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# Chairperson's Message



Dear Partners

This is the first Annual Report of the National CSR Foundation. It gives an overview of the Foundation and reviews its activities for the period January 2017 to June 2017, corresponding to the financial year 2016-2017.

The Foundation was officially established in December 2016 and held its first Council Meeting on 8 February 2017. The Council set out to define necessary policies, processes and guidelines, consistent with the Charter of the Foundation, leading to a first Call for Projects in April 2017.

297 project proposals were received from 201 NGOs. 82 projects with funds totalling more than Rs74 million were already approved by Council by 30 June 2017. The final outcome of the first call following the completion of the project assessment and approval process will be reported in a dedicated publication and a summary reported in the Annual Report 2017-2018.

During the period under review, the Council also approved projects amounting to around Rs92 million submitted by businesses liable to CSR in line with the prevailing income tax legislation as at June 2017.

I wish to extend my appreciation to the Prime Minister and staff of the Prime Minister's Office and the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development; the Minister for Social Integration and Economic Empowerment and the staff of his Ministry; the Director of the National Empowerment Foundation and his staff for all the facilities extended while setting up the National CSR Foundation and their invaluable advice.

I have a special thought for members of the Council for their hard work, support and advice, particularly while we were setting up the structures of the National CSR Foundation with skeleton staff, whose dedication is acknowledged.

I also wish to extend my gratitude to the numerous Foundations and NGOs for their close collaboration and the good practices they have willingly shared. They have been our first partners on our journey towards building a more inclusive and equitable society.

The National CSR Foundation calls for an even more active collaboration among all partners.

Medavy Pillay MUNIEN  
Chairperson

# Overview

Socio-economic

The setting up of the National CSR (NCSR) Foundation was announced in the Budget Speech 2016/2017. It was followed by the enactment of the Finance Act 2016 which brought new legal provisions for the use of CSR funds whereby companies were:

- (i)** required to remit at least 50% of their CSR funds to the Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA) for onward remittance to the NCSR Foundation;
- (ii)** required to use the remaining 50% of their CSR funds to implement CSR programmes or finance an NGO implementing a CSR programme; and
- (iii)** allowed to reduce by such amount they intend to spend in respect of an approved CSR programme from the amount to be remitted to the MRA subject to the approval of the NCSR Foundation.

The Foundation was subsequently incorporated in December 2016 under the Foundation Act 2012. It operates under the aegis of the Ministry of Social Integration and Economic Empowerment .

The NCSR Foundation receives, manages and allocates CSR funds collected by the Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA) in accordance with section 50L of the Income Tax Act 1995.

## Council Members 2016-2017

<b>Mr MUNIEN Medavy Pillay (Menon)</b>	<b>Chairperson</b>
<b>Mrs CURRIMJEE Sarah</b>	Prime Minister's Office
<b>Mr MOWNAH Janaab Mohamadaly</b>	Ministry of Finance and Economic Development
<b>Mr BHOYROO Thakoorparsad</b>	Ministry of Social Security, National Solidarity and Reform Institutions
<b>Mrs LAN HING PO Jeanne</b>	Ministry of Social Integration and Economic Empowerment
<b>Mr MAKOOND Deonanan (Raj)</b>	Private Sector
<b>Mrs D'HOTMAN DE VILLIERS Marie Florence (Audrey)</b>	Private Sector
<b>Mr BUCKTOWONSING Geerish</b>	Civil Society
<b>Mr CAUNHYE Ashraf Ali</b>	Civil Society



## The Charter of the Foundation

The Charter is the main governing document of the Foundation. It defines, inter alia, the Foundation's objects and powers, areas of intervention, beneficiaries and the composition and procedures of its Council.

## Objects of the Foundation

**The main mandate of the Foundation is to undertake programmes and projects for the benefit of individuals and families registered under the Social Register of Mauritius (SRM) and of vulnerable groups.**

### Other key functions of the Foundation are to:

- Establish and update a register of NGOs dealing in specific priority areas, and to allocate funds accordingly;
- Request and examine call for proposals for the implementation of projects by NGOs in the defined priority areas;
- Monitor and evaluate CSR programmes
- Serve as a platform for coordination and communication among all stakeholders;
- Liaise with relevant Ministries when the Council finds it fit that the proposals for the implementation of projects by NGOs fall within the direct scope of responsibilities of the concerned Ministries for actions to be taken by the latter; and
- Promote awareness of, adherence to and compliance with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals 2015-2030.

## Priority Areas of Intervention

The Foundation focuses its actions on ten priority areas of intervention.

### Ten Priority Areas

- Socioeconomic development as a means for poverty alleviation
- Educational support and training
- Social housing
- Supporting people with disabilities
- Dealing with health problems
- Family protection including gender-based violence
- Leisure and sports
- Environment and sustainable development
- Peace and nation-building
- Road safety and security

## Beneficiaries

**The target beneficiaries of the NCSR Foundation are:**

- Individuals and families eligible under the Social Register of Mauritius;
- Individuals and families recognised as vulnerable groups.

