

ASSOCIATION POUR PERSONNES EN LARMES

(APPEL)

Report of Project for the construction of ARCH Training Center funded by MMIF

Who we are?

APPEL (Association Pour Personnes En Larmes) is duly registered NGO and Charitable Institution in Mauritius since 2006.

What problem we want to address?

APPEL is the only NGO in Mauritius which is running a residential Rehabilitation Center to address the issue of homelessness and addiction. In parallel APPEL is aiming to be the 1st NGO to run a MQA Approved Training Center thanks to the funding from MMIF.

Our activities

APPEL runs 3 parallel programmes as below:

- (i) **ARCH Rehabilitation Centre** – Center for homeless (males) and recovering addicts with a capacity of 40 beds on a 24/7 basis.
- (ii) **ARCH Training Center** – Facility for beneficiaries to learn hard/ soft skills such as pastry, cooking, hairdressing, beauty care, wood/metal works, arts & crafts, etc.
- (iii) **ARCH Café** - A Social Entrepreneurship initiative aimed to empower beneficiaries (men and women) of the Training Centre and provide employment and income to beneficiaries.

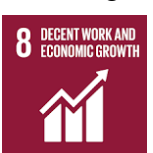


APPEL Approach

APPEL has completed the construction of a building which will soon host the ARCH Training Center and ARCH Café to be able to provide more training and employment opportunities to more beneficiaries than being provided today. The Ground and 1st Floors (600 m²) have been fully completed and the 2nd Floor which is half done is aimed to be completed in during FY 2024-25. APPEL is currently in the process of relocation, and we shall start the training in the new building as from August 2024.

This Project will help to address the present crisis and remove the burden on the government and NGOs to take unnecessary risks to reach and provide them social assistance. Today there is a huge mismatch between the demand and supply on the labour market. Lots of people don't have a decent job because they are not qualified, and many organisations have a shortage of qualified workers. The Training Center will be the linkage between the trainees and the future employees.

Further this project will work towards enhancing to promote the following SDG Goals:



Pictures below show the phases of construction of the new ARCH Training Center



Outcome of the funding

The MMIF has been instrumental for the construction of the ARCH Training Center. The MMIF represents over 75% of the costs for the construction and refurbishment works for the building which will be used for training of beneficiaries and allowing them in the medium term to be issued with a MQA certification which will enhance the employability and get better paid.

The construction of the ARCH Training Center is a long-term investment which will be used for many years to come and allow at least 75 beneficiaries who don't a job because they can't afford to pay the costs for training where they can be trained and empowered. Already the Ministry of Social Integration is interested to see the new ARCH Training Center be inaugurated but we shall start by having a soft opening and at a later stage make a grand opening as appropriate. This event will be coordinated with MOL and MMIF to provide adequate visibility to funders and supporters of this project.

Stakeholders for this project

