Rupear	4	-
Mr A.Kapoor	Nil	-

Name	Board	Finance
Mrs K.Dookeeram	3	-
Ms U.Sohar	3	-
Mr Jayen Ramasamy	1	-

c) NUMBER OF MEETINGS

• **HOLDINGS OF MEETINGS**

For the period under review, the main Board meeting of AGTF held 10 meetings and the holding of sub-committees were as follows:

Finance Committee	2 times
STAC Buffer Zone Committee	1 time
Editing Committee	2 times
2 nd November sub-Committee	1 time
Yaj Committee	1 time

d) REMUNERATION OF DIRECTORS OF BOARD

The Chairperson is entitled to a monthly allowance of Rs 28,500.

All other Board members receive an allowance of Rs 890 as per Board meeting and an allowance 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;
- Editorial Committee for the newsletter.

5. SENIOR MANAGEMENT PROFILE

1. Mr H. Ramgoolam Director
BSC Management- MBA
2. Mr V. Ramoutar Administrative Secretary
Master Degree in Public Sector Management
3. Ms C. Forest Head Technical Unit
PHD in Museology and Anthropology
4. Mr L.Andiapien World Heritage Site Manager-
Master Degree in Heritage Management
5. Mrs D.Chuckowree Accounting Technician
Graduate in Public Sector Financial Management

6. HUMAN RESOURCES

i. STAFFING AT AGTF

❖ RECRUITMENT POLICY AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE AND EMPLOYMENT.

1. Since the creation of the fund in the year 2001, the organization had been gradually resourced with various staff to be fully operational. Recruitment of all staff was made in accordance with the AGTF Act and established principles and guidelines as applicable in the public sector. All recruitments were made through the recommendations of the staff committee meeting and approved by the AGTF Board.

❖ STAFFING POSITION

Staffing positions on establishment or contractual are as follows:

Members of Administrative Unit

Post	No. in Post	Remarks
Director	1	Appointed as from 10 February 2021
Administrative Secretary	1	
Accounting Technician	1	
Confidential Secretary	1	
Ag Program Coordinator	1	
Accounts Clerk	1	
Management Support Officer	4	
Office Attendant	1	
Office Attendant/Driver	2	
Security Guards	7	

Members of Technical Unit

Head Technical Unit	1
World Heritage Site Manager	1
Heritage Interpretation Manager	1
Historian	1
Researcher	1
Research Assistant	5

Heritage Guide/Public Outreach Officer	3
Field Guide	1
Site Conservation Worker	7
Gateman	1
General Worker	5

ii. WORKSHOPS / LECTURES / TRAINING / CONFERENCES ATTENDED FOR THE PERIOD: JULY 2020 – JUNE 2021

Date	Activity	Duration	Attended by	Fees paid
October 2020	Mauritius and the Muslims by the Islamic Cultural Centre	1 day	Mr Peerthum	
17 March 2021	ICOMOS SDGs Working Group Webinar on “Heritage and sustainable development goals: policy guidance for heritage and development actors”, Online by ICOMOS	Half day	Mrs Runghen	Nil
21 April 2021	Webinar icw International Day for Monuments and Sites 2021, Online by AGTF, NHF, LMHTF, NMCAC	Half day	All members of Research and Technical Units	Nil
28 April 2021	Esri South Africa Indianoceanica User Group Meeting on “Building Resilient Communities through GIS”, Online by ESRI, Geovision	1 day	Mrs Runghen	Nil
05 May 2021	Webinar icw African World Heritage Day, Online by AGTF, NHF, LMHTF, NMCAC	Half day	All members of Research and Technical Units	Nil
16 May 2021	Webinar on Indo-Caribbean traditional, neo-traditional and Creole Music, Online by Indo-Caribbean Cultural Centre	2 hours	Mrs Runghen	Nil
25 May 2021	Consultations in Africa for the preparation of the Global Action Plan of the International Decade of Indigenous Languages (2022-2032), Online by UNESCO	Half day	Mrs Runghen	Nil

27 May 2021	ichLinks Official Launching Ceremony and project presentation Webinar, Online by International Information & Networking Center for Intangible Cultural Heritage in the Asia-Pacific Region (ICHCAP)	Full day	Mrs Runghen	Nil
16 June 2021	What's the value of an endangered language? Indigenous language and identity in rural Taiwan, Online by International Institute for Asian Studies	Half day	Mrs Runghen	Nil
June 2021	Africa Border Day seminar by PMO	1 day	Mr Peerthum	

iii. MISSION OVERSEAS

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7. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

FUNDS ALLOCATED FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2020-2021

For financial year 2020-2021 government has allocated.

❖ RECURRENT GRANT

The government grant for recurrent expenditure was MUR 24 Million for the financial year 2020/2021 and the said amount was disbursed to the AGTF during the year.

❖ CAPITAL GRANT

The AGTF has not received any capital Grant for this period.

8. THE RESEARCH AND TECHNICAL UNIT

The Research Unit and Technical Unit was created in 2003 and comprise of about 27 Staff.

The unit is divided in four sections as follows:



Research

- History
- Intangible Cultural Heritage
- Anthropology
- Archaeology

- Historian
- Researchers
- Research Assistants

Promotion and Outreach

- Heritage Interpretation
- Public Programme
- Events & activities

- Heritage Interpretation Manager
- Heritage Guides / Public Outreach Officers

Conservation

- Conservation and maintenance of WHP & other sites related to Indenture
- Heritage Documentation

- WHP Manager
- Research Assistant
- Site Conservation Workers
- General Workers

Heritage monitoring In the Buffer Zones

- Documentation
- Regular inspection
- Reporting on state of conservation

- WHS Manager
- Research Assistant

9. VISITS AT WORLD HERITAGE SITE

The visit at the Apravasi 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). Due to Covid 19, most of the visits were conducted with the existing protocol as per Ministry of Health and Quality of Life (MOHC).



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 2nd November 2014 in the context of the 180th 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 Apravasi 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.

(i). PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Opening Hours

Monday - Friday: 9.00 – 16.00

Saturday: 9.00 – 12.00

Closed on Sundays and Public Holidays

**VISITATION AT THE
AAPRAVASI GHAT
WORLD HERITAGE SITE
01 JULY 2020- 30 JUNE 2021**



(II) IMPACT OF COVID 19 PANDEMIC ON VISITATION AT THE AAPRAVASI GHAT WORLD HERITAGE SITE

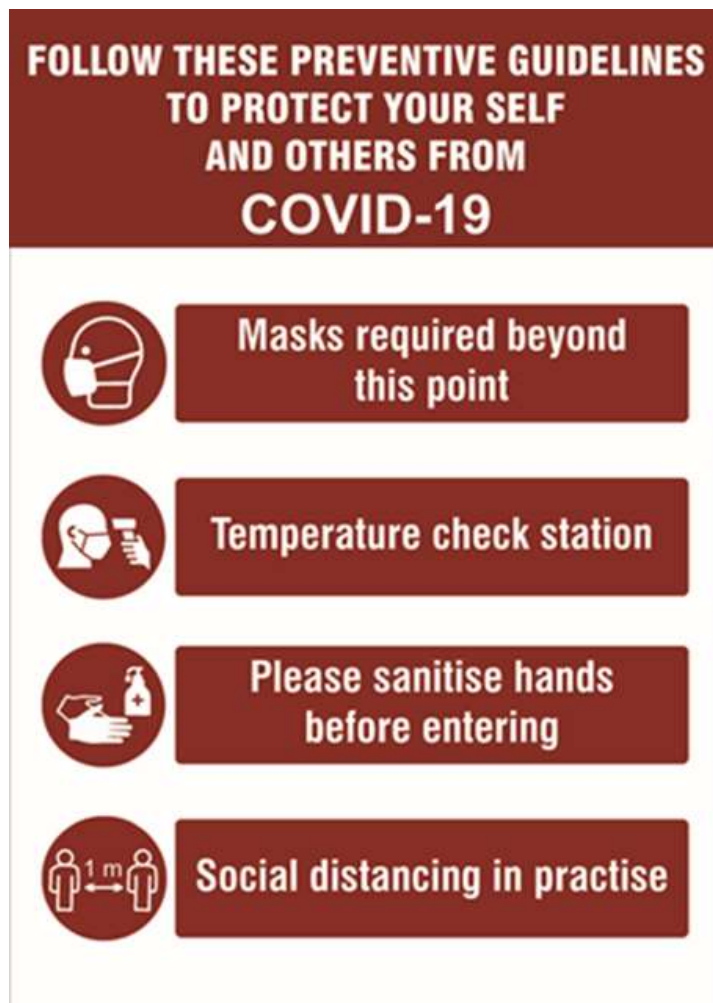


Figure 1 signage pruning measures for limiting the propagation of covid 19

2020 and 2021 have been exceptional one for the world at large. The Covid-19 pandemic has brought a number of unprecedented measures leading to think of new ways to promote and take care of our heritage. At the height of the crisis, it was reported that 90% of countries with World Heritage properties had closed or partially closed them and respondents to this survey still reported an average figure of 71% closure of sites in February 2021. Visitors to World Heritage sites dropped by 66% in 2020.

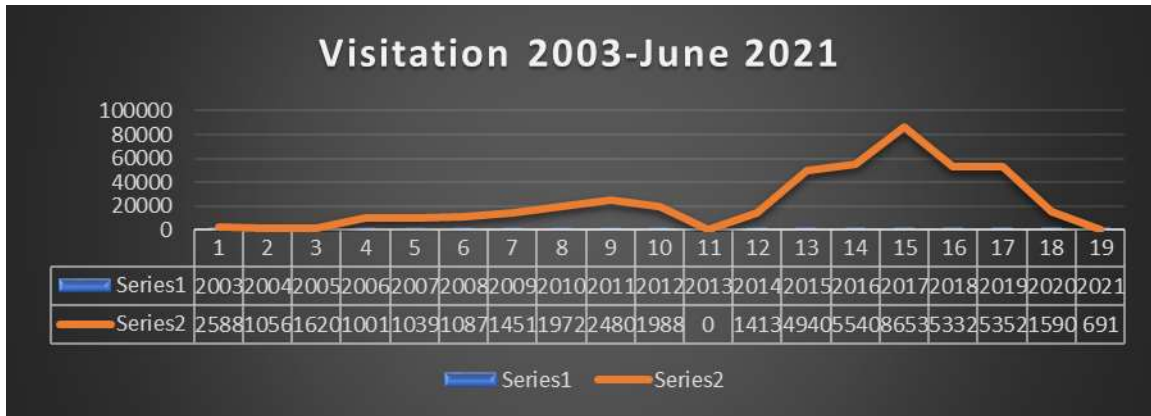
In Mauritius, the Aapravasi Ghat World Heritage Site opened its doors after almost 3 months of closure on 15 June 2020 introducing specific measures to responding to the Covid –19 prevention. Screening of temperature at the entrance, wearing masks, presence of sanitizer and signage reminding visitors constantly of the practice of social distancing, prescribed

routes and extra cleaning, protocols are among some of the changes that were introduced. Together with these sanitary measures, the Covid 19 led to a significant decrease in the number of visitors with the closure of the national frontiers.

These figures decreased further as the second wave of the epidemic affected Mauritius again in March 2021 and the Aapravasi Ghat was closed to the public again.

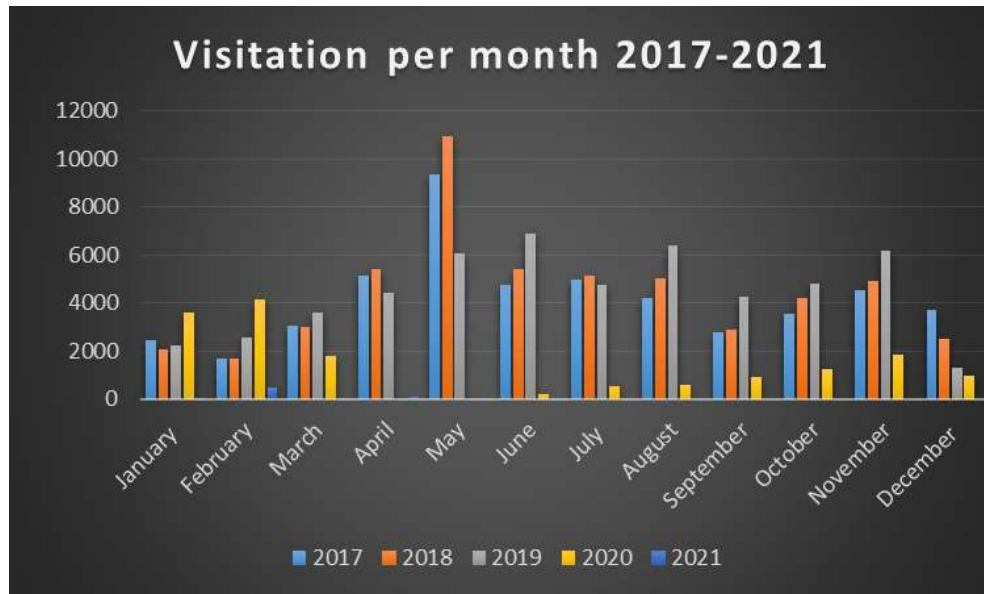
(iii) IMPACT ON VISITS

Complete and subsequently partial lockdowns imposed in Mauritius during March-June 2020 and March –June 2021 and the closure of frontiers, resulted in a sharp decrease in the number of visitors to the Aapravasi Ghat World Heritage Site. Compared to 2019, there has been a decrease of 71.4 % in terms of visitation. From 55 528 visitors in 2019, there were 15907 visitors in 2020. Comparing the same periods of January -June with the period of January-June 2021 we note a decrease of 97.8%



Graph 1 Visitation at the Aapravasi Ghat World Heritage Site 2003- 30 June 2021

In 2019 the site was opened for 271.3 days with an average number of 205 visitors per day. However this figure decreased for the period of July 2020 to June 2021. The average number of visitors for the period of opened number of days amounted to 25 visitors per day.