## Vulnerable Groups

The Charter of the Foundation defines vulnerable groups as follows:

- (i) Children and/or adults living below the poverty line as defined by Government;
- (ii) Children and/or adults living below the absolute poverty line, as defined by the World Bank;
- (iii) Children and /or adults with disabilities and/or suffering from a severe disease;
- (iv) Abused Children and/or adults;
- (v) Neglected/Abandoned children and orphans;
- (vi) Street children, including (a) children who live and sleep in the street; and (b) children who are in the street during the day but sleep in the family home;
- (vii) Teenage mothers;
- (viii) Children with parents in prison;
- (ix) Children in conflict with the law;
- (x) Out of school and illiterate children and illiterate adults;
- (xi) Children and/or adults suffering from substance abuse;
- (xii) And such other stigmatized, discriminated, most-at-risks group as determined by the Founder

## Non-Qualifying Activities

The following activities are excluded under the Foundation.

- Contribution to any governmental institutions or any parastatal institutions
- Contribution to religious/spiritual activities
- Activities promoting alcohol, cigarettes and gambling
- Staff welfare and training of employees of a company and the NCSR Foundation
- Natural disasters mitigation programme
- Sponsorship for marketing purposes for companies
- Any activity discriminating on the basis of race, place of origin, political opinion, sexual orientation, colour or creed and any other such anti-social behavior as enshrined in the constitution.

## Governance Structure



The NCSR Foundation has a multi-stakeholder governance framework. It is led by a Council composed of representatives of the public sector, private sector and civil society.

The Council has a general oversight role and is responsible for the good stewardship of the Foundation. It sets out strategic directions, policies and procedures; maintains effective control and monitors the activities of the Foundation; ensures sound financial management, compliance with relevant legislations and adherence to the principles of good governance.

The Council is accountable for the registration of NGOs, examination, approval, monitoring and evaluation of projects and disbursements of funds.

There were 13 Council meetings held as at 30 June 2017.

## Council Meetings

Month	Dates
February	8, 23
March	16, 31
May	11, 18, 25
June	1, 9, 13, 20, 23, 28

Three Sub-Committees of Council have been established for assisting in specific matters relating to finance and audit, project management and human resources.

## Sub-Committees of Council

Sub-Committees	Purpose	Members
<b>Finance and Audit</b>	To define procedures for the collection and disbursement of funds	Mr Janaab Mahamadaly Mownah (Chairperson) Mr Medavy Pillay Munien Mr Thakoorparsad Bhoyroo Mr Geerish Bucktowonsing Mr Ashraf Ali Caunhye
<b>Project Management</b>	To define procedures to establish a register of NGOs, request and examine call for project proposals and monitor and evaluate CSR programmes	Mrs Sarah Currimjee (Chairperson) Mr Medavy Pillay Munien Mrs Audrey d'Hotman de Villiers Mr Geerish Bucktowonsing Mr Ashraf Ali Caunhye
<b>Human Resources</b>	To define HR requirements and address HR matters	Mrs Jeanne Lan Hing Po (Chairperson) Mr Medavy Pillay Munien Mr Ashraf Ali Caunhye

# Review of Activities

## Operational Framework

Council formulated an operational framework with clear, objective and transparent policies, processes, guidelines and criteria for:

- Registration of NGOs
- Applications for funding
- Assessment of project proposals
- Approval and disbursement of funds
- Monitoring and evaluation of approved projects.

## Registration of NGOs

The Foundation maintains a register of NGOs in accordance with its objects and powers as defined in the Charter.

In order to benefit from funding, NGOs are required to duly register with the NCSR Foundation based on defined eligibility criteria.

The registration exercise started on 2 March 2017 and as at 30 June 2017, 285 NGOs were already registered. The register of NGOs is accessible on the Foundation's website.

## First Call for Projects

The Foundation launched a first call for projects on 18 April 2017. 297 projects from 201 NGOs were received. The total amount requested was Rs512.11 million for total project costs amounting to Rs713.49 million.

## Overview of Project Proposals Received

Number of NGOs applying for funds	201
Number of projects proposals submitted	297
Total project cost (Rs million)	713.49
Total amount of funds requested (Rs million)	512.11

Projects were assessed according to criteria specified in the NCSR Foundation Guidelines 2017. The NCSR Foundation had approved **82 projects for an amount of Rs74.63 million by 30 June 2017.**

### Approval of Projects Submitted by Businesses Liable to CSR

The Foundation approved CSR projects of companies for an amount of around Rs91.97 million as at 30 June 2017.

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## Approved projects of businesses liable to CSR

Areas of Intervention	Amount (Rs M)
Socioeconomic development	24.46
Educational support and training	31.50
Social housing	1.05
Supporting people with disabilities	13.85
Dealing with health problems	5.75
Family protection including gender-based violence	11.59
Leisure and Sports	1.37
Environment and sustainable development	0.65
Peace and Nation Building	1.78
<b>Total</b>	<b>91.97</b>

Note that following the amendment of Section 50L in Sub-Part AD - Corporate Social Responsibility of the Income Tax Act 1995, the Foundation no longer has the authority to approve projects of businesses liable to CSR.

