



Annual Report 2022/2023





INTRODUCTION

In line with the requirements of the Finance and Audit Act, Statistics Mauritius (SM) has the pleasure to present its seventh Annual Report on its performance for the financial year 2022-2023. The report has been prepared as per the guidelines set by the Ministry of Finance, Economic Planning and Development.

It gives an overview of the Department's main roles/functions, achievements and evaluates its key actions, major projects and measures planned for the period under review.

STRUCTURE OF THE REPORT

The report is divided into four sections as listed below





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PART I – OVERVIEW OF STATISTICS MAURITIUS

1. VISION AND MISSION



2. VALUES

- We are professionally independent.
- We commit to produce statistics in an objective and transparent manner.
- We commit to produce high – quality, relevant, and timely statistics.
- We guarantee the confidentiality of information collected, and comply with statistics and data protection legislations.
- We aim at reducing response burden on our data providers and ensure that other available data sources are used before surveying them.
- We aim at providing excellent service to our users.
- We value our staff and strive to provide an environment in which staff meet their full potential and flourish at work.

Our core values are consistent with the UN Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics and the African Charter on Statistics.



3. MESSAGE FROM THE AG. DIRECTOR OF STATISTICS



For Statistics Mauritius, the financial year 2022/2023 was marked principally by the conduct of the 19th Housing and Population Census (HPC) and the dissemination of its main results for the Republic of Mauritius and Rodrigues as well as the implementation of SM's E-Business Plan.

The main objective of the Census is to measure the number and key characteristics of people in the Republic of Mauritius and their housing conditions. Though we have a long history of Census taking in the country, every Census has its load of challenges. This 19th round of the HPC was no exception, particularly when set against the backdrop of the Covid-19 pandemic. However, Statistics Mauritius was able to rise up to the challenge by innovating and adapting to volatile circumstances. For the first time, SM adopted digital technology, in the form of Computer Assisted Personal Interviews (CAPI) technology for the data collection exercise.

The main results of the 2022 HPC for the Republic of Mauritius were released during the African Statistics Day celebration on 18 November 2022. A dissemination workshop was also organized in Rodrigues on 24 November 2022 to share the main results of the 2022 HPC undertaken in Rodrigues. SM is now working on the data processing to produce more detailed census tabulation and analytical reports and thematic maps.

The E-Business Plan of SM which is part of the office Strategic Plan (2020-2025) was initially prepared by Pricewaterhouse Coopers (PwC). Its prime objective is to define a strategy to improve the work processes of SM and harness ICT to improve productivity, quality and service delivery. Amongst others, it will also pave way to a more enabling environment at SM by revamping the current One Stop Data Hub to improve user and stakeholder experience, enhancing security and confidentiality across life cycle, adopting e-government principles and stay relevant with the Government Digital Strategy. The plan is co-funded by SM and the UNDP. A private company based in India, iTech Mission Limited (iTM) has been recruited by the UNDP to work on the implementation of the E-Business Plan.



The National Budget for Financial year 2023/2024 was presented in June 2023. The budget of SM has decreased from 477.5M in 2022/23 to Rs 281.8M in 2023/2024 due to the completion of major activities related to 2022 HPC. It includes expenses related to the implementation of SM's E-Business Plan and forthcoming surveys such as the Continuous Multi-Purpose Household Survey, Living Conditions Survey and the Census of Agriculture which will be undertaken in 2024.

The past year has been rich in capacity building and collaboration. Under the training agreement signed between SM and the University of Mauritius (UoM), 38 Temporary Statistical Officers including 2 from the Ministry of Health and Wellness were sponsored by SM to follow a training course leading to a Certificate in Basic Statistics. The course which was held at the University from July to September 2022 was sanctioned by an examination in October 2022 and on 13 December 2022, an award of certificate ceremony was organized at UoM for the trainees.

The capacity building of Statistics Mauritius (SM) in measuring Multidimensional Poverty, Vulnerability & Informal Work is one component within the scope of the Agence Française de Développement / Expertise France (AFD/EF) Project on Social Protection. 14 staff of SM successfully attended a 10-day training in August 2022, covering poverty measurement, particularly Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI) and compilation of informality based on latest ILO algorithm.

The International Labour Organisation (ILO) conducted a 3-day training in Labour Statistics in April 2023 at SM. The training was mainly based on the 20th International Conference Labour Statistician (ICLS) Resolution, in particular the International Classification of Status in Employment (ICSE)-18 and informality. Ms. Maria Payet, Senior Statistician of ILO, provided training to 11 Officers from SM, Human Resources Development Council and Ministry of Labour, Human Resource Development and Training.