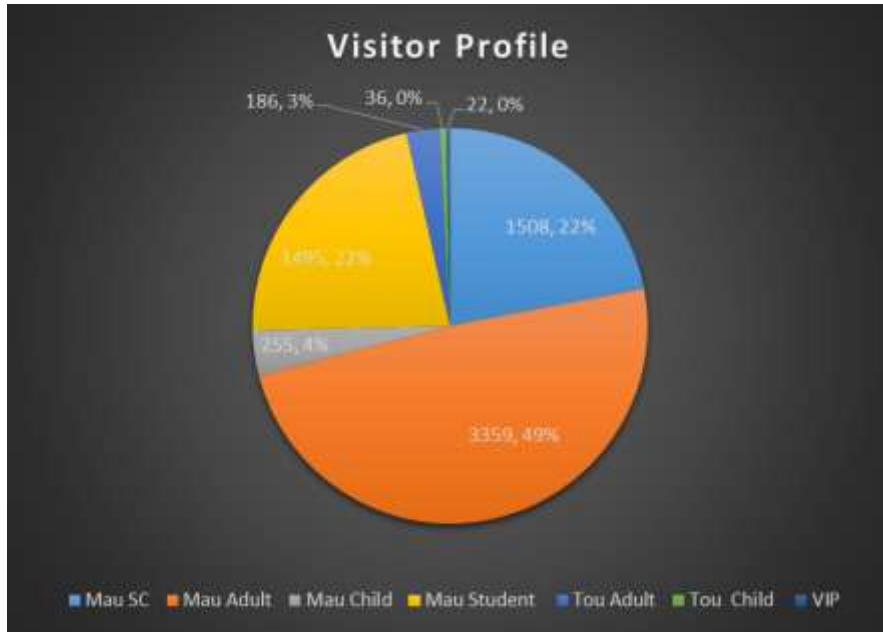
Graph 2 Comparative Month to Month Visitation (2017-2020)

We note that the number of visitors for the months of January and February 2020 were significantly higher than the past 4 years giving indication that if there had not been for the pandemic, we would have had an increase in the total visitation for the year 2020. Indeed there was a rise of 59.8 % and a rise of 63.9 % respectively for the months of January and February 2020.

(iv) VISITS OF INBOUND TOURISTS VS DOMESTIC TOURISTS

Inbound tourists accounted for 58.1 % of visitors to the Aapravasi Ghat World Heritage Site in 2019. In 2020 they accounted for 47.6% of the total number of visitors with an important chunk of this audience coming in January and February 2020. 84.25% and 75.3 % of the number of visitors in January 2020 and February 2020 were inbound tourists. For the period July 2020 to June 2021 this figure amounted to 4% with either VVIP visitors on official visit or stranded tourists. The larger chunk of visitors were domestic with 96%.

(v) PROFILE OF VISITORS TO THE AAPRAVASI GHAT IN 2020-21



Graph 3 Profile of Visitors at the AGWHS

(vi) EXPECTED INCOME

CATEGORY	NUMBER	UNIT FARE	Expected Income
Mau SC	1508	25	37700
Mau Adult	3359	50	167950
Mau Child	255	0	0
Mau Student	1495	20	29900
Tou Adult	186	250	46500
Tou Child	36	100	3600
VIP	22	0	0
	6861		285650

Table 1 Expected Income

We note that had entrance fee been charged, a sum of **MRU 285,650.00** would have been collected.

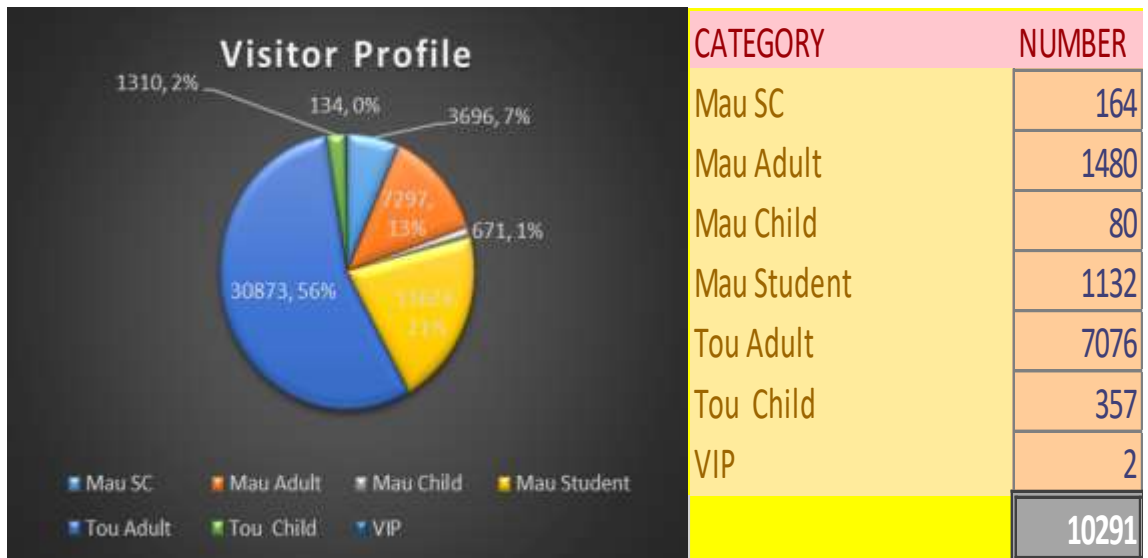
(vii) PROJECTIONS FOR 2021

With the high rate of vaccination, the opening of frontiers and the loosening of sanitary protocols as from 01 October 2021 the number of visitors is expected to rise considerably as from the month of October 2021. We may expect a higher number of inbound tourists. We may expect to have the same number of visitors as in 2020

(viii) TOTAL NUMBER OF VISITORS BY MONTH FOR JANUARY – JULY 2020

MONTH	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total
Mau SC	39	77	7	0	0	13	28						164
Mau Adult	336	524	141	0	0	132	347						1480
Mau Child	32	8	6	0	0	23	11						80
Mau Student	160	418	427	0	0	12	115						1132
Tou Adult	2916	2934	1176	0	0	11	39						7076
Tou Child	117	198	28	0	0	0	14						357
VIP	0	2	0	0	0	0	0						2
Total	3600	4161	1785	0	0	191	554						10291
NUMBER OF OPENING DAYS	22.5	21	14	0	0	11	25						93.5
Average number of visitors	160	198	128	0	0	17	22						110
Number of guided visits													
Foreigner	3033	3134	1204	0	0	11	53						7435
Mauritian	567	1027	581	0	0	180	501						2856
Perc Foreigner	84.25	75.3	67.5	0	0	5.8	9.6						72.2
Perc Mauritian	14.75	24.7	32.5	0	0	94.2	90.4						26.8

(ix) VISITOR PROFILE



(x) EXPECTED INCOME IN CASE OF ENTRANCE FEE

	Expected I
Mau SC	4100
Mau Adult	74000
Mau Child	0
Mau Student	22640
Tou Adult	1769000
Tou Child	35700
VVIP	0
	1905440

(xi) COMPARATIVE VISITATION BY MONTH FOR PERIOD 2017-2020

	2017	2018	2019	2020
January	2472	2066	2253	3600
February	1702	1696	2538	4161
March	3068	3009	3576	1785
April	5122	5426	4425	0
May	9340	10939	6078	0
June	4760	5401	6918	191
July	4996	5135	4762	554
August	4187	5050	6424	
September	2755	2915	4274	
October	3543	4214	4802	
November	4554	4939	6198	
December	3725	2531	1280	
	50224	53321	53528	10291



(xii) VISITATION BY YEAR SINCE 2003



Year	Number
2003	2588
2004	1056
2005	1620
2006	10010
2007	10395
2008	10872
2009	14513
2010	19727
2011	24800
2012	19882
2013	0
2014	14135
2015	49400
2016	55400
2017	86538
2018	53321
2019	53528
2020	10291
	438076

10. MANAGEMENT OF SITES UNDER THE PURVIEW OF THE AGTF


1. MAINTENANCE OF THE AAPRAVASI GHAT WORLD HERITAGE SITE



- Maintenance of the Trusses and beams inside the Hospital Block;
- Maintenance and repair of wooden shingles on roof of the Hospital Block as per maintenance plan
- Removal of algae from stone walls along the AGWHS;
- Removal of deposited carbon monoxide residue on walls of Privies Area
- Trimming of trees Bois Noir in front of Hospital Block
- Partial Repair of gutter at the back of the Hospital Block
- Repair of wooden pathway in front of BRIC;
- Site preparation for the annual commemoration function for the arrival of Indentured Labourers in Mauritius.


2. MAINTENANCE OF THE OLD LABOURERS' QUARTERS AT TRIANON


- Regular maintenance work to remove algae growth from walls inside the barracks
- Regular maintenance of the 2acres of land including cutting of wild vegetation and application of herbicides;
- Reworked maintenance schedule for the Old Labourers' Quarters;
- Clearing of land identified for AGTF head office.
- Consolidation of metal entrance gate;
- securing of funds for the installation of panels at Trianon;
- Securing of funds for recruitment of a landscape architect for development of basic visitor facilities and provision for a mobile toilet container;
- On-going research development of Trianon Sugar Estate post indenture period.

11. LIST OF BUILDING AND LAND USE PERMIT (BLUP) ASSESSED BY THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE AT THE CITY COUNCIL OF PORT LOUIS – JULY 2020 TO JUNE 2021

	Application & Location	Building ID & Grade	Nature of Application	Technical Committee held on	Recommendation of Technical Committee
1.	<p>Societe Va Siong Kwong Sow (Chinese Chamber of Commerce) Corner Royal and Corderie Street</p> 	<p>29/NE Grade 1</p>	<p>Renovation and addition</p>	<p>31 July 2020 05 February 2021 26 February 2021</p>	<p>Application was kept in abeyance.</p>
2.	<p>Late Bai Rehmatbai Waqf represented by Mr. Carrim Abdulla Currimjee Duke of Edinburgh Street</p>	<p>20/25/2/19/N1 Grade 1</p>	<p>Extension (Inner courtyard) - <i>Proponent deviated from approved plans</i></p>	<p>05 February 2021</p>	<p>Application recommended with conditions. was positively</p>

	Application & Location	Building ID & Grade	Nature of Application	Technical Committee held on	Recommendation of Technical Committee
					
3.	<p> Société Marina Walk rep. by Ms Kinoo Salima Beegum 1, Dr Joseph Rivère Street </p> 	<p> 24/S Grade 3 </p>	<p>Construction</p>	<p>26 February 2021</p>	<p>Application was kept in abeyance.</p>

	Application & Location	Building ID & Grade	Nature of Application	Technical Committee held on	Recommendation of Technical Committee
4.	<p>Late Rehmatbai WAQF rep. by Mr Carrim Abdulla Currimjee</p> <p>4/6, Sir William Newton & Duke of Edinburgh Street</p> 	<p>20/25/2/19/N1</p> <p>Grade 1</p>	Fixing of Signage	26 February 2021	Application was kept in abeyance.
5.	Central Market	<p>16/W1/E4</p> <p>Grade 1</p>	Upgrading of fish and meat market	<p>31 July 2020</p> <p>05 February 2021</p>	- Application was kept in abeyance considering that the proposed project is listed under the Action Area Plan (AAP) and an overarching HIA/VIA would be required to evaluate

	Application & Location	Building ID & Grade	Nature of Application	Technical Committee held on	Recommendation of Technical Committee
	Quay & Farquhar Streets 			26 February 2021	same.

12. OBJECTIVE OF THE RESEARCH-BUFFER ZONE

(I). NEW RESEARCH ON THE FOOD PRODUCTION IN MAURITIUS BY MS RUNGHEN

The aim of this project is to understand the contribution of indentured labourers, specially old labourers in this sector and the importance of the port in the subsistence of the colony during indentured period.

The research questions that the project seeks to answer are:

- What are the sources of food supply for 19th century Mauritius?
- Where does the food come from?
- How does the local food production contribute to this supply?

The research is being done primarily by collecting data from Blue Books about the importation of food items and volume and types of food that were produced. Additional sources identified for further research include: Annual Governor's Reports, District Commissioners Reports, The Protector of Immigrants Reports, Census Reports.

Contribution to publications based on reading for the project: Rezah M. Badal, Hemanaden Runghen, Maurina S. Runghen, Shameelah A. H. Mamode, Sivane Munnaroo, In press. *Underwater Cultural Heritage in Mauritius – A glimpse into its Management Perspective*, in: *Across the Shore: Integrating Perspectives on Heritage, When the Land Meets the Sea*. Springer Science + Business Media.

(II). ONGOING MAPPING OF INDENTURED POPULATION BY MS RUNGHEN

The project was initiated in the context of the Indentured Labour Route and in collaboration with the Centre for Research on Slavery and Indenture of the University of Mauritius.

It aims at compiling the number of individuals who were employed as indenture labour and ex apprentices in Mauritius over the 19th century. The figures will be classified into categories according to gender, type of work, origin and place of residence in Mauritius (sugar estate and/or villages) to facilitate further analysis.

