



**Pledge submitted by Mauritius to the Human Rights 75 Secretariat
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Pledging entity: Government of Republic of Mauritius

PLEDGE NUMBER 1: We pledge to continue prioritizing the best interests of the child through the enactment of appropriate legislation. Mauritius is committed to the upholding of Human Rights. The Constitution provides for the protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms of individuals. Mauritius has ratified the Convention on the Rights of the Child, the Optional Protocol to the CRC on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography and the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child. Needful has been done to give effect to the provisions in these treaties by way of legal provisions/legislation aiming at protecting the children from harm.

Expected deadline within which pledge will be realised: Dec 31, 2099

PLEDGE NUMBER 2: We pledge to actively pursue efforts to combat Gender-Based Violence in line with the Mauritius National Strategy and Action Plan 2020-2024. Mauritius is committed to the upholding of Human Rights. The Constitution provides for the protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms of individuals. Gender Based Violence (GBV) is considered as a serious crime. The Protection from Domestic Violence Act was enacted in 1997 to provide for protection of spouses against domestic violence. It was amended in 2016 to provide for severe penalties to perpetrators of domestic violence. A High-Level Committee on the Elimination of Gender Based Violence meets under the Chairmanship of the Prime Minister to drive and monitor implementation of the Mauritius National Strategic Action Plan (NSAP) on GBV. Target: Victims, perpetrators, potential perpetrators of Gender-Based Violence . The “Lespwar” app is easily downloadable and accessible for any age.

Expected deadline within which pledge will be realised: Dec 31, 2099

PLEDGE NUMBER 3: We pledge to maintain the right to free public education for all, from pre-primary through to tertiary, and ensure an inclusive, holistic and meaningful value-based education system that enables the emergence of citizens capable of innovating in and adapting to a constantly evolving environment. Mauritius is committed to ensuring the Right to Education to all. It aims to impart quality education to maximise the potential of its citizens. Education is compulsory till the age of 16 years. Free public education is provided from primary to tertiary in all public education institutions, and for learners with special education needs. Free pre-primary education will be provided only in public and private aided pre-primary schools as from January 2024. Free transport is provided to and from educational institutions. People Targeted All children aged 3 to 16 years. Persons beyond 16 years wishing to pursue studies at secondary, technical or tertiary level.

Expected deadline within which pledge will be realised: Dec 31, 2099

PLEDGE NUMBER 4: We pledge to continue providing free and accessible public healthcare for all. The State of Mauritius acknowledges access to health as a fundamental right of every citizen and is committed to the provision of free healthcare services. Mauritius, being a welfare state, provides free medical treatment in public medical institutions. Health service delivery focuses on customer care, primary health care, health promotion, preventive medicine and specialised care, including the prevention of mental illness and psychiatric services. A National Integrated Care for Older People Plan is under implementation. People Targeted All citizens. Migrant workers who hold a work permit are provided with free health care. Focus Region Free medical care is provided across Mauritius in five Public Regional Hospitals, two District Hospitals, two community hospitals and six specialised hospitals. Outcome Public Health services are available for every citizen.

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PLEDGE NUMBER 5: We pledge to maintain a robust social security system and to enhance the lives of vulnerable people. As a welfare state, provision is made for basic retirement pension to all. Basic Widow's Pension, the Basic Invalidity Pension and Orphan's Pension is provided to those eligible. Social Aid is provided to the needy citizens under the Social Aid Act including allowances for purchase of medicine and funeral grants. Carer's allowance is provided to bedridden or severely disabled persons. The Republic of Mauritius has adopted and implemented a Marshall Plan against Poverty aiming to eliminate absolute poverty and encourage change among vulnerable populations that would lead to economic empowerment, social inclusion and overall improved well-being of the disadvantaged groups. People Targeted Special attention to senior citizens, persons with disabilities, vulnerable persons (widows and orphans) and the needy. Focus Region Facilities are provided across the island. Outcome A fair, equitable and responsive social protection to its citizens."

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