## The Secretariat

Council took actions for the creation of a Secretariat to be responsible for the execution of Council's policy and strategic decisions and for conducting the day to day affairs of the Foundation. The selection and recruitment of a management team with key expertise and experience was carried out by recruitment consultants 'Alentaris'. The following positions were filled:

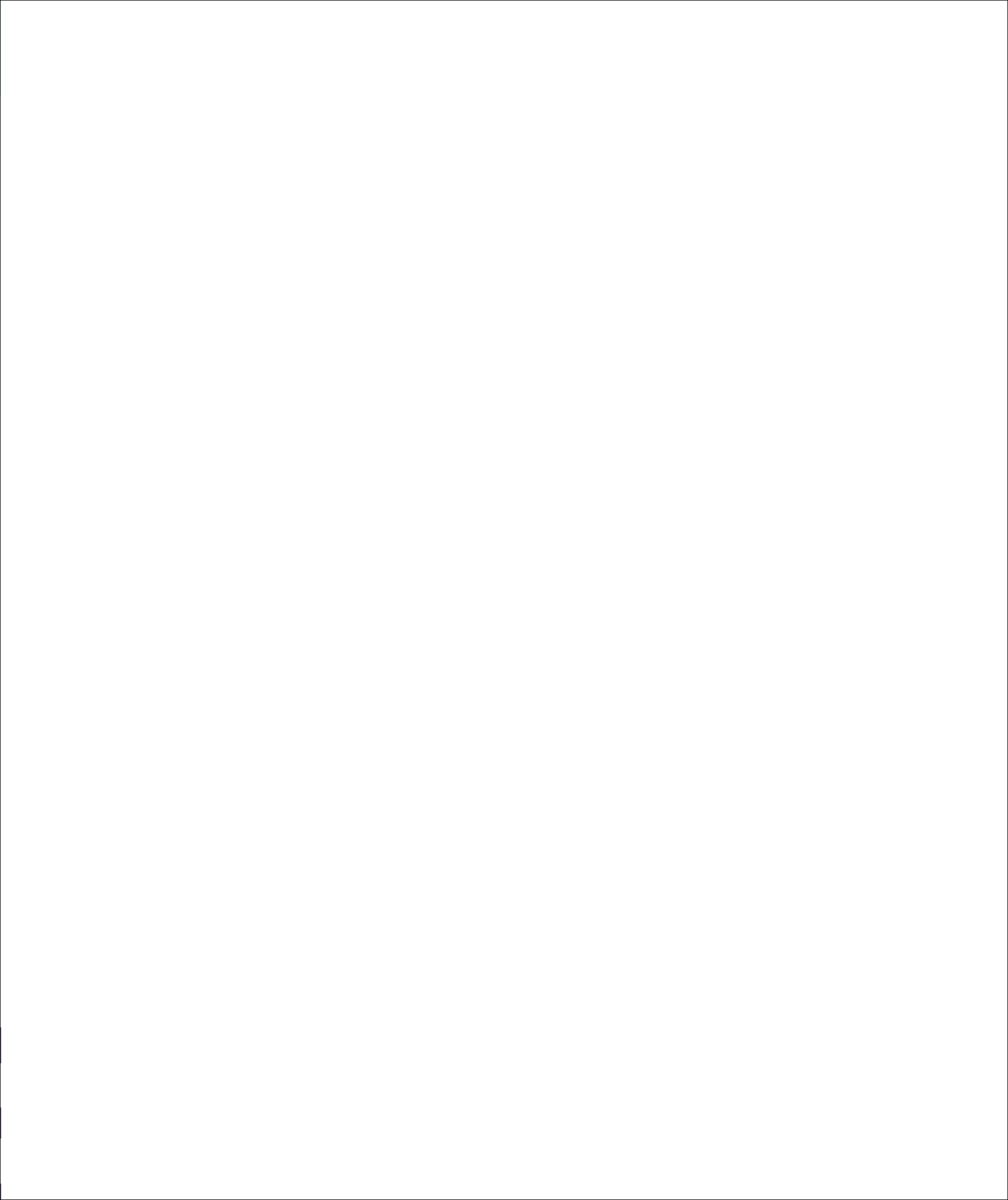
- Secretary General
- Finance Manager
- Programme Manager
- Communications Manager
- Research and Development Manager
- Programme Officer (2)
- Finance Officer
- Confidential Secretary.

## Organisation Identity

The Foundation seeks to build its image as a recognised, trusted and professional organisation. During the period under review, the visual identity of the Foundation and a functional website were created. The development of the Foundation's image and identity and its effective presence online are ongoing.

## Financial Reporting

Given that the Foundation was incorporated in December 2016, Council resolved to present an 18 months financial report for the period ending 30 June 2018.





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