A Geodatabase is being prepared for this project by following online tutorials and lectures.

In addition, volunteers have started input using data already collected by the AGTF during various research projects. This data will be used to test the Geodatabase.

The project was presented during the ISC meeting held in January 2021

(III). ORAL HISTORY UNIT BY MS JANKEE AND MS RUNGHEN

Research on the Oral history and intangible cultural heritage related to indenture

The objective of this project is to document the various facets of the indenture experience from the perspective of their descendants. Between 2005 and 2018, about 1,000 interviews and recordings were carried out under the various projects, namely:

- Indenture to VRS (2005 to 2009);
- an inventory of Intangible Cultural Heritage (2010), memories of the area around the Aapravasi Ghat (2011);
- documentation of festivals and celebrations of indentured descendants (2016-2018); and

- Geet Gawai documentation for monitoring following Listing on UNESCO’s ICH Representative List (2017-2018).

During the period July 2019 to June 2020, the team has focused on the following aspects in line with the mandate of the AGTF:

- i. **Facilitating access to oral history and intangible cultural heritage related to indenture for the public, especially for researchers**
 - a. To this end, the recordings done for the project “Indenture to VRS” (2005 to 2009) were catalogued. A simplified version of the catalogue will soon be available on the AGTF website.
 - b. The information gathered from the project “memories of the area around the Apravasi Ghat” (2011) were reviewed and discussed in internal working sessions to review the objectives of the project. The new phase focused on the attributes of the Apravasi Ghat World Heritage Property to aid in better understanding the dynamics between the WHP and its context.
 - c. Focus is also laid on the transcription of interviews done to facilitate access to more researchers.

Transcriptions

In addition, the transcriptions done in the past by interns or Field Guides are being reviewed to ensure a uniformity in methodology and in writing. The review process has revealed the following pitfalls when transcriptions are done without proper training or supervision:

- i. Transcribers tend to neglect transcribing questions. Since the interviews did not follow a set questionnaires but rather followed the flow of the conversation according to an outline of research questions, this might be an issue for interpretation in the future. Furthermore, since the content of the interviews are expected to be used by external researchers as well, this might be an issue when attempts are made to analyse the responses.
- ii. Transcribers tend to summarise answers. This might be an issue as the small details are lost in such processes. For example if in answer to a question “did you go to school?” a respondent says “no, I did not go to school because it was too far”, and the transcriber just notes “no”; we lose the small detail: distance from school was a factor in education.
- iii. Spelling of words tend to differ according to the transcriber’s own pronunciation. For instance, the use of “ghai” instead of “gaye” for the Bhojpuri word for cow. This might lead to issues in interpretation. The task is even more difficult as there is no set dictionary for Mauritian Bhojpuri.

Summaries in English with keywords

While Mrs Jankee is reviewing the transcriptions, she is also preparing a summary of the interview and time references to facilitate connection between keywords and the interview. This information will facilitate the access to the interview by researchers and the retrieval of information in the long run. An average of 5 transcriptions are being verified and summarised per year.

- ii. **Promotion of the Oral History and Intangible Cultural Heritage related to indenture through events**
 - a. The team also organises the performance of Geet Gawai tradition bearers to welcome VIP visitors at the AG WHP.

- b. The team collaborated with the MGI team for the preparation of cultural items that reflect the indentured labourers heritage in the context of the 2nd November 2020 commemoration ceremony.
- iii. **Promotion of the Oral History and Intangible Cultural Heritage related to indenture through reports, papers and presentations**
 - a. Presentation on Phagwa during International Conference in March 2021
 - b. An article on the importance of Phagwa was submitted for the 2021 AGTF Magazine
- iv. **Promotion of the Oral History and Intangible Cultural Heritage related to indenture through video clips and other forms that can be easily disseminated across platforms**
 - a. A clip showing the importance of bhel fruit was disseminated on AG HWP Facebook page in the context of the IDMS April 2020.
 - b. Worked in collaboration with the MBC to produce clips on and to promote indenture history and legacy through regular radio programs.
- v. **New Oral History projects initiated during the period include:**
 - a. Oral History to document the attributes of the AG WHP
 - i. Objectives of the research
 1. Documentation of buildings such as Merchant Navy Club that no longer exist;
 2. Document existing buildings and spaces such as Immigration square, Central Market, Jummah Mosque, Central Post Office, Citadel, China Town, La Corderie and other streets, Granary, Govt House etc
 3. Document old Port Louis by asking people information on how Port Louis was before; this would help in localizing buildings no longer in existence and in documenting historic buildings.
 - ii. Aspects that were covered during the interviews
 1. Techniques of construction, sourcing materials, vernacular names for materials and techniques, changes made to buildings
 2. Immigration square: How was it before? Symbolism and perception of people.
 3. Communication and transport;
 4. Train functioning in the Buffer Zone
 5. Continuity and evolution in space use in Buffer Zone
 6. Socio-economic activities in Buffer Zone
 7. Craftsmanship
 8. Games and traditional games in Buffer Zone
 9. Port Activities
 10. Calendar of activities
 11. Symbolism in Buffer Zone
 12. Major places, perception of the building by people, beliefs etc
 - iii. Interviews were conducted during FY 2020-2021 for this project. In addition, Interviews done in the past to document the Buffer Zone of the Aapravasi Ghat and ... interviews done in the past while documenting the ICH related to indentured labour and their descendants were reviewed to extract information for the present project.

Assistance in the promotion of the intangible heritage related to indenture

- Mrs Kiran Chuttoo-Jankee also assisted in the preparation of popular and other events for the promotion of the intangible heritage related to indenture as follows:
 - b. Geet Gawai Utsav 2020 on 02nd December 2020 by the Bhojpuri Speaking Union
 - c. Contributed in a local movie- Geet Gawai- A cultural Heritage by Varun Nunkoo, A project financed by National Arts Fund.
 - d. Two 30mins programs in Bhojpuri for program Ab aur Tab on Aapravasi Ghat and BRIC
 - e. Radio programs on Heritage in Bhojpuri

Sharing of Oral History information and techniques

- The documentation of Mauritian History through the use of Oral History has gained impetus over the past years. Given our experience in the field, the AGTF and its staff, namely Mrs Kiran Chuttoo-Jankee were requested to share their experience for the following:
 - a. a project carried out by the Prof. Basdeo Bissoondoyal Trust Fund and the Mauritius Film Development Corporation under the aegis of the Ministry of Arts and Cultural Heritage for the production of a 26 mins documentary on Professor Basdeo Bissoondoyal.
 - b. a storytelling project carried out by CELPAC and MACH to disseminate Mauritian stories for the younger audience
 - c. dissemination of the Bhojpuri Speaking Union 2020 Short Film Competition “Evolution of Gandhi’s Life” – Parcours Mahatma Gandhi
 - d. Presented paper on ‘Phagwa’ festival in First International Conference on Phagwa organised by Trinidad and Tobago Heritage Centre in March 2021.

Publications:

- Writing a Chapter - ‘The Indian Ocean and the history of Indenture: the making of “new” nationals and nations’ for the book “Cultural Heritage Management in Africa” for Routledge publications
- Participating in British Academy Workshop for writing a Peer reviewed article on Creative and Cultural industries in Mauritius related to indenture in line with the theme of African Union declared for this year - “Arts, Culture and Heritage: Levers for Building the Africa We Want”.

(IV). RESEARCH AND ACHIEVEMENTS

1. During the months of June and July 2020, the documentation unit had to be set up and it took almost four weeks to put some order by reassembling the furniture, placing the books, cleaning the office, installing its modern amenities, and decorating the place at my own expense. New furniture was received later on during the year from the Mauritius National Archives.
2. A total of 61 visitors were received between June 2020 and July 2021 who came to consult the documentation unit records, seek information on their genealogy, on indentured labour, and Aapravasi Ghat World Heritage Site. They included members of the Mauritian public, students, researchers, and scholars.

3. A 589-page 4th research report on the indentured labour in Mauritius entitled “**Exploring the Anatomy & Contours of Indentured Labour & Beyond**” which is a compilation of several long and analytical reports was submitted to Corinne Forest and AGTF during the first week of July 2021. Furthermore, they represent research covering a period of 3 to 5 years as fulfillment of my research agenda, annual PMS for 2019-2020/2020-2021, and research plan requirements which was prepared by Dr. Richard Allen in 2016 and 2017 together with the Research Unit. This massive report covers the Social and Economic Mobility, Land Purchases/Ownership, the Life-Experiences, Settlement/Spatial Distribution, Demography of Indian & Non-Indian Immigrants in Mauritius and Other Parts of the Former Plantation World During the Age of Indenture between 1826 and 1946 and even after. In addition, each chapter addresses the following topics in great details:

- (i) More than 32,000 notarial acts from 8 notarial collections from 1843 to 1870 were examined and they concern the purchase, selling and leasing of land and numerous other activities by early Indian immigrants and their descendants in all 9 districts. It included a detailed analysis, quantification, contextualization, and discussion of the relevance of these records. It also included details on more than 4899 Indians and Indo-Mauritians who purchased land during this era and became small landowners and around 1500 others who sold. It shows that during this period, they spent hundreds of thousands of pounds sterling and had access to capital and savings. It shows the rise of a small Indian and Indo-Mauritian landowning class in Port Louis and the rural regions between the 1840s and the early 1870s even before the urban and rural phases of the Grand Morcellement Movement.

The report has a ‘List of Indian Immigrants who reached Mauritian shores between 1826 and 1852 and Indo-Mauritians who were born between 1836 and 1852 who were Proprietors and featured in the Notarial Records between 1843 and 1870’ covering 144 pages. It contains detailed bio-data such the immigrant name (or Indo-Mauritian name), age, sex, date of arrival/date of birth, caste or religion, district where settled, occupation during or after their indenture contracts, status or if the immigrant or Indo-Mauritian is a proprietor, if married, if he/she signed the de Plevitz Petition, and on dozens among them who bought more than 10 arpents of land. Therefore, there are 9 items of information for each immigrant and Indo-Mauritian, so this list consists of between 41,000 to 44,000 bits of bio-data for these individuals who purchased land and were landowners between the early 1840s and early 1870s. They also include details on around 2036 individuals who signed the De Plevitz Petition in 1871 and who they were, but this is still an on-going research for the 5th research report.

- (ii) This report also covers the early period of indentured labour in Mauritius mainly between 1826 and 1843 and immediately after until the mid and late 1840s. It shows how the early indentured labour system emerged or its genesis as a reaction to the shortage of labour, the reforming and abolition of slavery, the apprenticeship system, and the sugar revolution. It highlights that at first it was a private initiative, controlled and financed, by Mauritian and British planters and merchants under the supervision of the local colonial police. In addition, even between January 1826 and August 1834, before the arrival of the *Atlas* on 2nd November 1834, around 2250 Indian, Chinese, and Malagasy indentured workers were brought to work as contract workers to Mauritian shores.

It places a lot of emphasis on the Mauritian initiative in the importation of indentured workers which by 1843 became British-state controlled and state-sponsored. A lot of stress is also placed on the life-stories of Indian immigrants who lived and worked in Mauritius long and productive lives for 30 to 50 years with some even returning to India after 25 to 50 years. The experiences of several immigrants some who were also arrested as vagrants on several occasions and other who achieved some measure of social and economic mobility are covered. The early recruitment and the establishment of this system between India and Mauritius during the 1830s and early 1840s is also discussed.

- (iii) This report also covers in great detail the history of indentured labour and the social history of the indentured labourers in Mauritius, Reunion Island, Natal in South Africa, Queensland in Australia, Fiji in the Pacific Ocean, British Guyana and Trinidad in the Caribbean Sea between 1826 and 1946. It shows the arrival, settlement, labour, working and living conditions, and treatment of the indentured workers. It also highlights the issue of exploitation, resistance of the indentured and ex-indentured workers, vagrancy, immigrant agency, social and economic mobility of the indentured workers, the rise of landowning class, the late and post-indenture eras in each of those countries and territories. Each section contains several photographs and lithographs which saw the indentured labour system and the experiences of the indentured workers in different parts of the world. It also includes a bibliography which highlights hundreds of key archival, other primary, and secondary sources on indentured labour, the experiences of the indentured workers, cognate and unfree labour systems, and the heritage sites and depots in each country. A general and very detailed bibliography for Mauritius is also included.

It also undertakes a quantitative analysis of the number of indentured and contract workers showing that more than 5.2 million men, women, and children were taken to work in around 69 countries, former colonies and territories with more

than 3 million workers being taken to around 24 countries, colonies, and territories in the greater Indian Ocean World. Therefore, this large region of the world received around more than two thirds of the indentured and contract labourers between the 1820s and the 1940s. This report also discusses the heterogeneity of the indentured and contract worker global population showing that Indians, Chinese, Indentured/Liberated Africans, Malagasies, Rodriguans, Comorians, and other Africans, Pacific Islanders, Europeans such as the Portuguese and Norwegians, Japanese, Koreans, Vietnamese, Middle Eastern people, and other Asians were involved. Between the late 1800s and early 1900s, the local-born workforce who indentured themselves is also discussed.

- (iv) This report also includes the geographic and special distribution of more than half of the indentured immigration population or more than 235,000 Indian and non-Indian men, women, and children between the 1830s and the 1910s. This is illustrated through several charts, observations, and quantitative analyses, and an examination of the social, demographic, and economic context of each era of indenture such as the 1830s, 1840s, 1860s, 1870s, 1880s, and early 1900s and covers more than between 100 to 130 sugar estates in the 8 rural district and also the indentured workers in Port Louis town and district.