The African Union Commission (AUC) conducted a peer review exercise for the National Statistics System (NSS) of Mauritius in May 2018. At the end of the mission, 19 recommendations were formulated by the peers for an improvement of the NSS of



Mauritius. 4 years after this peer review exercise, the AUC-STATAFRIC and SADC Secretariat conducted a mission at SM from in July 2022 to assess the Implementation of the Recommendations of the Peer Review, the Monitoring of the African Charter on Statistics (ACS) for Mauritius and the SADC Protocol on Statistics. The SADC and AUC-STATAFRIC congratulated SM on the progress made in implementing the recommendations and called on to fast track the remaining recommendations not yet completed.

SM is participating in the EU-funded PAS2 projects for the African National Statistical Offices. In that context, the office is receiving technical assistance to enhance its Statistical Business Register (SBR) in line with new technologies such as Statbus, which is a generic tool for SBR database, data upload and editing of the SBR unit level data. Experts from Statistics Finland, namely Mr. Ville-Matti Pilviö and Mr. Timo Laukkanen fielded a first mission at SM in April 2023.

Courtesy Visit

SM had the pleasure of welcoming Dr Coffi Agossou, the ILO Country Office Director for Madagascar, Comoros, Mauritius and Seychelles on 02 September 2022. The courtesy call was an opportunity for SM to discuss on the current and future collaboration in the compilation of labour statistics.

Study tours at SM

- SM welcomed Angolan delegates for a study tour from 18 to 22 July 2022. The aim was primarily to understand the current practices regarding collection of retail and wholesale prices for the computation of Consumer Price Index (CPI) and other price indices.
- The Director-General of the Zimbabwe National Statistics Agency, Mr Taguma Mahonde, lead a delegation comprising of a team of 7 Officers from 3-6 April 2023 to understand the processes that SM engaged in during the implementation of the 2018 Census of Economic Activities (CEA).
- On the 12th and 13th June 2023, SM welcomed a Tanzanian team of 6 Officers from the Ministry of Energy and National Bureau of Statistics, including an Expert



Consultant from Expertise France. The aim of their visit was to study the Energy Statistics System (ESS) of Mauritius in order to define a precise list of activities and work plan.

- A delegation from the Rwanda Development Board visited SM on 15 June 2023 with main objectives to understand the Tourism Satellite Accounts (TSA) of Mauritius, learn about data collection and compilation of tourism statistics mainly accommodation data and occupancy rates and about the tourism surveys carried out by SM.

“Statistics Mauritius has come a long way since 1945. Over the decades, the Office has witnessed numerous transformations in terms of continuous improvement on compilation, analysis and transformation of data. Though we have embarked on the digitisation train since long, we have to now embrace modern technologies at a faster pace to remain up to date with new evolutions in the data field. At SM, we are therefore prepared to welcome new challenges.”

Mr Mukesh DAWOONAUTH, Ag. Director of Statistics



4. ROLES AND FUNCTIONS OF STATISTICS MAURITIUS

Statistics Mauritius (SM) operates under the Statistics Act 2000. Statistics Mauritius therefore has the mandate of producing official statistics relating to all aspects of the country's economic, demographic and social activities except for health statistics which fall under the responsibility of the Ministry responsible for Health, and monetary and financial, banking and balance of payment statistics for which the Bank of Mauritius is responsible.



Data are collected through censuses and surveys, and from administrative sources. For more efficiency and to reduce response burden, maximum use of data collected for administrative purposes is made and data is collected only where there is a need to do so.

Our statistics are compiled according to the latest international standards. We make use of international classifications to enable comparability at the international level. By virtue of the Statistics Act, SM is mandated to co-ordinate statistical activities of all producers of official statistics including public sector agencies to ensure standards and to minimize overlap and duplication in production of official statistics in the country. It collaborates with Ministries and Departments of Government in the collection, compilation, analysis, publication and dissemination of statistical information. As working arrangement, staff of the statistical cadre are posted in line ministries, while several Memoranda of Understanding have been signed with some data producing agencies to set out the framework for cooperation, with a view to facilitating data sharing and coordination.

We conduct regular consultations with main data users to assess their needs in order to produce statistics of relevance and provide Government with statistics relevant for policy formulation and development planning.

