

**ADDITIONAL RESPONSES PROVIDED BY THE DELEGATION OF  
MAURITIUS AT THE 71<sup>ST</sup> SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE TO THE  
ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN**

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ANNEX 1	PERCENTAGE OF BUDGET OF THE MINISTRY OF GENDER EQUALITY, CHILD DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY WELFARE DEDICATED TO ADDRESSING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
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**Percentage of the budget of the Ministry of Gender Equality, Child Development and Family Welfare dedicated to addressing domestic violence**

**Total Budget of the Ministry:** USD 25073763.38 (Rs 866,800,000)

**Budget allocated to the Family Welfare and Protection from Gender-Based Violence:** USD 1,586,413.50 (Rs 54,809,000)

Percentage of the Budget allocated to the Family Welfare and Protection from Gender-Based Violence:

$\text{USD } 1,586,413.50 (\text{Rs } 54,809,000) \times 100 = 6\%$

$\frac{\text{USD } 1,586,413.50 (\text{Rs } 54,809,000)}{\text{USD } 25,073,763.38 (\text{Rs } 866,800,000)}$

You may wish to note that there are other stakeholders handling gender-based violence cases, such as Ministry of Health and Quality of Life for medical assistance to victims, Mauritius Police Force for intervention in cases of domestic violence and the Judiciary for cases of Domestic Violence.

## POVERTY THRESHOLD

In budget speech 2016/2017, Government introduced a new poverty threshold based on a minimum of Rs 2,720 and a maximum of Rs 9,520 for a family of 2 adults and 3 children.

This is 40 % higher than that of the World Bank.

Please find hereunder additional information:

### 1. Poverty threshold

In the 2016/2017 Budget Speech, a New Poverty Threshold for eligible beneficiaries under the Social Register of Mauritius was developed and is now defined as Rs 2,720 per month for an adult and Rs 1,360 per month for a child. The threshold thus varies for households of different sizes/composition with a maximum threshold of Rs 9,520 as per table below:

Household Size	Monthly Income Threshold on Adult Basis
1 Adult	Rs 2,720 or USD 78
1 Adult & 1 Child	Rs 4,080 or USD 117
1 Adult & 2 Children	Rs 5,440 or USD 155
1 Adult & 3 Children	Rs 6,800 or USD 194
2 Adults	Rs 5,440 or USD 155
2 Adults & 2 Children	Rs 6,800 or USD 194
3 Adults	Rs 8,160 or USD 233
2 Adults & 3 Children	Rs 8,160 or USD 233
3 Adults & 1 Child	Rs 9,520 or USD 272
3 Adults & 2 Children	Rs 9,520 or USD 272
3 Adults & 3 Children	Rs 9, 520 or USD 272

**PROTOCOL ON ABORTION IN HOSPITALS**

There is already a protocol at the level of hospitals in respect of:

1. Procured (Illegal) abortion.
  - a. Same are being referred to the Police
2. Natural Miscarriage/abortion
  - a. Same are being managed by the Specialists as per a well established treatment protocol
3. Furthermore, Section 235A of the Criminal Code Amendment Act No. 11 of 2012 makes provisions for the termination of pregnancy in four specific circumstances, namely:
  - a. the continued pregnancy will endanger the pregnant person's life;
  - b. the termination is necessary to prevent grave permanent injury to the physical or mental health of the pregnant person;
  - c. there is substantial risk that the continued pregnancy will result in a severe malformation, or a severe physical or mental abnormality, of the foetus which will affect its viability and compatibility with life; and
  - d. the pregnancy has not exceeded its fourteenth week and results from a case of rape, sexual intercourse with a female under the age of 16 or sexual intercourse with a specified person which has been reported to the police.

4. The statistics on abortion is as follows:-

**Cases treated for complications following abortion, including spontaneous, in Mauritius  
(2010-2017)**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Government Hospitals</b>	<b>Private Clinics</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>2010</b>	1,412	481	1,893
<b>2011</b>	1,331	519	1,850
<b>2012</b>	1,293	542	1,835
<b>2013</b>	1,104	494	1,598
<b>2014</b>	1,276	501	1,777
<b>2015</b>	1,260	514	1,774
<b>2016</b>	1,125	487	1,612
<b>2017</b>	1,039	353	1,392

Cases treated for complications of abortion in Mauritius are given in the above table. Of these reported cases, it is not known how many are linked to illegal abortions.

Following the amendments brought to the Criminal Code and the Medical Council Act in 2012, a total of 24 terminations of pregnancies have been authorized by the Ministry of Health and Quality of Life during the last 3 years (2015 to 2017).

**Protection Orders (spouse/partner) under the Protection from Domestic Violence Act 1997 at the District Courts, by age group & sex, 2017**

Age group	Applications received	Interim Orders issued	Protection Orders issued	Applications withdrawn/struck out/dissmissed/set aside	Cases where parties have been ordered to attend counselling sessions <sup>1</sup>
<b>Both sexes</b>	<b>1,542</b>	<b>1,375</b>	<b>920</b>	<b>709</b>	<b>39</b>
Under 18	4	4	5	5	-
18 - 29	352	305	202	177	6
30 - 39	569	503	318	245	11
40 - 49	413	376	250	196	17
50 - 59	172	157	117	71	5
60 & over	32	30	28	15	-
<b>Male<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>136</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>3</b>
18 - 29	10	4	3	9	-
30 - 39	35	24	17	20	-
40 - 49	50	44	24	23	2
50 - 59	36	31	20	15	1
60 & over	5	4	7	6	-
<b>Female</b>	<b>1,406</b>	<b>1,268</b>	<b>849</b>	<b>636</b>	<b>36</b>
Under 18	4	4	5	5	-
18 - 29	342	301	199	168	6
30 - 39	534	479	301	225	11
40 - 49	363	332	226	173	15
50 - 59	136	126	97	56	4
60 & over	27	26	21	9	-

<sup>1</sup>All the applicants for counselling sessions were female spouses/partners. However, both parties (i.e husband and wife) attended the counselling sessions

<sup>2</sup>No application was received for male under 18 years

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## **Budget of the Equal Opportunities Commission**

The Equal Opportunities Commission has been provided with a budget of USD 560,000 (Rs 19,600,000) as Recurrent Expenditure in budget estimates for the financial year 2018-2019.