It also provides some information on 4899 Old Indian immigrants who achieved some measure of social and economic mobility, 16489 Indian contract workers who were highly mobile as workers, and a larger group of 134,741 Indian immigrants who reached Mauritian shores between 1826 and 1852. The early Indian pioneers of the indentured system in the island. For this exercise the MGI immigrant database was extensively consulted and used.

4. Between April and June 2021, a total of more than 70 scholars, writers, and institutions were contacted with requests for articles for the AGTF Magazine 2021 with 30 answering positively and 22 submitting articles.
5. Drafted 2 articles for the AGTF Magazine 2021 namely an interview with Mr. Ramgoolam and an interview with Dr Farzana Gounder. I also wrote an article for the Director in honor of SAJ and helped Christelle write the editorial for Chairman which was approved by the Chairman. I also wrote and submitted the draft messages for the PM and our Minister. Items for speeches were also sent to the Office of the President, Lord Mayor, and the Indian High Commissioner.
6. I was tasked as Chairman of the Indian Ocean to organize the first webinar of the IOC back in December 2020. I presented the first report of the IOC in late January at the ILRP meeting. Between February and June 2021, more than 80 scholars and organisations local

and overseas were contacted with an invitation which contained the title and main themes of the conference to submit abstracts and only 40 scholars and academics showed an interest and finally only 27 submitted including myself and BB of AGTF. The 1st report was also circulated. The programme and selection of abstracts were carried with the help of Corinne and BB. All the abstracts were gathered as well as the bio-data of the participants and a new file for the IOC was opened in June and July 2021. The duty sheet was also drafted. Due to my father's ailing condition and my recent health issues, Mrs. Maurina Soodin and her team took over the organizing of the webinar which I joined later on. The webinar was held at the MFDC between 9th and 11th August 2021 which was a success and the next webinar will be held next yr.

7. I prepared answers for Director for his Port Louis Digest interview and large parts of the interviews I used for his interview with Vannakkam South Africa edited by Selvan Naidoo, member of the ILRP which was published in June 2021.
8. I undertook the training of 2 UOM students who majored in history for a period of 6 weeks in November and December 2021. They were shown how to analyze documents, provided with readings on indentured labour, provided with specific tasks, and how to write research papers etc. They were provided with a letter of recommendation and their reports were filled out by me as their trainer and certified by Dr. V. Teelock of UOM.
9. I worked on a storyline and editing of a 6 minute film with Babita and Mr. Khedun of ICV Mauritius on a young girl's search for roots and ancestors. This was shown on 2nd November 2020 at the 186th anniversary of the arrival of indentured workers at the SVICC.
10. I completed the PMS of Babita Bahadoor and Christelle M. Foh and my own which was approved by Corinne Forest in June 2020 and working on the one for the past year.
11. I completed on the Chagos documentary in June 2021 after more than year which was shown at the Trianon MCine in July 2021 where SAJ was the guest of honor and was launched by the MFDC. AGTF permission was obtained for this.
12. I worked on a documentary on Geet Gawai and its relevance in Mauritius and among the youth in July 2020 which will be released in December 2021. AGTF permission was obtained for this.
13. I worked on text on together with the AGTF research team on indentured labour in the world including Mauritius, La Reunion, Natal in South Africa, Queensland in Australia, Fiji, Guyana, and Trinidad which was launched as an e-exhibit on 2nd November 2021.

14. Worked on a long and short version of messages from the scholars of indentured labour in Mauritius between August 2020 and January 2021 and it was a joint project between the MFDC and AGTF. Individual videos for each scholar were also produced. This was showed at Migrants International Day which was commemorated at AG site in December 2020.
 15. I also gave a 10-minute talk with a detailed powerpoint on the achievements of AGTF between 2004 and 2020 at the special programme organized in mid-December 2020 in the context of International Migrants' Day.
 16. Worked on a 6-minute documentary Remembering the inscription of the Aapravasi Ghat World Heritage Site (2006-2021) with was an AGTF and MFDC production.
 17. Worked on 7-minute documentary on indentured labour in the world covering La Reunion, Fiji, South Africa, Guyana, and Trinidad.
 18. Prepared a detailed file on the Atlas and its immigrants for the Indian High Commission during at meeting there in July 2020.
 19. Submitted a chapter on the genesis of indentured labour in the e-book version of Coolitude Vol 2 in April 2020. AGTF was informed during confinement.
 20. Submitted 2 academic articles, one dealing with the Ram Leela and Ramayana tradition in Mauritius and the other one dealing with indentured labour archives at the MGI, MNA, and NL of the Republic of Mauritius. They were published in La Reunion and edited by Dr. Michele Marimoutou and Jessica Play in December 2020 and I received a copy of this in February 2021.
 21. My Membership of the Grande Chaloupe Indentured Labour Scientific Committee of La Reunion was renewed and the next conference will be organized shortly in November 2021 as a webinar as the last one was held in 2018.
 22. Member of the DIASCOM study group and organized an on-line mini-webinar in November 2020 and May 2021 for a larger indentured labour and migration conference for November 2021. Member of DIASCOM since 2015 and with Khal Torabully managing the Atelier 5 on migration and indenture.
 23. Member of the British Academy Journal Writing Programme and was requested by Dr. Clare Anderson of Leicester University to join the programme and doing mentoring in June and July 2021.
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24. Member of the Advisory Committee of the forthcoming Fiji Conference in indentured labour, migration, diaspora, and unfree labour to be held as a webinar in Fiji in October 2021. Member since February 2021.
 25. Made a presentation on indentured labour at the Allee Brilliant Community Centre where AGTF, MGI, MACH, and the local municipality took part in a cultural programme in the context of the arrival of the indentured workers in September 2020. An exhibit was also organized where AGTF also contributed.
 26. Made a presentation on the Indo-Christians at the St. Thomas Church in Rose-Hill for a function organized by IMCA or the Indo-Mauritian Catholic Association in September 2020 which saw the participation of the CRSI of UOM, Nelson Mandela Centre for African Culture, the Catholic Church, PMO, and MACH in the context of the unveiling of a plaque to commemorate the founding of the Church. An exhibit was also organized where AGTF also contributed.
 27. Research work at the Carnegie Library in February 2021 when permission for research and to digitalise the archival records, books, pictures, and lithographs related to indentured labour and the indentured workers in Mauritius was obtained. From the Curepipe Municipal Council. This research will be reactivated during the 2nd week of September 2021.
 28. In October 2020, a paper was presented on the History of the Muslim Indentured Labourers in Mauritius which will be published at the end of August 2021 in a major ICC publication entitled Mauritius and the Muslims where pictures from the Mauritius National Archives, National Library, Carnegie Library, and MGI Archives were provided with their permission. This book and souvenir photo album will be launched at the seat of the ICC at the end of October 2021 in the context of 2nd November 2021.
 29. Published articles on indentured labour in Le Mauricien on indentured labour and Aapravasi Ghat World Heritage Site in July 2020, November 2021, and July 2021.
 30. In June 2021, at the behest of Corinne Forest, a presentation was made of the AG site and the importance of indentured immigration and the diaspora studies at the Africa Border Day seminar which was organized and hosted by the PMO.
 31. In May 2021, an evaluation of 8 short films on history and heritage of Mauritius and provided a short report and then changes were made. Afterward, in July 2021, provided a favorable review for 3 of them which had some serious shortcomings which were
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reactified between May and July 2021 and shown on MBC TV as part of the MFDC, MBC, and NHF's joint projects on short films on Mauritian history and heritage.

32. Member of the Colour of Labour Study Group of the University of Lisbon headed by Professor Cristiana Bastos since 2020 and with whom AGTF has cooperated with her projects since 2018.
33. Submitted a journal article in May 2021 co-authored with Kiran Jankee Chuttoo on the history and heritage of indentured labour and the intangible cultural heritage in Mauritius for the Dr. George Abhungu edited book on Cultural Heritage in East Africa and the Indian Ocean to be published by early 2022 by Routledge Press which will be revised, edited, and peer reviewed before being sent to the press.

(V). RESEARCH AND ACHIEVEMENTS

1. Research

Commercial Activities in the Port area

In light of the future developments occurring on the Port area and in order to better understand the commercial activities undertaken during colonial times, a research project was formulated. Archival research was also undertaken at the National Archives. Information concerning commercial transactions during the year 1825 to 1841 was gathered.

Inventory of Heritage Site

Research was carried forward for the inventory of heritage sites associated with the history and memory of indentured labourers in Mauritius. The research was carried out for the Indentured Labour Route Project. Further documentation and information was included in the report.

2. Commemoration of the 187th anniversary of the arrival of indentured labourers in Mauritius

E-exhibition

In light of the commemoration of the 186th anniversary of indentured labourers in Mauritius, an e-exhibition on Indenture in the world was prepared. The storyline and text was prepared with information provided by the Research Unit. The E-exhibition highlighted the system of indenture in different regions of the world. The e-exhibition was launched by the Prime Minister, Honourable Pravind Kumar Jugnauth on the annual commemoration held on 2nd November 2020 at Swami Vivekananda Center.

Acted as coordinator for the preparation of the e-exhibition and its launching.

Panels for fencing

A series of photographic panels, depicting the activities on the core zone and Buffer Zone of the Aapravasi Ghat World Heritage Site were prepared. Texts, pictures, captions and sources were provided.

Magazine 2020

The AGTF Magazine 2020 was launched on the 2nd November 2021. The 2020 magazine was published mainly in e-format and featured the 14th Anniversary of the inscription of the Aapravasi Ghat on the World Heritage List. The magazine contained 33 articles highlighting the projects of the Aapravasi Ghat Trust Fund and research on indenture.

Acted as the coordinator for the publication and as the secretary to the Editorial Committee.

Open days

Open days were organized as from the 7 November 2020, following the commemoration of the 187th anniversary of the arrival of indentured labourers in Mauritius. Guided visit of the World Heritage Site and the Beekrumsing Ramlallah Interpretation Center was proposed.

Assistance provided for guided visits.

3. 14th anniversary of the inscription of the Aapravasi Ghat World Heritage Site

The 14th year of the inscription of the Aapravasi Ghat on Unesco's World Heritage List was celebrated on 16th July 2020 at the Aapravasi Ghat World Heritage Site. A simple event in the presence of the Minister of Arts and Cultural Heritage, the Honorable Avinash Teeluck, the High Commissioner of India, Mr Tanmaya Lal and the Mayor of the City Council of Port Louis, His Lordship Mahfooz Moussa Cadessaib was organised to mark this event.

The event was marked by several highlights. A padlet was launched by the Honorable Avinash Teeluck. The padlet is an online virtual application and was created in view of sharing and communicating with the public, and giving them virtual access to the World Heritage Site, the Beekrumsing Ramallah Interpretation Centre and other resources related to indenture. A symbolic flag raising of the AGTF's flag also took place to highlight the achievements of the Trust Fund throughout the years. And lastly, Site Conservation workers, who often remain in the background during events, took the front stage to share their working experiences in the field conservation of heritage.

Assistance was provided to organize the event.

4. Indentured Labour Route Project

Second Meeting of the International Scientific Committee

The second meeting of the International Scientific Committee was held on 25 January 2021. The meeting was held to report on project 2019-2020 and to work towards the action plan for 2021-2022. As part of the meeting, a webinar was also organized. Assistance was provided to organize the meeting and live translation was provided to French speakers.

The first result of the research on the inventory of heritage sites associated with the history and memory of indentured labourers was presented.

5. International Day for Monuments and Sites

Due to lockdown, the International Day for Monuments and Sites was held online in partnership with the National Heritage Fund. An online conference pertaining to the different aspects of heritage in Mauritius was organised on Wednesday 21st April and the Nelson Mandela Center and the Le Morne Trust Fund.

The conference also emphasized the participation of students from the Sir Gaëtan Duval Ecole Hotelière, who presented a project on virtual museum. This conference attempted to highlight the complex and diverse heritage in Mauritius and provided new creative vision for the future generation. In parallel, short clips were created to promote the Mauritian heritage.

Three small clips were created to promote the event online.

6. International Migrants Day

To mark the International Migrants Day, the Aapravasi Ghat Trust Fund organized an official ceremony on Friday 18 December 2020 at the Beekrusmsing Ramlallah Interpretation Centre at the Aapravasi Ghat World Heritage Site. The event paid tribute to the indentured migrants who came to work in Mauritius.

Assistance was provided to organize the meeting.

(1). RESEARCH AND ACHIEVEMENTS

1. Ongoing research on the History and Heritage of the Bras d'Eau sugar estate

Research / Tasks / Participation	Objectives	Output
(1) Multidisciplinary approach: Use of oral history to understand the socio-economic life of descendants of indentured labourers during the post-indenture era	(i) To study the importance of this site to the community, therefore one of the objectives of this research is to conduct interview with elders of nearby villages which are acquainted with the history and heritage of the site or had a direct link with the site in the past as there has never been a community without heritage and there exists no heritage without the community.	Part of this research was published in the AGTF Magazine of 2020. 2 nd part of this ongoing Research was presented during the ILRP IOC webinar held between 9 and 11 August 2021 which will be published.
(2) Conduct demographic research	(i) To understand the labour types during the transition from slavery to indenture with regards to sugar production and economic development the area of Bras d'Eau. (ii) Understand demographic patterns among the indentured and non-indentured immigrants and socio-economic mobility of labourers during and after the indenture period.	1 st part of this research was already published in 2019
(3) A comparative analysis of other sugar estates in Mauritius and in the Indian Ocean	(i) Aims at understanding the functioning and development of the sugar industry annually during the indenture period and new technologies being adopted during that time.	