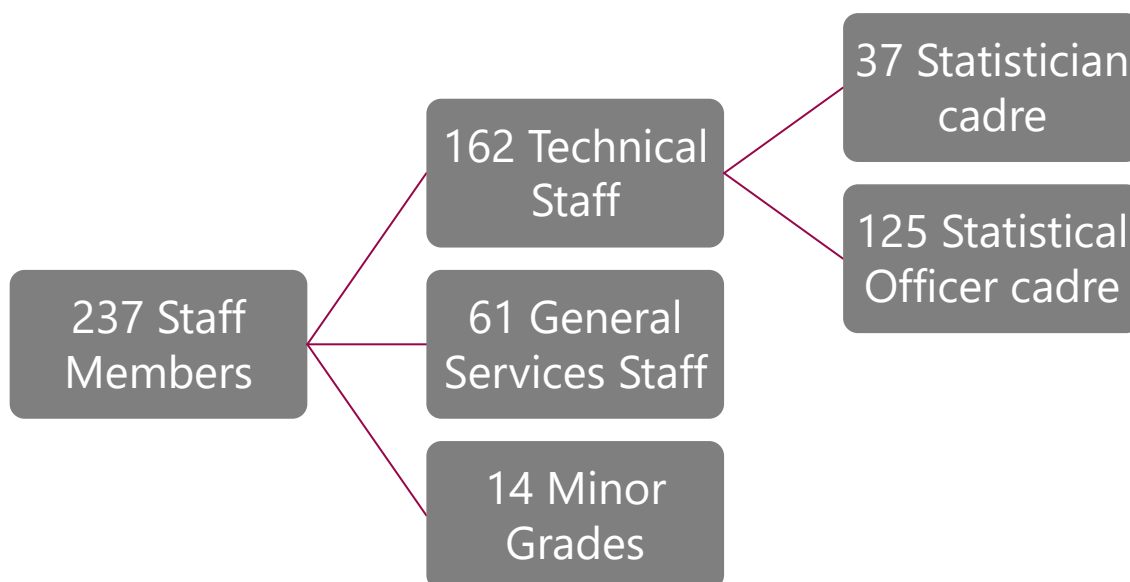
5. OUR PEOPLE

Staffing

Statistics Mauritius is headed by the Ag. Director of Statistics who is also the Accounting Officer of the Department. He is assisted by three Deputy Directors, each in charge of a Division, namely:

- Social and Labour Statistics Division;
- National Accounts and Prices Division; and
- Statistical Support, Informatics and Dissemination Division.



As at 30 June 2023, there were 237 staff in post as follows:



During the Financial Year 2022/2023 ending at 30 June 2023, promotion and recruitment have been made against funded vacancies as follows:

- 2 Principal Statistician promoted as Temporary Deputy Director of Statistics;
- Funded Vacancies in the grades of General Services, Human Resource and Financial Operations cadres have also been filled.

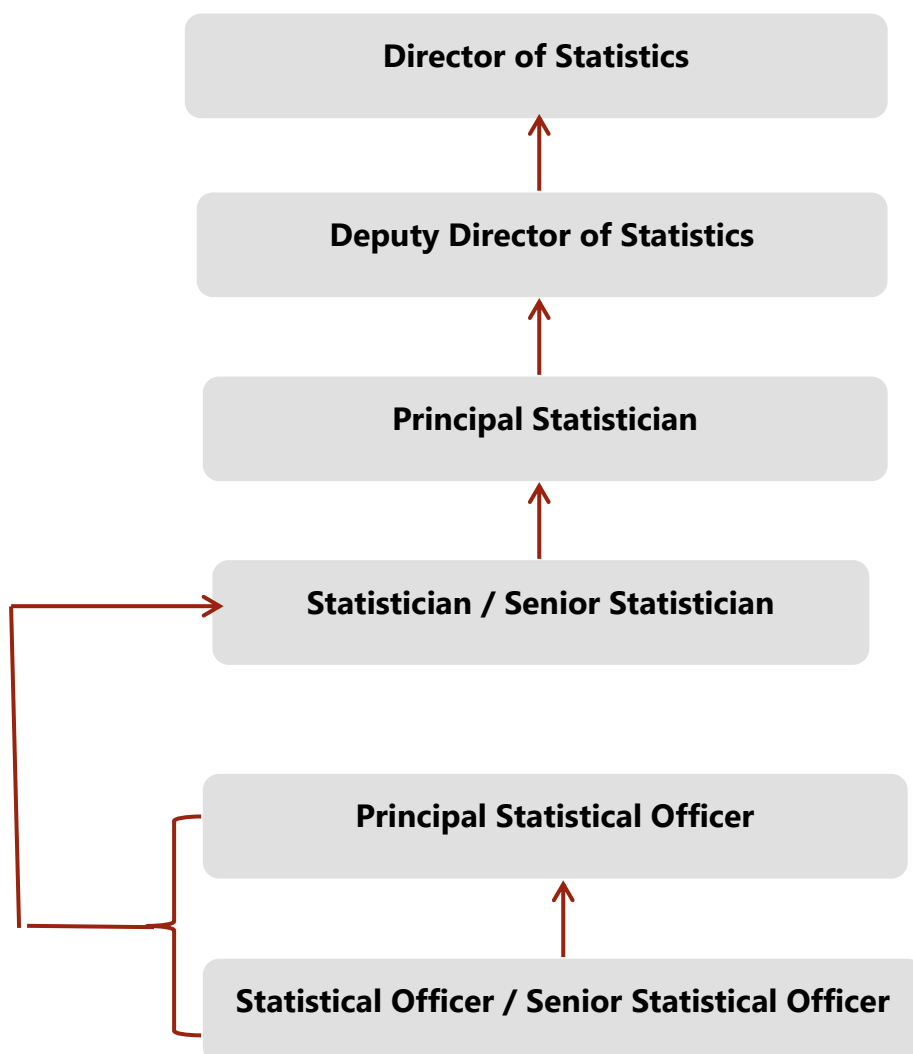
SM staff comprises more women than men:

	Male 	Female 	Total
Number of staff	61	176	237
Of whom senior management	4	1	5

ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

The hierarchical structure of the technical grades and the organisation chart are below.

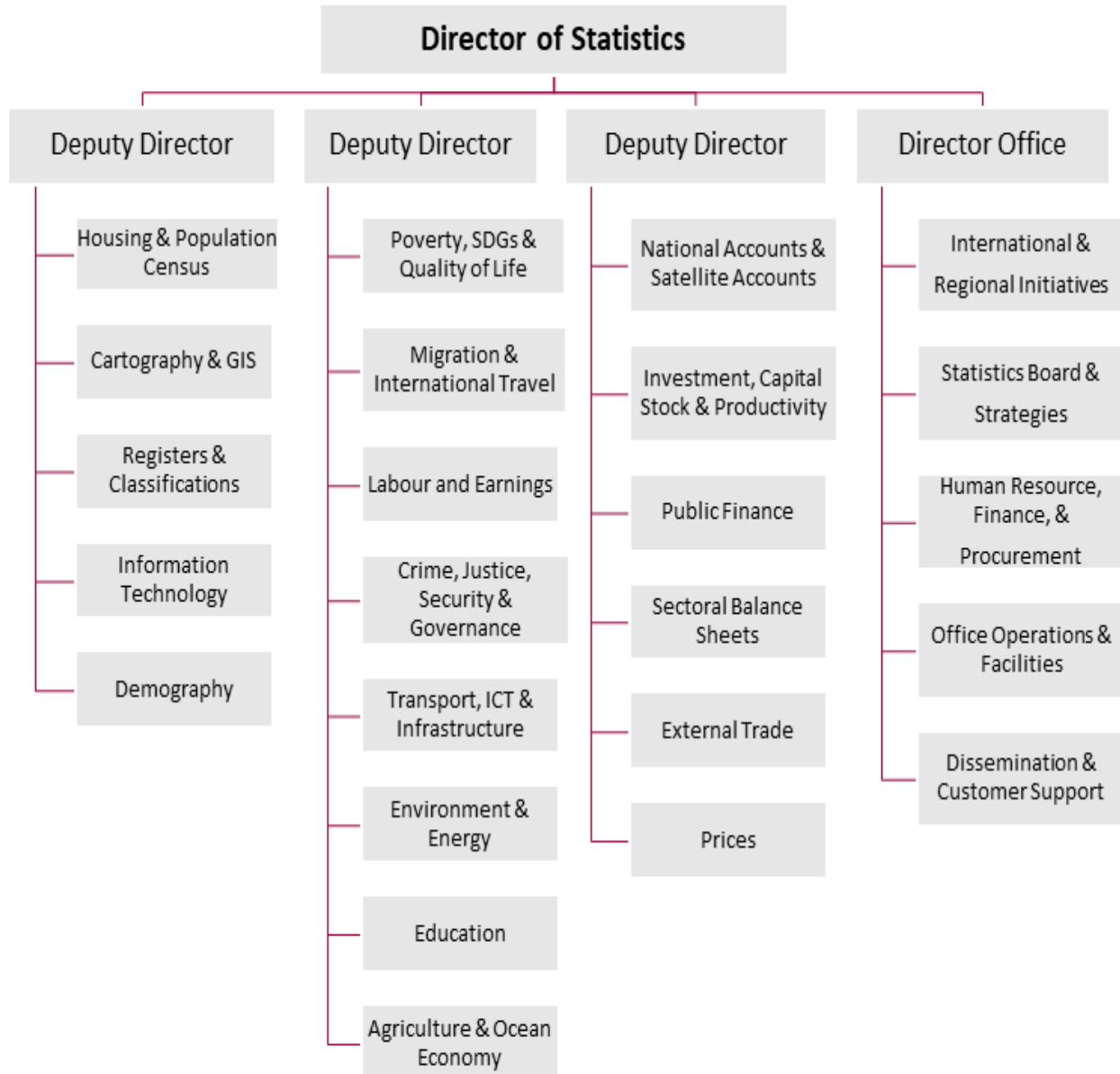
HIEARCHICAL STRUCTURE



In line with the recommendations of the PRB Report 2021 for the merging of the grades of Statistician and Senior Statistician, Statistical Officer and Senior Statistical Officer, the necessary amendments have been made in the respective schemes of service for the following grades:

- Principal Statistician
- Statistician/Senior Statistician
- Principal Statistical Officer
- Statistical Officer/Senior Statistical officer

ORGANISATIONAL CHART



STAFF IN POST AS AT 30 JUNE 2023

SN	GRADE	IN POST
1.	Director of Statistics	0 (1 Deputy Director of Statistics as Acting Director of Statistics)
2.	Deputy Director of Statistics	2 (1 Principal Statistician as Acting Deputy Director of Statistics)
3.	Principal Statistician	3
4.	Statistician/Senior Statistician	32
6.	Principal Statistical Officer	2
7.	Statistical Officer/Senior Statistical Officer	123
9.	Assistant Manager, Financial Operations	1
10.	Financial Operations Officer / Senior Financial Operations Officer	1
11.	Assistant Financial Operations Officer	1
12.	Procurement and Supply Officer / Senior Procurement and Supply Officer	1
