

The 2022 Housing and Population Census



The Housing Census 2022 has now been completed.

Despite the numerous challenges faced on field, Census officials succeeded in carrying forward their duties and bringing to fruitful completion the Housing Census 2022.

Sak sitwayen Konte, ed nou pou kont ou At present, the Population Census 2022 has started since the beginning of July. Much preparation was done beforehand to ensure a smooth execution of this national exercise.

We wish the very best to all our Census officials who are on field since the start of this cold month of July 2022!

Budget 2022 / 2023

The National Budget for Financial Year (FY) 2022/2023 was presented on 07 June 2022.

The budget of SM has increased from an amount of Rs 314 M to Rs 477.5 M in 2022/2023 to finance both its capital and recurrent expenditure. The increase is mainly due to expenses related to the 2022 Housing and Population Census and the implementation of the SM E-Business Plan. It also includes the expenses of forthcoming surveys in 2023 such as the Continuous Multi-Purpose Household Survey (CMPHS), the Household Budget Survey (HBS) and the Census of Economic Activities (CEA).

The number of funded positions in the new Budget is at 247 compared to 229 in the previous Budget.

Statistics Board under new Chairmanship

The Statistics Board welcomed its new Chair since November 2021 in the person of Mr Joseph E. Charles CARTIER, to replace Mr Gilbert GNANY.

Mr Charles CARTIER, who is presently the Managing Director of Accenture Mauritius, has several years of experience at General Management and Corporate Executive levels within international firms such as TNT Business Solutions and Accenture. Additionally, Mr Charles CARTIER has served as Director on the Board of Directors of the Bank of Mauritius and was the first Chairman of the Economic Development Board from 2017 to 2020.

The Statistics Board conveys its appreciation to Mr Gilbert GNANY who served as the Chairperson of the Statistics Board from February 2020 to June 2021. His invaluable support and advice throughout his tenure is highly regarded.

Courtesy visits at SM

A. H.E. Mr. Muhammad Arshad JAN, High Commissioner of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan to Mauritius



H.E. Mr Muhammad Arshad JAN, High Commissioner of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan to Mauritius, accompanied by his spouse paid a courtesy call on the Ag. Director of Statistics, Mr Mukesh DAWOONAUTH on Thursday 16 June 2022.

H.E. Mr Muhammad Arshad JAN spoke of the collaboration between Mauritius and Pakistan, more specifically the possible signing of an MoU between Statistics Mauritius and the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics.

B. Visit from a team of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)



A team of the UNFPA, led by Mr Koffi KOUAME, UNFPA Representative in Madagascar and Country Director for Comoros, Mauritius & Seychelles, paid a courtesy call on the Ag. Director of Statistics on Thursday 23 June 2022.

Mr J. SUNKUR, Chief Demographer from The Ministry of Health & Wellness as well as Mr A. S. MUNGRALEE, Ag. Deputy Director and Mr C. ARIANAICK, Principal Statistician from SM were also present during the courtesy call.

Get-together for retired Officers of SM

A Get-Together was organised by the Management of SM on Wednesday 18 May 2022 for former officers who have retired between January 2021 to May 2022.



Mr Mukesh DAWOONAUTH, Ag. Director of SM, welcomed the retirees and thanked them for their commitment to SM over their years of active duty. He spoke about the dedicated efforts of former officers which have contributed immensely to making SM an indispensable stakeholder in the production and dissemination of official statistics.

He emphasised on the strong foundation that has been laid since long by the former officers of SM, and which must hence be used as a stepping stone by the current staff to continue raising SM towards excellence. The office extends its gratitude and thanks to the retirees and wishes them a happy retirement!

SM Staff who left during April — June 2022

SM conveys its thanks to the retirees for their years of dedicated service to the Department and wishes them all the very best in their future endeavours:

Mrs Marie Noelle Josephe Liseby QUIRIN, 01 April 2022
Office Supervisor

Mrs Rajcoomaree BOODHUN, 09 May 2022
Senior Statistical Officer

Mr Rajendrasing SEERUTTUN, 19 June 2022
Driver

New staff members at SM

Some new Officers of the administrative cadre have joined the staff of SM within the following respective Units:

- **HR Section:** Mr Rajesh BHOLAH, Assistant Manager Human Resources and Mrs Bibi Nazima JAGOO, Human Resource Executive
- **Open Registry:** Mrs Bharatee Aruna SOMARCHAND, Office Supervisor
- **Finance Section:** Mrs Anuradha SOOKRAZ, Assistant Financial Operations Officer

The SM family wishes them a warm welcome.

Training for Temporary Statistical Officers

Since August 2021, some 40 new Temporary Statistical Officers (SO) have been recruited. According to the scheme of service for the post of Statistical Officer/Senior Statistical Officer, candidates are usually appointed on a temporary capacity for a period of one year. During this period, Temporary Statistical Officers have to follow an on-the-job training as well as an in-service Training Course in Basic Statistics. It is on successful completion of the training that they will then be considered for appointment as Statistical Officer/Senior Statistical Officer in a substantive capacity.

In this regard, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed with the University of Mauritius (UoM) on 13 June 2022 for the latter to run a Training Course on Basic Statistics for the 40 Temporary Statistical Officers. The training, which will cost around Rs 400,000, is expected to be in July 2022 and will last until September 2022, with examinations scheduled for October 2022.

It is recalled that previously, Officers used to follow, at their own costs, a course leading to the Ordinary Certificate in Statistics from the United Kingdom Royal Statistical Society (UK RSS). However, as the UK RSS no longer conducts any of its examinations as from May 2017, it became imperative for SM to mount a tailor-made in-service Training Course in Basic Statistics to enable future entrants in the grade of SO to successfully follow such course prior to their substantive appointment in the grade.

Good luck to the Statistical Officers for their upcoming course!