2. The Development of the Trianon Sugar estate during the post-indenture period

Research / Tasks / Participation	Objectives	Output
<p>(1) Gather data on activities in the area (trade, population, visits to places, number of students at UoM and neighbouring educational institutions, commercial centres, MFA, APEIM) which could also include a mapping of the institutions around Trianon with their roles and missions to better appreciate context.</p>	<p>(1) Conduct interviews and collect as much information as possible from former employees, elders and/ or descendants of indentured labourers who used to work and live at Trianon sugar estate or who are related to the site in order to better appreciate the history and evolution of the Trianon sugar estate from to indenture to contemporary period.</p> <p>(2) The oral history project would consist of the following:</p> <p>(i) Gather a list of potential interviewees related to the estate;</p> <p>(ii) Conduct site visits and 1 interview per month and submit report accordingly (depends on the extent of the pandemic);</p> <p>(iii) A report on survey conducted will be provided</p> <p>(iv) Compile all data for analysis</p> <p>(3) Understand the development of the former Trianon sugar estate during the 20th and 21st centuries through collective memory and cultural identity</p>	<p>First and second interview was conducted in Feb 2021 with a first Interviewee aged 83 residing at Belle Rose, Quatre Bornes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st interview at his Residence on 09 Feb 2021 • 2nd interview and site visit at Trianon • A 3rd visit was planned at the former sugar mill of Trianon which is now the Margarine Industries but due to lockdown, same has been cancelled.
<p>(2) Find information on recent development in Trianon and the surroundings of the Labourers' Quarters in the last 50 yrs.</p>	<p>1. Understand the change in landscape through infrastructural development and economic activities</p> <p>2. All information gathered would be used for used for the setting up of an open museum and exhibits, and for publication.</p>	<p>1. Statistical data regarding the number of activities in the area (trade, population, visits to places, number of students at UoM and neighbouring educational institutions, commercial centres, MFA, APEIM) which could also include a mapping of the institutions around Trianon with their roles and missions to better appreciate context is currently being gathered.</p>

3.ILRP: Photographic Database on Indenture

Research / Tasks / Participation	Objectives	Output
Inventory of visuals pertaining to the history and heritage of indenture in Mauritius and elsewhere	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> To collect visuals pertaining to indenture and post-indenture period or any such visuals which have a connection with indenture under the following themes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Girmitiya men and women, their dress and jewellery; Food items and styles of cooking and facilities; Festivals, rites and rituals, mosques and temples; Music and dance traditions Sports varies and facilities Living quarters on estates and plantations Work implements and conditions Schools and other educational facilities Crop planting and harvesting and milling infrastructure; Conduct interviews with the community in view of collecting family photos depicting lifestyles during indenture and post- 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Pictures were collected from the Mauritius Chamber of Agriculture Contacts were made with few Mauritians willing to share their family photo collection

4. 2nd November 2020 Event

Research / Tasks / Participation	Objectives	Output
(1) Assist in the planning, organization and production of 2 short videos by MFDC and 1 short Film on the history of indenture in Mauritius by ICV Mauritius in collaboration with MACH in the context of the 2 nd	The main objectives of these videos production are to disseminate knowledge on the history and heritage of indentured labour in Mauritius and in the world.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Clip 1 which was on the Indenture in Mauritius and the world was projected Short Film on the history of indenture in Mauritius by ICV was projected.

November Event

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| <p>(2) Participate in a sketch and short clip by the MFDC in the context of the 2nd Nov Event entitled, "Tracing your Roots" in collaboration with the Civil Status Office and the Mahatma Gandhi Institute Indian Immigration Archives</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This sketch was intended to help people trace their roots • I provided all information regarding my genealogy to help people trace their roots, for instance Birth and Death Certificates of my grandparents and a picture of my ancestor. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The sketch was successfully played in front of the public • The short video by MFDC was played on MBC to promote and disseminate information on how to trace ones roots. |
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5. International Migrants Day on 18 December 2020

Research / Tasks / Participation	Objectives	Output
<p>(1) Assist in the planning, editing and projection of short video on the history and heritage of Indenture in the world produced by the MFDC and AGTF</p> <p>(2) International Academics who worked on the history of indenture and who originated from countries where this form of labour existed were contacted and their views recorded via Zoom for the making of one of the short videos.</p> <p>(3) Had to assist in the recording of participants' interview and editing of video messages.</p>	<p>To promote and disseminate information on the history and heritage of indenture in the world</p>	<p>This short video was played at BRIC in the context of the International Migrants Day on 18 December 2020</p>

6. International Day for Monuments and Site 18 April 2021

Research / Tasks / Participation	Objectives	Output
<p>Prepare short video presentation on the history and heritage of Bras d'Eau</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To share information on research undertaken on the history and heritage of Bras d'Eau to the public 2. To sensitize people about the importance of indenture sites such as former Bras d'Eau sugar estate in view of 	<p>This video presentation was successfully posted on the AGTF FB Page and YouTube Channel during the lockdown and had a satisfying amount of viewers</p>

7. First Inter-ministerial committee meeting for the Indentured Labour Route project – 16th July 2021

Research / Tasks / Participation	Objectives	Output
<p>(1) Assist in the organization of the first Inter-ministerial committee Meeting held on 16 July 2021 online in the context of the 15th Anniversary of the Inscription of the Aapravasi Ghat on UNESCO's World Heritage List</p> <p>(2) Send invitation letters to academics, scholars, embassies, museums, libraries, archives, NGOs and other institutions related to the history and heritage of indenture migration</p> <p>(3) Monitor attendance via Zoom</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Under the impetus of Hon. Avinash Teeluck, Minister of Arts and Cultural Heritage, Mauritius, an inter-ministerial meeting was organized for the first time to support the ILRP and encourage the participation of other countries in one main project, the International Database on Indentured Labour Migration. The Agenda of the meeting was as follows: To present and discuss on the Indentured Labour Route Project (ILRP) Presentation of and discussion on the International Indentured Labour Immigration Database Official launching of start of the International Indentured Labour Database Project 	<p>The Inter-ministerial committee meeting was an international success and saw the participation of the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ministry of Arts and Cultural Heritage, Hon. A. Teeluck, Dr. Vijayalakshmi Teelock, Vice President of the International Scientific Committee, Dr. Maurits Hassankhan, President of the International Scientific Committee, UNESCO's Representative Shri V. Muraleedharan, Minister of State for External affairs and of Parliamentary Affairs, India, Her Excellency Marie Levens, Minister of Education, Science and Culture, Suriname, Her Excellency Mme Causse – Tissié, Ambassador of France The representative of the Australian High Commission in Mauritius Mrs Avril Belfon Archivist from Trinidad and Tobago Rita Tjien Fooh, Director General of the National Archives of Suriname Johan Van Langen, National Archives, Netherlands, Dr. Ashutosh Kumar, ISC Member, India, Dr Richard Allen, Historian of slavery and Indenture from USA, Mookhesswur Choonee, former Minister of

8. 15th Anniversary of the Inscription of the Aapravasi Ghat on the World Heritage List by UNESCO

Research / Tasks / Participation	Objectives	Output
<p>Prepared a short video presentation on the History of the Aapravasi Ghat entitled "From Immigration Depot to World Heritage Site" as per my previous research which was published in the AGTF Coffee-Table Book in 2014</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To disseminate information on the evolution and conversion of the immigration depot to a world heritage site • To help people understand and appreciate the history and heritage of indenture in Mauritius 	<p>This video presentation was successfully posted on the AGTF FB Page and YouTube Channel and had a satisfying amount of viewers</p>

13. INDENTURED LABOUR ROUTE PROJECT MEETINGS

(I). INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE MEETINGS

In 2021, the International Scientific Committee (ISC) met twice on 25 – 27 January and 15 March to update the Action Plan (2021-2023), elect a new Bureau and appoint members to constitute an ISC that is representative geographically.

During these meetings, the ISC stressed the need for further political support to make the ILRP a reality with the implementation of the Action Plan in various countries. Its implementation would be encouraged with the establishment of national committees and also, with a stronger commitment from decision makers.

(II). FIRST ILRP INTER-MINISTERIAL MEETING

The first inter-ministerial meeting was organized in the context of the 15th anniversary of the inscription of the Aapravasi Ghat on UNESCO's World Heritage List under the impetus of Hon. Avinash Teeluck, Minister of Arts and Cultural Heritage, Mauritius. The objective of this meeting was to support the ILRP and encourage the participation of other countries in one main project, the International Database on Indentured Labour Migration

This inter-ministerial meeting raised awareness among policy makers to empower the scholars and academics with necessary tools to allow the ILRP to grow and achieve its mission as an international project for the preservation and promotion of indentured labour.

The program of the first inter-ministerial meeting was as follows:

- Opening session by Hon. Avinash Teeluck, Minister of Arts and Cultural Heritage, Mauritius
- Message of Professor Hubert Gijzen, Director of UNESCO Regional Office for Eastern Africa, Nairobi
- Message of Hon Pravind Kumar Jugnauth, Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity, Mauritius
- Video on a Retrospective on the inscription of the Aapravasi Ghat on the World Heritage List
- Presentation of the Indentured Labour Route Project (ILRP) by Dr. Vijayalakshmi Teelock, GOSK, Vice-President, International Scientific Committee
- Presentation of the International Indentured Labour Database by Dr. Maurits Hassankhan, President of International Scientific Committee
- The presentations were followed by a discussion on the ILRP and the International Database on Indentured Labour Migration to share how the Ministers propose to implement the project in their countries.
- Official launching of start of the International Indentured Labour Migration Database Project by Hon. Avinash Teeluck, Minister of Arts and Cultural Heritage, Mauritius
- Cultural perspective on the legacy of indentured diaspora in various countries
- Online Group Photo
- Launching of ILRP website
- Closing up by Hon. Avinash Teeluck, Minister of Arts and Cultural Heritage, Mauritius
- Vote of thanks

14. DISSEMINATING THE WORK OF THE ILRP

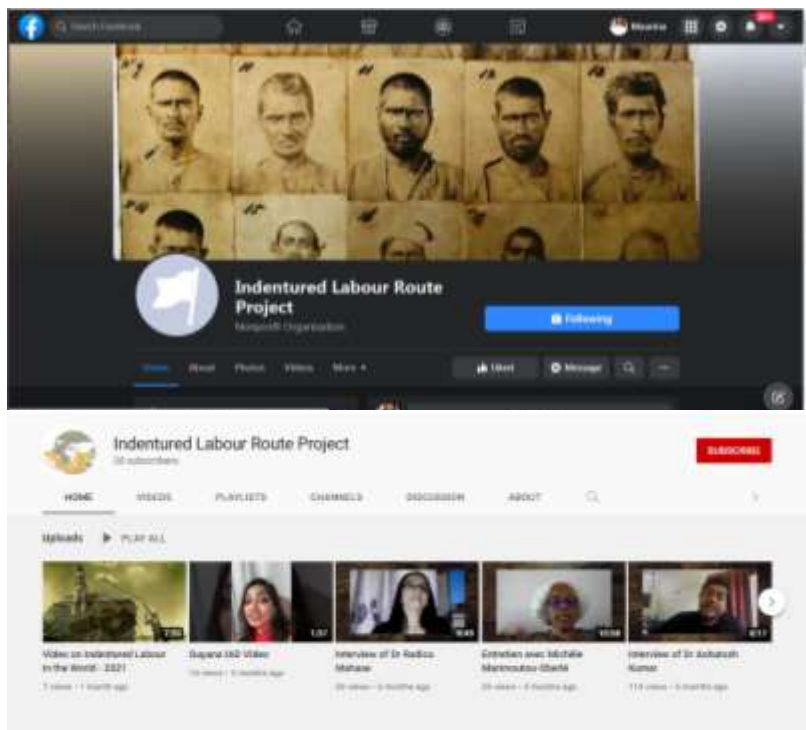
(I). ILRP WEBSITE

A new website was created and hosted by the Government Online Centre to disseminate information about the work, projects and activities of the ILRP and its members.



(II). ILRP SOCIAL MEDIA

Facebook and Youtube accounts were also created to facilitate dissemination of information and projects.