13.	Assistant Procurement and Supply Officer	0
14.	Assistant, Manager Human Resource	1
15.	Human Resource Executive	1
16.	Office Management Executive	1
17.	Office Management Assistant	2
18.	Office Supervisor	1
19.	Management Support Officer	16 + 25 for Housing and Population Census 2022 = 41
20.	Confidential Secretary	2
21.	Word Processing Operator	1
	Systems Analyst	1
	Assistant Systems Analyst	1
	Computer Support Officer	1
	Library Officer	1
22.	Receptionist/Telephone Operator	2
23.	Head Office Auxiliary	1
24.	Office Auxiliary/Senior Office Auxiliary	10
25.	Driver	3
26.	Intern under Service to Mauritius (STM) Programme	1
27.	Intern under Youth Employment Programme (YEP)	0
Total Number of Officers in Post		237

LIST OF RETIRED SM STAFF (JULY 2022 TO JUNE 2023)

SN	NAME	GRADE	DATE OF RETIREMENT
1	NAGURSET Harischand	Driver	1 July 2022
2	BHEECARRY Kishore Kumar	Senior Statistical Officer	11 January 2023
3	GOODA-SAHIB MULUNG Bibi Adiilah	Statistical Officer	1 February 2023
4	RUJUB Mahmode Riaz	Senior Statistical Officer	12 February 2023
5	VICTOR Marie Odile Francesca	Senior Statistical Officer	24 March 2023
6	BUNDHOO Anirood	Statistician	8 April 2023
7	RAMASAMY Anand	Statistician	2 May 2023
8	RAMRUCHA Sanjiv Kumar	Statistical Officer	19 June 2023



CAPACITY BUILDING

SM Staff attended several seminars local, overseas and online as follows:

Local Training

- (i) Training Programme on "Safety and Health in Practice", 21 Nov 2022 – 07 Dec 2022;
- (ii) Validation Workshop - Project Implementation Plan for the Fourth National Communication for the Republic of Mauritius by Ministry of Environment, Solid Waste Management and Climate Change (Environment and Climate Change Division), 24 Nov 2022;
- (iii) MOHW Household Out-of-Pocket Health Expenditure Survey 2023, 31 Jan 2023;
- (iv) MFPWA strategic plan evaluation by Mauritius Family Planning & Welfare, 28 Feb 2023;
- (v) Code of Ethics and Good Governance Workshop by Mauritius Council of Registered Librarians (MCRL), 23 Feb 2023;
- (vi) Greening of the Public Sector by Environment Statistics and Climate Change unit, 16 – 17 Mar 2023;
- (vii) Consultative Workshop on the Formulation of the National Policy Paper on the Family, 14 Mar 2023;
- (viii) Capacity Building on the Greenhouse Gas Abatement Cost Model (GACMO) methodology by Ministry of Environment, Solid Waste Management and Climate Change, 13 Mar 2023;
- (ix) Workshop on Mauritius skills mobility Initiative by Southern Africa Migration Management Project, 14 Mar 2023;
- (x) United Nations Strategic Prioritisation Retreat by United Nations Country Team, 20-21 Mar 2023;
- (xi) Development of MFPWA Strategic Plan 2023-2028 by Mauritius Family Planning & Welfare Association, 28-29 Mar 2023;
- (xii) Code of Ethics and Good Governance Workshop, 23 Feb 2023;
- (xiii) Review of the National Road Safety Strategy, Ministry of Land Transport & Light Rail, 03 Apr 2023;

- (xiv) Validation workshop on the National Policy Paper on the Family by Ministry of Gender Equality and Family Welfare, 12 Apr 2023;
- (xv) World Intellectual Property Day 2023 - Women and IP: Accelerating Innovation & Creativity by Mauritius Research and Innovation Council, 26 Apr 2023;
- (xvi) Workshop on Nature-Based Tourism and Lessons Learned from the COVID-19, Ministry of Tourism, 4 May 2023;
- (xvii) Validation Workshop on the draft local disaster risk reduction and management action plan for the township of Beau Bassin/ Rose Hill , 11-12 May 2023;
- (xviii) Training QGIS under the SANOI project Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO), 29 May – 12 Jun 2023;
- (xix) Capacity Building Initiative for Transparency (CBIT) Project, 31 May – 9 Jun 2023;
- (xx) Workshop on the Universal Periodic Review, 19 Jun 23;
- (xxi) SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA) Pathway - National Report by Secretary for Foreign Affairs, 5-9 Jun 23;
- (xxii) Roadmap and Action Plan for a Circular Economy in the Republic of Mauritius National Validation Workshop, 21-22 Jun 2023.

Overseas Training

- (i) SADC Workshop on Input-Output Matrices, 22- 26 Aug 2022;
- (ii) Training Programme on Collecting and Analysing Data on the Economic Contribution of Copyright Industries for Aripo Member States, 17-18 Oct 2022;
- (iii) 5th Meeting of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Business and Trade Statistics, 6 – 9 Nov 2022;
- (iv) Statistical Commission for Africa held in Addis Ababa, from 22 to 28 Oct 2022.
- (v) 7th International Conference on Big Data and Data Science for Official Statistics, Yogyakarta, Indonesia, 7-11 Nov 2022;
- (vi) Analytical skills for National accounts Workshop from 21-25 Nov 2022;
- (vii) Harmonized Consumer Price Index (HCPI) Capacity Building Workshop, 17 – 21 Oct 2022;

- (viii) 21ST Conference for Senior Officials' Migration Dialogue for Southern Africa (MIDSA), 6 – 10 Nov 2022;
- (ix) Workshop on "Leveraging Technology in Remittances Data Collection and Lessons learnt from the COVID-19 Pandemic", 8 – 11 Nov 2022;
- (x) Technical Expert Forum on Tracking of Hazardous Events and Disaster Losses and Damages, 29-30 Nov 2022;
- (xi) Workshop on "Design of digital remittances data collection tools with CSPro and Survey Solutions", 12-16 Dec 2022;
- (xii) Mr. Saburo KANEMARU Memorial International Exchange Program, 06 – 18 Mar 2022;
- (xiii) Agenda 2063 Validation Workshop meeting, 12 to 14 Dec 2022;
- (xiv) "Data Analytics and Risk Management", 05 – 16 Dec 2022;
- (xv) Workshop on Price Statistics Fundamentals, 27 Feb – 03 Mar 2023;
- (xvi) Regional meeting to validate the revised GBV indicators and draft scorecard and to roll-out the SADC GBV prevention handbook, 01 – 03 Feb 2023;
- (xvii) 54th Session of the Statistical Commission; 28 Feb to 3 Mar 2023;
- (xviii) Peer Learning Workshop on National Greenhouse Gas Inventory Management systems and Tools, 21 – 23 Feb 2023;
- (xix) FMI / AFRITAC de l'Ouest : Séminaire en statistiques de finances publiques, 30 Jan – 3 Feb 2023 ;
- (xx) Workshop on the Use of Additional Data Sources to ensure a Full IMTS Coverage, 15 – 17 Feb 2023;
- (xxi) Second Joint WTO-OECD-UNECA Regional Workshop on Developing Statistical Capacity in Africa for Integration into TiVA databases, 05 – 08 Jun 2023;
- (xxii) Training Program - China - "IT based Statistics Management for Officials of Developing Countries";
- (xxiii) Hybrid Meeting to Review and Validate the Draft Continental Methodology for Informal Cross-Border Trade Data Collection, 01 – 02 Jun 2023;
- (xxiv) SADC Statistics Committee Meeting, 30 May – 01 Jun 2023;



