

### Stats M holds Census Data Dissemination workshop in Rodrigues

Stats M conducted the workshop *Census 2011: Key Statistics for a better understanding of Rodrigues* on 4 July 2013 to disseminate the main findings of the 2011 Housing & Population census on Rodrigues.

Simon Pierre Roussety, Ag Chief Commissioner of Rodrigues opened the workshop and Danielle Grandcourt from the Rodrigues Statistical Unit ably chaired the discussions.



Ag Chief Commissioner of Rodrigues giving the opening speech

Stats M Deputy Director Yasmin Cassimally gave a broad overview of the census preparatory work and operations, and presented on the situation of *Rodriguan-born people living in island of Mauritius*. Nalinee Gujadhur, Census Statistician, presented the *Key Census figures* and the *Socio-economic profile of Rodriguans*. Chandranee Rughoobur, Statistician, delivered on *Housing and Living conditions* and *Relative development in Rodrigues*.

Participants were Commissioners and members of the Rodrigues Regional Assembly, heads of department as well as representatives of the private sector, NGOs and the media. They actively contributed to the discussions which dealt mainly on access to safe drinking water, number of Rodriguans living in island of Mauritius and indices of relative development in the six local regions of Rodrigues.

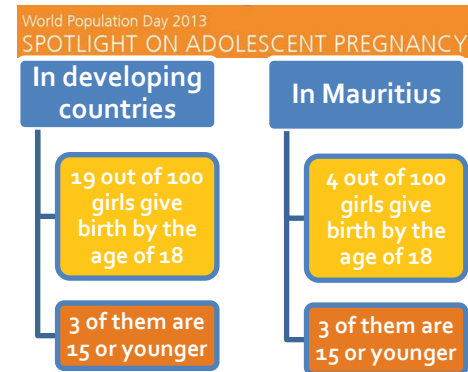
The workshop was a success in terms of level of participation and discussions. Stats M thanks the Statistical unit of Rodrigues for their invaluable support.

It is to be noted that this workshop kick started the series of events organized by Stats M to mark the International Year of Statistics (IYS) 2013.

### World Population Day

11 July 2013 was World Population Day whose theme focused on adolescent pregnancy with the hope of delivering a world

where every pregnancy is wanted, every childbirth is safe, and every young person's potential is fulfilled.



Source: UNFPA and Min of Health & Quality of Life of Mauritius

In Mauritius, the Ministry of Health and Quality of Life celebrated the event by holding a workshop entitled 'Developing a *National Strategy on Sexual and Reproductive Health Services targeting the adolescent and youth*' on 11 July 2013.

### Stats M staff protest against the EOAC 2012

The Errors, Omissions and Anomalies Committee (EOAC) Report on the PRB Report 2013 created some frustration among Stats M staff who felt that grades within the office have been downgraded relative to other ministries and departments.



Stats M staff protesting against the EOAC 2012

The staff staged a protest march from the office to Emmanuel Anquetil building on 8 July 2013 to publicly to voice out their disappointment with the report. Says Raj Venkatasawmy, president of the staff association of Stats M: 'The march was a real success both in terms of participation and impact. It was also a lesson of solidarity, which is the basis of trade unionism. It is hoped that the committee set up to look into representations made out of the EOAC report redresses the situation.'