15. DISSEMINATING THE WORK OF THE AGTF

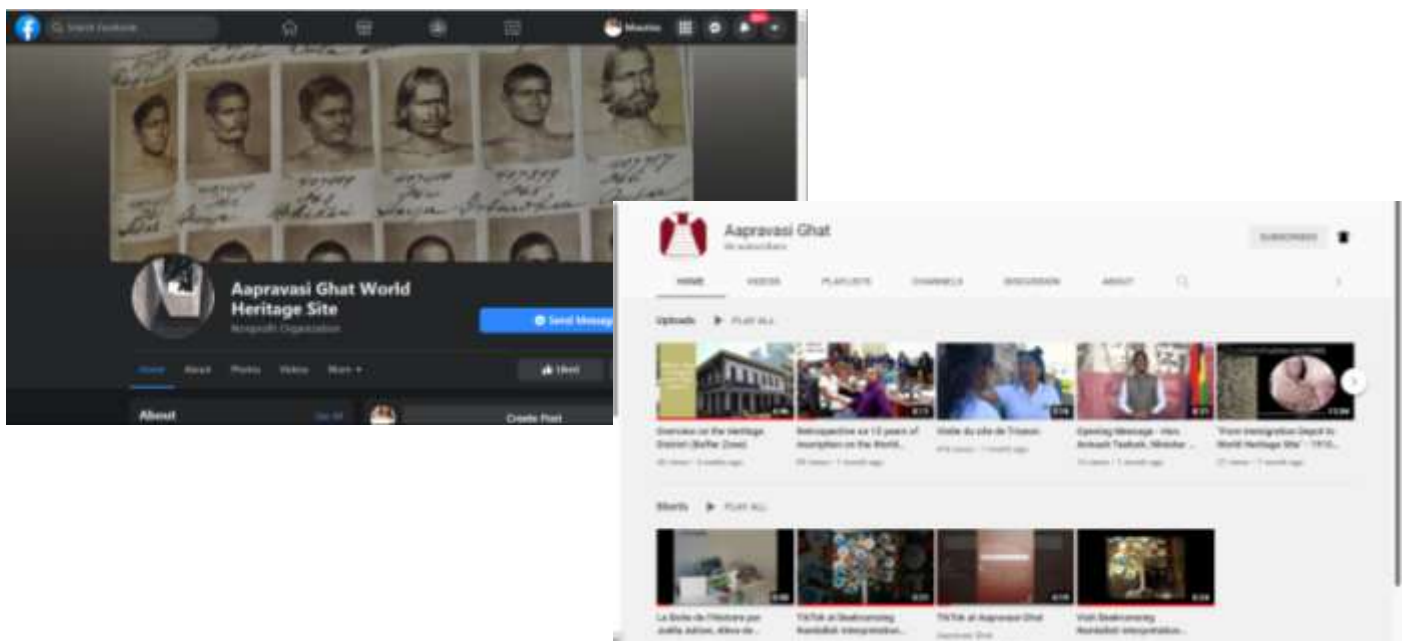
(I). AGTF WEBSITE

The Aapravasi Ghat Trust Fund website was migrated to a new address <https://aapravasi.govmu.org>. The new website is hosted by the Government Online Centre and is more secure and responsive to various platforms.



(II). AGTF SOCIAL MEDIA

The Facebook and Youtube pages of the AGTF were also regularly updated so as to maintain the interest of the various followers.



AAPRAVASI GHAT TRUST FUND

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

30 JUNE 2021

AAPRAVASI GHAT TRUST FUND

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 30 JUNE 2021

	Notes	2020-21 MUR	Restated 2019-20 MUR
ASSETS			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	5	6,548,579	9,257,030
Trade and other receivables	6	105,477	105,150
Inventories	7	1,340,709	1,358,326
Total current assets		7,994,765	10,720,506
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	8	63,801,406	83,615,490
Total non-current assets		63,801,406	83,615,490
TOTAL ASSETS		71,796,171	94,335,996
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities			
Trade and Other Payables	9	578,919	192,441
Short Term Employee Benefits	10	898,312	548,530
Total Current liabilities		1,477,231	740,971
Non-Current liabilities			
Long Term Employee Benefits	11	11,729,559	5,040,971
Retirement Benefit Obligation	12	6,781,306	4,434,768
Total Non-current liabilities		18,510,865	9,475,739
TOTAL LIABILITIES		19,988,096	10,216,710
NET ASSETS		51,808,075	84,119,286
EQUITY			
General Fund	13	51,808,075	83,919,286
Revaluation Reserve		-	200,000
TOTAL EQUITY		51,808,075	84,119,286

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 10 to 25 form part of the Financial Statements

AAPRAVASI GHAT TRUST FUND

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

	Notes	2020-21 MUR	Restated 2019-20 MUR
Revenue from exchange transactions	14	211,640	163,360
Revenue from non-exchange transactions			
Grants		<u>25,675,367</u>	<u>29,800,000</u>
TOTAL INCOME		<u>25,887,007</u>	<u>29,963,360</u>
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>			
Employee benefit costs	15	28,794,360	20,606,842
Administrative expenditure	16	7,622,650	6,792,060
Finance costs	17	28,766	24,490
International scientific committee - Indentured labour route project		47,948	-
Restoration conservation development at Trianon Heritage site		20,558	-
Amortisation		7,595,647	7,670,588
Depreciation	18	<u>671,070</u>	<u>903,610</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		<u>44,780,999</u>	<u>35,997,590</u>
<u>(DEFICIT)/SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR</u>		<u>(18,893,992)</u>	<u>(6,034,230)</u>

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS/ EQUITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

	Notes	General Fund MUR	Revaluation Reserve MUR	TOTAL MUR
Balance at 1 July 2019		(792,550)	200,000	(592,550)
IPSAS 23 adoption: adjustment of balance deferred capital grant	4.1(b)	96,799,716	-	96,799,716
Restated Balance at 01 July 2019		96,007,166	200,000	96,207,166
Remeasurement of Retirement Benefit Obligations	2	(5,944,558)	-	(5,944,558)
Prior year adjustment		(109,092)	-	(109,092)
Net (Deficit)/Surplus for the year		(6,034,230)	-	(6,034,230)
Restated Balance at 30 June 2020		83,919,286	200,000	84,119,286
At 1 July 2020		83,919,286	200,000	84,119,286
Prior year adjustment	1	(11,347,367)		(11,347,367)
Remeasurement of Retirement Benefit Obligations	2	(1,869,852)	-	(1,869,852)
Net (Deficit)/Surplus for the year		(18,893,992)	-	(18,893,992)
Balance at 30 June 2021		51,808,075	200,000	52,008,075

Note

1 **1 The prior year Adjustments comprise of:**

	Rs
1.1 Reversal of Revaluation reserve	200,000
1.2 Adjustment for motor vehicles-Life time extended PPE for previous years which should have been expensed but capitalised	208,734
1.3 Depreciation adjustment for the PPE capitalised	(12,168,282)
1.4	412,181
	<u>(11,347,367)</u>

2 The deficit arising from the re-measurement of the Retirement Benefit Obligation is recognised in the Net Assets/Equity in line with IPSAS 39.

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CASH FLOW STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

	2020-21 MUR	Restated 2019-20 MUR
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Net (deficit)/surplus	(18,893,992)	(6,034,230)
Adjustments for :		
Depreciation & Amortisation	8,266,717	8,574,198
Other non cash movement		
Retirement Benefit Obligations	476,686	(56,564)
Employee Benefits	7,038,370	(701,531)
Cash flow generated from operating activities	<u>(3,112,219)</u>	<u>1,781,873</u>
Decrease/(increase) in inventories	17,617	(77,583)
Decrease/(increase) in trade & other receivables	(327)	(86,376)
(Decrease)/ increase in trade & other payables	386,478	(161,606)
Net cash flow from operating activities	<u>(2,708,451)</u>	<u>1,456,308</u>
INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Acquisition of property & equipment	-	(54,050)
Cash flows from investing activities	<u>-</u>	<u>(54,050)</u>
FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Interest Received	-	-
Government Grants	-	-
Cash flows from financing activities	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
NET (DECREASE)/ INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	<u>(2,708,451)</u>	<u>1,402,258</u>
RECONCILIATION OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	<u>9,257,030</u>	<u>7,854,772</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	<u>6,548,579</u>	<u>9,257,030</u>

Note:

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents consist of cash in hand and balances with bank. Cash and Cash equivalents included in the cash flow statement comprise the following statement of financial position amounts:

	2020-21 MUR	2019-20 MUR
Cash at bank	6,545,122	9,245,010
Cash in hand		1,600
Petty cash	3,457	10,420
	<u>6,548,579</u>	<u>9,257,030</u>

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Statement of outturn for the Year ended 30 June 2021

	Revised Budget	Actual Expenditure	Variance	Remarks
	MUR	MUR	MUR	
Expenditure				
Salaries & related costs	21,423,110	21,280,700	142,410	Revised as per trend of Actual Expenses
Insurance - BRIC	102,500	102,372	128	Revised as per trend of Actual Expenses
Utilities	827,500	823,257	4,243	Revised as per trend of Actual Expenses
Staff costs	145,000	142,610	2,390	Revised as per trend of Actual Expenses
Motor Vehicle Running Expenses	125,000	121,410	3,590	Revised as per trend of Actual Expenses
Office expenses	75,000	73,268	1,732	Revised as per trend of Actual Expenses
Maintenance of Equipment, Buildings, Furniture, It, Signage	375,000	374,169	831	Revised as per trend of Actual Expenses
Site Maintenance	50,000	25,380	24,620	Revised as per trend of Actual Expenses
Cleaning Expenses	90,000	85,952	4,048	Revised as per trend of Actual Expenses Due to Lock down payments of last
Professional charges	235,000	233,040	1,960	financial year were paid in current year
Postage, printing & stationery	145,000	123,727	21,273	Revised as per trend of Actual Expenses
Chairman & Board Members Fees	575,000	570,538	4,462	Revised as per trend of Actual Expenses
Newspaper & Publications	40,000	4,305	35,695	Revised as per trend of Actual Expenses
General Expenses	21,000	20,233	767	Revised as per trend of Actual Expenses
Security	-	-	-	
Events	110,000	361,225	251,225	VIP Visits which were not budgeted and AGTF was requested to cater for the expenses from balance carried forward
Expenses - 2nd November	330,612	291,615	38,996	Revised as per trend of Actual Expenses
Membership Fee	20,000	12,342	7,658	Revised as per trend of Actual Expenses
Workshop/Seminars	10,000	8,798	1,203	Revised as per trend of Actual Expenses
Publication Costs			-	Revised as per trend of Actual Expenses
Financial Assistance			-	Revised as per trend of Actual Expenses
Books & periodicals	5,000	2,350	2,650	Revised as per trend of Actual Expenses Due to Lock down payments (TDS for 3 months) of last financial year were paid in current year
Rent	4,243,000	4,241,877	1,123	
Movers fee			-	
Insurance	4,000	-	4,000	Revised as per trend of Actual Expenses
Catering			-	
Advertisement	35,000	-	35,000	
Bank Charges	27,000	26,885	115	Revised as per trend of Actual Expenses
International scientific committee - Indentured labour route project	1,158,371	47,948	1,110,423	Expenses are catered from unspent balance for Capital Projects
Restoration conservation development at Trianon Heritage site	1,795,000	20,558	1,774,443	Expenses are catered from unspent balance for Capital Projects
Total Recurrent Expenditure (A)	31,967,093	28,994,558	2,972,535	
Capital Expenditure	0	0	0	
Total Capital Expenditure (B)	0	0	0	
Total Expenditure (A + B)	31,967,093	28,994,558	2,972,535	

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Statement of Comparison of Budgets, Actual Cash and Accrued based-amounts For the Year ended 30 June 2021

	Original Budget	Revised Budget	Received/Paid	Financial Statements
	MUR	MUR	MUR	MUR
Income				
Grant from MACH	24,000,000	24,000,000	25,675,367	25,591,325
Fund from US Embassy	-	-	397,500	
Sales of Books	-	-	22,740	21,140
Donation				
Other Income	-	-	190,500	274,542
Total Income	24,000,000	24,000,000	26,286,107	25,887,007
Salaries & related costs	20,408,000	21,423,110	21,280,700	28,794,360
Insurance - BRIC	100,000	102,500	102,372	102,372
Utilities	1,025,000	827,500	823,257	834,449
Staff costs	130,000	145,000	142,610	136,320
Motor Vehicle Running Expenses	125,000	125,000	121,410	121,956
Office expenses	75,000	75,000	73,268	77,879
Maintenance of Equipment,Buildings,Furniture, It,Signage	320,000	375,000	374,169	447,106
Site Maintenance	50,000	50,000	25,380	27,390
Cleaning Expenses	15,000	90,000	85,952	75,172
Professional charges	90,000	235,000	233,040	233,040
Postage, printing & stationery	145,000	145,000	123,727	132,018
Chairman & Board Members Fees	525,000	575,000	570,538	526,391
Newspaper & Publications	40,000	40,000	4,305	4,305
General Expenses	20,000	21,000	20,233	22,303
Security	-	-	-	-
Events	15,000	110,000	361,225	361,225
Expenses - 2nd November	160,000	330,612	291,615	291,615
Membership Fee	20,000	20,000	12,342	12,342
Workshop/Seminars	-	10,000	8,798	8,798
Publication Costs				17,617
Financial Assistance				-
Books & periodicals	5,000	5,000	2,350	2,350
Rent	4,188,000	4,243,000	4,241,877	4,188,002
Movers fee				-
Insurance	7,000	4,000	-	-
Catering	-		-	-
Advertisement	35,000	35,000	-	-
Bank Charges	25,000	27,000	26,885	28,766
International scientific committee - Indentured labour route project	1,158,371	1,158,371	47,948	47,948
Restoration conservation development at Trianon Heritage site	1,795,000	1,795,000	20,558	20,558
Total Recurrent Expenditure (A)	30,476,371	31,967,093	28,994,558	36,514,282
Expenditure Capitalised	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditure Capitalised (B)	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditure (A + B)	30,476,371	31,967,093	28,994,558	36,514,282

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Statement showing reasons for Variances between Original and Revised Budget For the Year ended 30 June 2021