- (xxv) Workshop on Geospatial Analysis and Visualisation of Census Data, 26 to 30 Jun 2023;
- (xxvi) Hybrid-Meeting of the Specialized Technical Group on Demography, Migration, Health, Human Development, Social Protection and Gender (STG-Social), 24 – 26 Jun 2023.

ROTATION POLICY

The aim of the staff rotation policy is to provide all with opportunities to work in different topical areas so as to expand their work knowledge and skills as well as to broaden their understanding of the organization. The policy also works towards overcoming potential job boredom, and creates back-up for long leaves and retirements.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Our Occupational Health and Safety Committee comprises of representatives from concerned Units of Statistics Mauritius, the Health and Safety Officer and one representative from the Life Insurance Corporation (LIC). The Committee meets whenever needed, or else every two months in accordance with the regulations in force, to resolve issues related to health and safety of our officers.

The World Day for Safety and Health at Work is celebrated annually on 28 April to create awareness among all stakeholders on the importance of promoting a safe and healthy culture at the workplace. To mark this event, an awareness programme was conducted at SM on that day by a representative of the Mauritius Fire and Rescue Service. The programme was geared towards prevention of accidents and injuries caused by fire and precautionary measures to be adopted at the workplace.

PART II – ACHIEVEMENTS & CHALLENGES

6. MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS

100% of Social and Economic monthly data planned for the year published;

Construction of the Supply and Use Table (SUT), Institutional Sector Accounts and Input Output Table (IOT); Compilation of Tourism Satellite Account (TSA), Social Accounting Matrix (SAM) based on Census of Economic Activities 2018 results and Financial Sectoral Balance Sheet;

Rebasing of Quarterly Wage Rate Index with fourth Quarter 2021 as base period and published as from Second Quarter of 200 in September 2022;

Resuming of face to face interviews using Computer-Assisted Personal Interviews (CAPI) for the 2023 round of the Continuous Multi-Purpose Household Survey;

Implementation of the E-Business Plan, 2023-2025;

Release of preliminary results of the 2022 Housing and Population Census;

Capacity building: A 3-day training on Labour Market Statistics, in particular, 20th ICLS Resolution (International Classification of Status in Employment (ICSE)-18 and informality);

Increased collaboration with different Ministries through participation, amongst others, in:

- Joint Working Group on statistics between SM, Financial Services Commission and Bank of Mauritius to address issues of common interest to the three agencies as well as improve the external sector, national accounts and financial statistics;
- Technical Working Group 4 on the Elimination of Gender Based Violence and collaboration with Mauritius Research and Innovation Council (MRIC) in the setting up of a Gender Based Violence Observatory;
- Working Committee on Metadata on health statistics in the context of the Health Sector Strategic Plan;
- Agenda 2063 Special Project for the development of the Second Ten Year Implementation Plan (2024 – 2033);
- Establishment of a Statistics Unit at the Disaster Risk Reduction Management Centre (NDRRMC) to harmonise the collection, processing and validation of disaster related statistics to meet the requirements of the Sendai Reporting Framework.

