

## 1. Capacity Development Workshop on the Assessment of the Use of Administrative Data on Migration, 19-21 September 2023

Statistics Mauritius (SM) participated in a Workshop to validate the findings of the Assessment of the Use of Administrative Data in five countries (Malawi, Mauritius, South Africa, Zambia and Zimbabwe) organised by the International Organisation for Migration (IOM) and also to come up with recommendations for these countries. Zambia hosted the workshop from 19 to 21 September 2023 in Lusaka. Participants were mostly from Home Affairs and National Statistics Offices and SM was represented by Mr B. Unmar and Mrs D.Gangaram.

Administrative data is particularly important in the collection of migration data because it not only records migrant flows and stock, but also provides disaggregated data which is helpful in expanding the parameters of analysis and useful in informing migration policy and practice. Most useful administrative data sources are the visa, work permit, residence permit, cross border data (passports, embarkation/disembarkation cards).

Participants deliberated on strategies that would contribute into the improvement of the collection, availability and use of administrative data on migration.

The workshop underlined the commitment in facing migration challenges such as fragmented data collection and inconsistencies, and lack of harmonization of data and thus to invest in technical skills of personnel in migration data collection and management.

## 2. Study visit of students from Notre Dame College

A group of 29 students from Grade 12 and 13 of Notre Dame College who had taken Mathematics as main subject were on an educational visit at SM on 12 July 2023. After a warm welcome and short introduction of the office by the Ag. Director and AMHR, they were directed to the Labour, CPI, Census and Dissemination units respectively. During their tour, they were briefed by the Deputy Directors and Statisticians on the works carried out in those units.

They left SM around 12.30 hrs, carrying a rich bag of knowledge about the running of a Statistics Office as well as the application of statistics in the day-to-day life which may benefit them in choosing their career.



## 3. Training of SM Staff in Advanced Statistics

Statistics Mauritius, in collaboration with the University of Mauritius (UoM) organized a one-year Training in Advanced Statistics for officers in the grade of Statistical Officer/Senior Statistical Officer.

The training is meant for officers in the grade of Statistical Officer/Senior Statistical Officer who do not possess the Higher Certificate in Statistics of the Royal Statistical Society (UK) or have not yet followed the training course in Advanced Statistics.

Presently, 38 officers from SM and 1 from the Ministry of Health and Wellness are following the Training Course at UoM. The training sessions are being held from 11 July 2023 to 04 June 2024 and will be followed by examinations in June/July 2024. A certificate will be issued to the trainees upon successful completion of the course. All the 39 officers are being fully sponsored by Statistics Mauritius.

## 4. Get together for retired officers of SM

The Management of SM organized a get-together on Wednesday 5 July 2023 for former officers who have retired between July 2022 to May 2023.

Mr Mukesh Dawoonauth, Ag. Director of SM, welcomed the retirees and thanked them for their support, commitment and dedication to SM over their years of active duty. He iterated about the hard work of these officers which have contributed significantly in making SM an indispensable stakeholder in the production and dissemination of official statistics.



The Ag. Director highlighted upon the strong foundation that has been laid since long by such officers of SM, and which must 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!