	Original Budget MUR	Revised Budget MUR	Variation MUR	Comments
Salaries & related costs	20,408,000	21,423,110	1,015,110	Provisions were made for PRB Allowance and CSG introduced in September 2020 for which no provision was made initially
Insurance - BRIC	100,000	102,500	2,500	Revised as per trend of Actual Expenses
Utilities	1,025,000	827,500	197,500	Revised as per trend of Actual Expenses
Staff costs	130,000	145,000	15,000	Revised as per trend of Actual Expenses
Motor Vehicle Running Expenses	125,000	125,000	-	
Office expenses	75,000	75,000	-	
Maintenance of Equipment,Buildings,Furniture, It,Signage	320,000	375,000	55,000	Revised as per trend of Actual Expenses
Site Maintenance	50,000	50,000	-	
Cleaning Expenses	15,000	90,000	75,000	Revised as per trend of Actual Expenses
Professional charges	90,000	235,000	145,000	Revised as per trend of Actual Expenses
Postage, printing & stationery	145,000	145,000	-	
Chairman & Board Members Fees	525,000	575,000	50,000	Revised as per trend of Actual Expenses
Newspaper & Publications	40,000	40,000	-	
General Expenses	20,000	21,000	1,000	Revised as per trend of Actual Expenses
Security	-	-	-	
Events	15,000	110,000	95,000	Revised as per trend of Actual Expenses
Expenses - 2nd November	160,000	330,612	170,612	Revised as per trend of Actual Expenses
Membership Fee	20,000	20,000	-	
Workshop/Seminars	-	10,000	10,000	Revised as per trend of Actual Expenses
Publication Costs			-	
Financial Assistance			-	
Books & periodicals	5,000	5,000	-	
Rent	4,188,000	4,243,000	55,000	Revised as per trend of Actual Expenses
Movers fee			-	
Insurance	7,000	4,000	3,000	Revised as per trend of Actual Expenses
Catering	-		-	
Advertisement	35,000	35,000	-	
Bank Charges	25,000	27,000	2,000	Revised as per trend of Actual Expenses
International scientific committee - Indentured labour route project	1,158,371	1,158,371	-	Expenses are catered from unspent balance - for Capital Projects
Restoration conservation development at Trianon Heritage site	1,795,000	1,795,000	-	Expenses are catered from unspent balance - for Capital Projects
Total Recurrent Budget	30,476,371	31,967,093	1,490,722	
Capital Budget	-	-	-	
Total Capital Budget	-	-	-	
Total Budget	30,476,371	31,967,093	1,490,722	

AAPRAVASI GHAT TRUST FUND		
Statement showing Reconciliation of Actual Cash Flows with Financial Statements		
For the Year ended 30 June 2021		
	MUR	MUR
Actual Recurrent Expenditure as per Statement of outturn		28,994,558
Basic Differences		
Salaries & related costs	7,513,660	
Insurance - BRIC	-	
Utilities	11,192	
Staff costs	- 6,290	
Motor Vehicle Running Expenses	546	
Office expenses	4,611	
Maintenance of Equipment,Buildings,Furniture, It,Signage	72,937	
Site Maintenance	2,010	
Cleaning Expenses	- 10,780	
Professional charges	-	
Postage, printing & stationery	8,291	
Chairman & Board Members Fees	- 44,147	
Newspaper & Publications	-	
General Expenses	2,070	
Security	-	
Events	0	
Expenses - 2nd November	- 0	
Membership Fee	0	
Workshop/Seminars	1	
Publication Costs	17,617	
Financial Assistance	-	
Books & periodicals	-	
Rent	- 53,875	
Movers fee	-	
Insurance	-	
Catering	-	
Advertisement	-	
Bank Charges	1,882	
International scientific committee - Indentured labour route project	-	
Restoration conservation development at Trianon Heritage site	-	
Total Basic Differences		7,519,724
Non Cash Items		
Depreciation	671,070	
Amortisation	7,595,647	
Total non cash Items		8,266,717
Expenditure as per Statement of Financial Performance		44,780,999

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

1.0 GENERAL INFORMATION

Aapravasi Ghat Trust Fund (AGTF) was established on 21st December 2001 by virtue of the Aapravasi Ghat Trust Fund Act 31 of 2001 and domiciled in Mauritius. The address of its registered office is 15th floor, Hennessy Court, Pope Hennessy Street, Port Louis, Mauritius. To further most effectively this object the Fund is particularly empowered to carry out the following functions:

- (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.
- (c) 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.
- (d) To promote the social and cultural aspects of Aapravasi Ghat.
- (e) To encourage and support projects and publications related to indentured Labour System.
- (f) To establish links with appropriate national, regional and international Organisations in line with the objects of the Act and
- (g) To identify and acquire sites, buildings and structures linked with history of the arrival of immigrants in Mauritius.

The Fund is administered by a Board of Directors and operates under the aegis of the Ministry of Arts and Cultural Heritage

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

2.0 BASIS OF PREPARATION

(a) General

The accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the period and have been prepared on the historical cost basis.

(b) Going Concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis and the accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the year.

(c) Measurement base

In preparing the financial statements, the Fund has adopted the accounting principles as appropriate for the measurement and reporting of the financial position, financial performance and cash flows on an accrual basis.

(d) Comparative information

Comparative financial information represents last audited account and conform with current year's presentation. The comparative information covers the financial year - 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020 and restated/reclassified in accordance with IPSAS

(e) Cash flows statements

The indirect method has been used as basis in the preparation of the Cash Flow Statements.

(f) Functional and Presentation Currency

The financial statements are presented in Mauritian Rupees. Roundings have been done where applicable to the nearest rupee.

(g) Use of Estimate

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with IPSAS requires the use of estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period and the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of financial statements.

In the application of the AGTF's accounting policies, which are described in Note 3, management are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant.

Actual results may differ from these estimates. The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised, if the estimate affects only that period or in the period of revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods. Estimates include but are not limited to fair valuation of inventories, accounts receivable, accrued charges, contingent assets and liabilities and degree of impairment of Property, Plant and Equipment and intangibles.

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3.0 ADOPTION OF IPSAS AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

3.1 Basis of Preparation

The financial statements were previously prepared in accordance with Financial Reporting Standards for Small Entities issued by the Financial Reporting Council. Amendments brought to the Statutory Bodies (Accounts and Audit) Act and Financial Reporting Act in the Finance (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2020, requires Apravasi Ghat to adopt International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSASs).

The Financial statements of Apravasi Ghat Trust Fund for financial year 2020-21 have been prepared in accordance with historical cost convention and comply with IPSASs issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IPSASB).

Where an IPSAS did not address a particular issue, the appropriate International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) and International Accounting Standards (IASs) of the International Accounting Standard Board (IASB) have been applied.

3.2 Changes in Accounting Policies and Disclosures

The Accounting policies adopted are consistent with those of the previous financial year except that with adoption of IPSAS effective for financial periods beginning on or after July 01, 2020, various disclosures are required.

3.3 Adoption of new and revised standards

The Financial statements have been prepared in accordance with and comply with the International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS) issued by the International Public Sector Accounting Standards Board (IPSASB).

In the current financial year, the Fund has adopted all the new and revised International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS) that are relevant to its operations for the current year ended 30 June 2021 namely:

Current IPSAS

- IPSAS 1 - Presentation of Financial Statements
- IPSAS 2 - Cash Flow Statements
- IPSAS 3 - Accounting policies, changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors
- IPSAS 9 - Revenue from Exchange Transactions
- IPSAS 12 - Inventories
- IPSAS 14 - Events after Reporting Date
- IPSAS 17 - Property, Plant and Equipment
- IPSAS 19 - Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets
- IPSAS 20 - Related Party Disclosures
- IPSAS 23 - Revenue from Non Exchange Transactions
- IPSAS 24 - Presentation of Budget Information in Financial Statements
- IPSAS 26 - Impairment of Cash Generating Assets
- IPSAS 33 - First Time Adoption of Accrual Basis IPSAS
- IPSAS 39 - Employee benefits

IPSAS issued but not yet effective

IPSAS 3 (Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors) requires disclosure of new IPSAS that have been issued but are not yet effective:

- (a) IPSAS 41 - Financial Instruments
Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 01 January 2022
- (b) IPSAS 42 - Social Benefits
Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 01 January 2022

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4.0 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

The Following is a summary of the significant accounting policies adopted by Aapravasi Ghat Trust Fund during the year.

4.1 Revenue Recognition

4.1(a) Revenue recognition are based on exchange and non-exchange transactions.

Exchange Transactions

Revenue under exchange transactions are those arising from the sale of books. Revenue is recognised to the extent that the economic benefits will flow to the fund and that the revenue can be reliably measured.

Non-exchange transactions

Revenue arising from transfer transactions are recognised in accordance with the requirements of IPSAS 23, "Revenue from non-exchange transactions" (Taxes and Transfers).

Grants received from the Government (Transfers) for capital expenditure were treated as deferred income up to 30 June 2020. With the implementation of IPSAS 23, "Revenue from Non-Exchange Transactions (Taxes and Transfers)" as from 01 July 2020, the deferment policy has been reviewed and transfers received are now recognized as income in the period in which the transfer arrangement becomes binding.

Recurrent grants receive to finance operating expenses have been recognized in the Statement of Financial Performance of the year to which they related.

4.1(b) Prior year adjustments

(i) Changes in Accounting Policy resulting from application of IPSAS 23.

Up to 30 June 2020, Capital Grants received (Transfers) from Government for acquisition of capital expenditure were deferred and amortised to the depreciation amount in the Statement of Financial Performance. With the adoption of IPSAS 23 "Revenue from Non-Exchange Transactions (Taxes and Transfers)" as from 1 July 2020, the deferment policy has been reviewed and transfers received are now recognized in the year in which the transfer arrangement becomes binding, given that the conditions relating to the use of capital grant have been met.

The effect of the above adjustments following the change in accounting policy are reflected in the restatement of General fund balance at note 13

Retrospective restatements have been applied to last financial year covering 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020. The accumulated deficit at 30 June 19 is restated to an accumulated surplus of Rs 96,007,166, based on revenue recognition of Deferred Capital Account Balance of Rs 96,799,716 at 30 June 2019. The Deferred Credit Income- Rs 8,574,198 for the year 2020 has been derecognized.

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- 4.2** A defined benefit plan is a pension plan that defines an amount of pension benefit that an employee will receive on retirement, usually dependent on one or more factors such as ages, years of service and compensation.

The Fund contributes to a defined benefit plan for most of its employees which is a final salary plan. The cost of providing benefits is determined using the Projected Unit Method so as to spread the regular cost over the service lives of employees in accordance with the advice of qualified actuaries who carry out a full valuation of plans every year.

In line with the IPSAS 39 - Retirement Benefit Obligations, the actuarial gains and losses arise from the defined benefit plan are recognised in the Statement of Financial Position. A surplus is recognised as a net defined benefit asset as a net defined liability in the Net Assets/Equity in the period in which they occur.

Past-service costs are recognised immediately in income unless the changes to the pension plan are conditional on the employees remaining in service for a specified period of time (vesting period). In this case, the past-service cost are amortised on a straight-line basis over the vesting period.

Defined Contribution Pension Plan

The Fund contributes to a defined Contribution Pension Plan for its employees who have employed on a permanent and pensionable employment with effect from January 2013. Under this plan, the reporting entity's obligation for each period is determined by the amounts contributed for that period. No actuarial assumptions are required to measure the obligations or the expense, and there is no possibility of any actuarial gain or loss. Moreover the obligations are measured on an undiscounted basis, except where they do not fall due wholly within twelve months after the end of the period in which the employees render the related service.

The contributions made by the Fund to the Defined Contribution Pension Plan are recognised as an expense in the Statement of Financial Performance.

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4.3 Employee Benefits

Sick leave entitlement

Employee entitlement to bank sick leave is recognised as and when they accrue to employees. A provision is made for the estimated liability for a bank sick leave to a maximum of 126 days. Beyond this ceiling, employees are refunded part of the annual entitlement of sick leaves not taken at the end of the every calendar year and is recognised in the Statement of Financial Performance in the period in which it is accrued. During this financial year, no refund of sick leave was made.

Passage Benefit Entitlement

A provision is made for the estimated liability for passage benefit entitlement to employees. The annual passage benefit earned by employees is recognised in the Statement of Financial Performance. In view of the adverse effect that the Covid-19 Pandemic has had on the country's economy, the option which was provided to beneficiaries to allow them to cash up to 90 per cent of their accumulated passage benefit upon satisfying certain conditions, has been freezed. As from July 2020, encashment of passage benefits will be limited to travelling abroad and local tourism, meeting medical expenses and for educational purposes.

Vacation leave entitlement

A provision is made for the estimated liability for vacation leave entitlement to employees up to a maximum of 210 days. Vacation leave earned during the period by the employees not reached the maximum limit is recognised in the Statement of Financial Performance.

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4.4 Property, Plant & Equipment

Property Plant and Equipment is stated at cost/valuation less accumulated depreciation. The Aapravasi Ghat Trust Fund site at Trou Fanfaron has been restored and is now a World Heritage Site and Historical Site.

Given the nature of activity of the AGTF and the status of the building (BRIC), it has been decided that the value of BRC be amortised for a period of ten years. This will reflect the reducing value of BRIC overtime. The renovation work of BRIC was completed in year 2014, thus depreciation has been provided for year 2015 and onwards.

Depreciation is calculated on the straight-line method to write off the cost of each asset to their residual values over its estimated useful lives as follows:

	Depreciation Rate
	%
BRIC	10
Furniture and Fittings	10
Office Equipment	20
Motor Vehicle	20
Computer Equipment	25

A full year depreciation is charged on fixed assets acquired during the year, whereas no depreciation is charged in the year of disposal.

Capital Expenditure for monetary value up to to Mur 10,000 are treated as expense and charged to the Statement of Financial Performance.

The lifetime of the van Toyota 4668 OC 04 still in use has been extended to 20 years and depreciated over the remaining useful life.

Gains and losses on disposal of property, plant and equipment are determined by comparing the net sales proceeds with the carrying amounts of the assets and are recognized in the Statement of Financial Performance.