7. STATUS ON IMPLEMENTATION OF KEY ACTIONS

The status of implementation of key actions is given in the table below:

Key Action	Key Performance Indicator	Target	Achievement 2022/23
Social and economic data are available to support policy decision making	% of Social and Economic data and monthly are published as per release calendar	100%	100% released.
Conduct of the 2023 Census of Economic Activities (CEA) for Small establishments	CEA 2023 conducted and analysed		The survey started as from January 2023.
Conduct of Housing and Population Census (HPC) in 2022	Housing and Population Census completed	(i) Conduct of Population Census in July 2022 (ii) Dissemination of the results of the 2022 HPC	Preliminary results of the HPC disseminated and published in November 2022
SM E Business Plan	Implementation of E Business Plan	Wave I of the E Business Plan implemented by June 2023	Implementation of the project has started since April 2023
Conduct of the Household Budget Survey in 2023	Household Budget Survey conducted		The survey started as from January 2023
Conduct of Survey of Inbound, Outbound and Domestic Visitors in 2023	To provide benchmarked visitor profile data and an appreciation of tourists on the destination and also inputs for compilation of Tourism Satellite Account		The survey conducted as from January 2023

8. RISK MANAGEMENT, CITIZEN ORIENTED INITIATIVES & GOOD GOVERNANCE

We continually work towards improving the quality of our statistics to better satisfy users' needs. Some of the main actions include:



Interaction with our main stakeholders to gather their views so as to produce statistics that are relevant.



Posting of an Advance Release Calendar on our website and release of our statistics accordingly on our website so that all users have free access simultaneously. We send email alerts to our main stakeholders whenever there is a new release.



To ensure transparency, our methodologies are published together with the statistical releases. Advance notice is given to our users whenever there are major changes in methodology, including data sources and statistical techniques.



Production of our statistics according to professional standards and publish them in ways which explain and inform without advocating a particular position.



We have an agreement with respondents; they are encouraged to provide accurate information while we ensure that the data provided are strictly protected. Our staff is required by law to give an undertaking of secrecy while we make sure that in publishing the statistics, identifiable information is not released. We also take necessary measures to ensure the security of the statistical information collected.



To improve accountability, we regularly receive the visits of the Internal Control Unit of the Ministry of Finance, Economic Planning and Development as well as the National Audit Office. Remedial actions are promptly taken whenever shortcomings are brought to the attention of management.

PART III – FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

9. FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

STATEMENT OF REVENUE

Rs 000

Revenue (Rs million)	2021-2022 Actual	2022-2023 Estimates	2022-2023 Actual
Property Income	-	-	-
Sales of Goods and Services	130,745		88,769
Fines, Penalties and Forfeits	-	-	-
Miscellaneous Revenues	8,254	-	39,820
Total Revenue from Property Income, User Fees and other Sources	138,999	-	128,589

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE

Rs 000

Head/Sub-Head of Expenditure (Rs million)	2021-2022 Actual	2022-2023 Estimates	2022-2023 Actual
Compensation of Employees	111,678	121,950	114,670
Goods and Services	111,790	324,500	294,893
Subsidies	-	-	-
Grants	35	50	34
Social Benefits	-	-	-
Other Expenses	-	-	-
Acquisition of Non-Financial Assets	21,200	31,000	9,991
Acquisition of Financial Assets	-	-	-
Total	244,703	477,500	419,588



MAJOR CHANGES FROM 2021 - 2022 TO 2022 - 2023

The actual shifted from 245 M in 2021-22 to 420 M in 2022-23 as a result of payments related to the Housing and Population Census (HPC) 2022.

MAJOR VARIANCES FROM ESTIMATES AND ACTUAL FOR FINANCIAL YEAR

2022-23

The variance for 'Compensation of Employees' is mostly due to some vacancies that remained unfilled at the close of the financial year.

The variance for 'Goods and Services' is mainly due to the recruitment of less fieldstaff and discontinuation of technical assistance from US Census Bureau as same was received from UNFPA free of charge in connection with the HPC 2022.

The variance for 'Acquisition of Non-Financial Assets' is explained by the relaunch of the tender exercise by UNDP in connection with the procurement of goods for the Statistical E-Platform as the price quoted were higher than the project value.

PART IV – STRATEGIC DIRECTION



Implement the new National Strategy for Official Statistics



Implement the E-business Plan to modernize our operations, and ensure business continuity during crisis, disaster and pandemic situations



Disseminate preliminary results of the Housing and Population Census before end of the year 2022.



Conduct the Household Budget Survey (HBS 2023) from January to December 2023



Conduct the Census of Economic Activities (CEA 2023) from January 2023 to December 2024



Exploit new data sources, in particular, investigate the possibilities of using scanner data in the compilation of Consumer Price Indices



Work towards meeting the requirements of the highest tier of the IMF data dissemination initiative capacity (Special Data Dissemination Standard – SDDS - Plus)



Develop appropriate tools and methodologies to assess the quality of official statistics.