4.5 Financial assets

The Fund classifies its financial assets as:

(a) Trade & other receivables

Trade and other receivables are stated at their normal value as reduced for estimated irrecoverable amounts.

(b) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash in hand and balances with bank.

(c) Inventories

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost or net realizable value. Cost is determined using a first-in-first-out (FIFO) basis. Net Realizable value is the estimated selling price in the ordinary course of business less the costs of completion and applicable variable selling expenses.

(d) Trade and other payables

Trade and other payables are stated at their nominal value.

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(e) Provisions

Provisions are recognized when the Fund has a present legal and constructive obligation as a result of past events, it is probable that an outflow of resources will be required to settle the obligation and a reliable estimate of the amount can be made.

(f) Revaluation reserve

Any surplus arising from the revaluation of assets is accounted in the Revaluation Reserve.

(g) General Fund

It is the fund's policy to transfer any surplus or deficit for the accounting period to the General Fund.

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5. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	2021	2020
	MUR	MUR
Cash at bank	6,545,122	9,245,010
Cash in hand	-	1,600
Petty cash	3,457	10,420
	<u>6,548,579</u>	<u>9,257,030</u>
6 TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES	2021	2020
	MUR	MUR
Insurance prepaid - Bric	92,410	92,410
Insurance prepaid - Motor Vehicle	13,067	12,740
	<u>105,477</u>	<u>105,150</u>
7 INVENTORIES	2021	2020
	MUR	MUR
Publications		
Publications as at 01st July	1,334,657	1,257,074
Add New Publications during the year	-	121,850
Less Publications sold/gifted	(17,617)	(44,267)
Balance as at 30 June	<u>1,317,040</u>	<u>1,334,657</u>
Spare parts		
Spare parts- Woods as at 01st July	23,669	23,669
Less stock used	-	-
Balance as at 30th June	<u>23,669</u>	<u>23,669</u>
Total inventories	<u>1,340,709</u>	<u>1,358,326</u>

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8 PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT

	Aapravasi Ghat	Office Equipment	Furniture & Fittings	Motor Vehicle	Computer Equipment	Total
	MUR	MUR	MUR	MUR	MUR	MUR
COSTS						
At 01 July 2020	124,734,790	4,912,859	683,619	1,995,375	5,226,743	137,553,386
Additions		-	-		-	-
Prior year adjustments	(12,168,282)					(12,168,282)
At 30 June 2021	112,566,508	4,912,859	683,619	1,995,375	5,226,743	125,385,104
ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION						
At 01 July 2020	42,188,234	4,425,771	365,472	1,805,034	5,153,385	53,937,896
Prior year adjustments	(412,181)	-	-	(208,734)	-	(620,915)
Amortisation - BRIC	7,595,647					7,595,647
Charge for the year	-	276,459	62,034	276,191	56,386	671,070
At 30 June 2021	49,371,700	4,702,230	427,506	1,872,491	5,209,771	61,583,698
NET BOOK VALUES						
At 30 June 2021	63,194,808	210,629	256,113	122,884	16,972	63,801,406
At 30 June 2020	82,546,556	487,088	318,147	190,341	73,358	83,615,490

Aapravasi Ghat consists of the following:

Description	Amount MUR
Development of a collection of BRIC	687,115
Setting up of BRIC	75,956,465
Buffer Zone	479,689
Vagrant Depot	2,190,093
Trianon	1,414,959
Research Programmes	2,670,934
Aapravasi Ghat World Heritage Site	28,319,358
LED Project	554,211
Flat Island	112,984
Promotion & Outreach Programme	180,700
TOTAL	112,566,508

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9 TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

	2021	2020
	MUR	MUR
Fund - Capital Project	397,500	-
Accruals	181,419	192,441
	<u>578,919</u>	<u>192,441</u>

10 SHORT TERM EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

	2021	2020
	MUR	MUR
Passage Benefits	608,913	280,818
Sick Leave	289,399	267,712
	<u>898,312</u>	<u>548,530</u>

11 LONG TERM EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

	2021	2020
	MUR	MUR
Passage Benefits	381,305	157,283
Sick leaves	6,036,569	4,883,688
Vacation leave	5,311,685	-
	<u>11,729,559</u>	<u>5,040,971</u>

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12 RETIREMENT BENEFIT OBLIGATION

The amount recognised in statement of financial position are as follows:

	2021 MUR	2020 MUR
Defined benefit obligation	28,534,055	22,987,353
Fair value of plan assets	(21,752,749)	(18,552,585)
Liability recognised in Statement of Financial Position at year end	6,781,306	4,434,768

Amounts recognised in statement of financial performance are as follows:

Current service cost	1,990,947	1,642,221
Employees contributions	(664,617)	(630,068)
Fund expenses	78,509	32,762
Net interest (expense)/income	135,164	(93,463)
Charge to the statement of financial performance	1,540,003	951,452
Remeasurement:		
Liability gain/(loss)	2,472,126	6,745,449
Assets gain/(loss)	(602,274)	(800,891)
Net assets/equity (NAE)	1,869,852	5,944,558
Total	3,409,855	6,896,010

Movements in liability recognised in statement of financial position:

At start of year	4,434,768	(1,453,226)
Amount recognized in statement of financial performance	1,540,003	951,452
(Contributions paid by employer)	(1,063,317)	(1,008,016)
Amount recognized in Net Assets/Equity (NAE)	1,869,852	5,944,558
At end of year	6,781,306	4,434,768

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

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12 RETIREMENT BENEFIT OBLIGATION (CONT'D)

	2021 MUR	2020 MUR
Reconciliation of the present value of defined benefit obligation		
Present Value of obligation at start of year	22,987,353	13,727,741
Current service cost	1,990,947	1,642,221
Interest cost	885,013	528,518
(Benefits paid)	198,616	343,424
Liability gain/(loss)	2,472,126	6,745,449
Present Value of obligation at end of year	28,534,055	22,987,353
Reconciliation of fair value of plan assets		
Fair value of plan assets at start of year	18,552,585	15,180,967
Expected return on plan assets	749,849	621,981
Employer contributions	1,063,317	1,008,016
Employees contributions	664,617	630,068
(Benefits paid + other outgo)	120,107	310,662
Asset gain/(loss)	602,274	800,891
Fair value of plan assets at end of year	21,752,749	18,552,585
Distribution of plan assets at end of year		
	June 2021	June 2020
Percentage of assets at end of year		
Government securities and cash	54.8%	61.7%
Loans	2.8%	3.0%
Local Equities	11.8%	10.1%
Overseas bonds and equities	30.1%	24.6%
Property	0.5%	0.6%
Total	100%	100%
Additional disclosure on assets issued or used by the reporting entity		
	June 2021	June 2020
	%	%
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	-	-
Components of the amount recognized in NAE		
Year	June 2021	June 2020
Currency	Mur	Mur
Asset experience gain/(loss) during the year	602,274	800,891
Liability experience gain/(loss) during the year	(2,472,126)	(6,745,449)
	(1,869,852)	(5,944,558)
Year		
Expected employer contributions	2021/2022	
(Estimate to be reviewed by Aapravasi Ghat Trust Fund)	1,123,005	
Weighted average duration of the defined benefit obligation	23 Years	
(Calculated as a % change in PV liabilities for a 1% change in discount rate)		

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12 RETIREMENT BENEFIT OBLIGATION (CONT'D)

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:-

	Year ending 30 June 2021	Year ending 30 June 2020
Discount rate	5.00%	3.85%
Future salary increases	3.00%	2.40%
Future pension increases	2.00%	1.40%
Mortality before retirement		A 6770 Ultimate Tables
	Nil	
	PA (90) Tables	
Mortality in retirement	rated down by 2 years	PA (90) Tables
Retirement age		65 Years

The discount rate is determined by reference to market yields 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 5.6M (increase by Rs 7.4M) 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 4.9 million, (decrease by Rs 4.0 M) if all assumptions were held unchanged.

- If life expectancy would increase (decrease) by one year, the defined benefit obligation would increase by Rs. 0.71M (decrease by Rs. 0.71M) if all assumptions were held unchanged.

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

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	2021		2020
	MUR		MUR
13 GENERAL FUND			Restated
Balance at start as reported	83,919,286	-	792,550
Effect of IPSAS 23 Adoption to opening balance			
Deferred capital Account Transferred			96,799,716
Restated Balance at start			96,007,166
Surplus for the year before IPSAS 23 Adoption			2,539,968
Effect of IPSAS 23 Adoption			
Release from Deferred capital Account derecognised		-	8,574,198
Restated Deficit for the year	(18,893,992)	-	6,034,230
Prior year adjustments	(11,347,367)	-	109,092
Re-measurement of Retirement Benefit obligation	(1,869,852)	-	5,944,558
Balance at end	51,808,075		83,919,286
14 REVENUE FROM EXCHANGE TRANSACTIONS			Restated
Sponsorship	-		110,240
Other income	190,500		53,120
Sale of books & articles	21,140		-
	211,640		163,360

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	2021 MUR	2020 MUR
15 EMPLOYEE BENEFIT COSTS		
Salary	16,019,269	14,353,885
Travelling	1,462,101	1,318,454
Overtime	134,931	471,283
Allowances	1,252,661	1,241,906
Gratuity	182,839	40,846
Contribution AGTF - SICOM	1,328,304	1,307,041
FPS AGTF	265,694	260,128
NSF AGTF	943,705	270,100
Sick leave	1,258,243	1,134,111
Vacation leave	5,311,685	-
Passage Benefits	634,928	209,088
	28,794,360	20,606,842
16 ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURE		
Insurance - BRIC	102,372	102,184
Utilities	834,449	1,028,844
Staff costs	136,320	174,192
Motor Vehicle Running Expenses	121,956	112,513
Office expenses	77,879	151,247
Maintenance of Equipment,Buildings,Furniture, It,Signage	447,106	216,673
Site Maintenance	27,390	69,910
Cleaning Expenses	75,172	387,960
Professional charges	233,040	28,800
Postage, printing & stationery	132,018	183,262
Chairman & Board Members Fees	526,391	775,544
Newspaper & Publications	4,305	7,205
General Expenses	22,303	49,588
Security	-	88,550
Events	361,225	346,684
Expenses - 2nd November	291,615	1,063,093
Membership Fee	12,342	2,887
Workshop/Seminars	8,798	34,210
Publication Costs	17,617	44,267
Financial Assistance	-	6,000
Books & periodicals	2,350	600
Rent	4,188,002	1,686,523
Movers fee	-	162,500
Insurance	-	9,631
Catering	-	27,890
Advertisement	-	31,303
	7,622,650	6,792,060
17 FINANCE COSTS		
Bank charges	28,766	24,490
18 DEPRECIATION		
Computer equipment	56,386	139,449
Office equipment	276,459	445,093
Furniture & fittings	62,034	65,656
Motor Vehicle	276,191	253,412
	671,070	903,610

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19 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTION

No related party transactions took place during the financial year ended 30 June 2021.

20 REMUNERATION OF KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONEL

The remuneration of key management personnel at 30 June 2021 were as follows:

	2021	2020
	MUR	MUR
Director	519,052	
Officer in Charge	719,769	1,260,707
Other Key Management Personnel	2,720,353	4,191,983
Chairman	342,000	366,000
Board members	187,485	147,050
Total	<u>4,488,659</u>	<u>5,965,740</u>

Key management personnel comprises of the Director, Officer in charge, Head of Technical unit, World Heritage Site Manager and Heritage Interpretation Manager, Chairman and Board Members.

21 CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

There are no pending litigations, claims, judgements or any such matter which would affect the accounts of the AGTF as at 30 June 2021.

22 Presentation of Budget Information in Financial Statements

The AGTF prepares its budget on "cash " basis and presented in the National Budget under the Ministry of Arts and Cultural Heritage. The Budget of the AGTF is financed mainly by Government Grant.

The financial statements of AGTF have been prepared on" Accrual " basis. A reconciliation between the actual amounts as presented in the Statement of Budget and actual amounts in the Statement of Financial Performance for the year ended 30 June 2021 is also prepared.

(i) Reconciliation of the Original and Revised Budget

The budget of the AGTF for the year 2020-21 was approved by the Board on 28 July 2020. The budget was subsequently revised based on the actual trend of revenues and expenditures and was approved by the Board on 29 July 2021.

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22 Presentation of Budget Information in Financial Statements (CONT'D)

(ii) Reconciliation of the Budgetary results and Financial Statements results

The statement shows the cash flow figures reconciled with the financial statements figures for the year ended 30 June 2021. The reconciliation principally concerns accrual accounting relating to expenses and revenues, property, plant and equipment and related depreciation and provisions deemed necessary. The most significant of these differences are as follows:

- (a) In budget accounting, revenue and expenses are accounted for as received and incurred in the accounting period. In accrual accounting, revenue and expenses only include amounts corresponding to amounts accruing to the period after adjusting of prepayments and accruals.
- (b) In budget accounting, capital expenditure are recorded as current year expenses. In accrual accounting this expense is capitalised and depreciated over the useful lives of the assets. Depreciation expense is recorded in the Statement of Financial Performance.
- (c) In budget accounting, expenditure for employee benefits is accounted for on a pay as you go basis. In accrual accounting, the expense is estimated by an actuary in accordance with the methodology set out in accounting standards. Basically, the pension and post employment benefits obligation is reported in the Statement of Financial Position. A professional valuation of the Defined Benefit Pension Plan as at 30 June 2021 has been carried out by SICOM Ltd as disclosed in Note 12

