



**ASSOCIATION POUR PERSONNES EN LARMES**

**(APPEL)**

**2024 Report**

**Project: Construction of APPEL Training Center**

## **Who we are**

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

## **What we do**

APPEL runs a Rehabilitation Programme to address the issue of homelessness and people recovering from addiction. In parallel we empower people who have barriers to employment to acquire hard and soft skills to become more employable.

APPEL has recently set up a Training Center which is among the 1<sup>st</sup> NGO in Mauritius to run a MQA Approved Training Course thanks to the funding from MMIF.

## **Our Triple Impact Programmes**

1. **ARCH Rehabilitation Centre** – The Rehab Center provides residential care to rehabilitate male homeless and people recovering from drugs/ alcohol addiction. The Center has a capacity of 40 beds and operates on a 24/7 basis.
2. **APPEL Training Center** – The Training Center allows beneficiaries (male homeless and vulnerable women/ girls) to acquire hard/ soft training and skills such as pastry/cooking, hairdressing/beauty care, wood/metal works, arts & crafts, etc. APPEL Training Center has been recently accredited by the Mauritius Qualification Authority as a MQA Certified Training Institution which allows APPEL to provide a certificate which is recognized on the job market.
3. **ARCH Café** – This is a Social Entrepreneurship initiative which is fully funded by APPEL aimed to empower beneficiaries (men and women) of the Training Centre after their training by providing them with employment in order to be able to become economically autonomous.



## Our Approach

The construction of the new building hosting the APPEL Training Center and ARCH café has been fully completed and is fully operational since June 2024 and started to provide training and employment opportunities to more beneficiaries.

The Ground and 1<sup>st</sup> floors (600 m<sup>2</sup>) have been fully completed whereas the roof of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor needs to be completed. APPEL is currently raising funds to complete the roof of the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor (250 m<sup>2</sup>) which will then be used for other activities to empower our beneficiaries and conduct social activities in collaboration with other organisations.



This Project is helping to empower people who are vulnerable and have barriers to get a good job in the mainstream for lack of education and professional skills. Mauritius has a very high shortage of labour and corporates have to import labour from many countries. APPEL could help to train people who otherwise are not well educated, not trained and also have social issues with homelessness and addiction. We intend to reduce the mismatch between the demand and supply on the labour market. The Training Center will also be the linkage between the trainees and future employees.

## SDG Goals addressed by the project:





Different phases of construction of ARCH Training Center



Inauguration by Chairman, MOL Tokyo



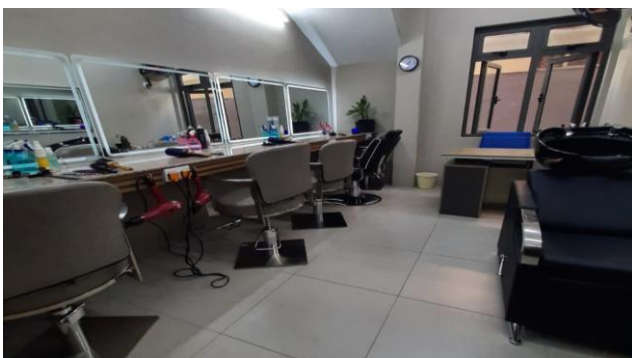
ARCH Cafe



Pastry Workshop



Theory Classroom



Hairdressing Workshop



Pastry made by trainees

## Impacts of the Project

Financial support from MMIF has been crucial for APPEL to complete the construction which amounted to approximately 80% of the total costs. APPEL contributed directly over 10% and the other part came from donors / supporters through their CSR funds.

In parallel APPEL applied for a Grant to the Japan Embassy in Mauritius through the Grant Assistance for Grassroot Human Security Project (GGP). GGP was approved only after the construction was completed.

The contract for this funding was signed in January 2025 and funds were disbursed a few weeks later. APPEL has now started the refurbishment of the Training Center.



In the meantime, the building is being used for training of beneficiaries and allowing them in the medium term to acquire an MQA certificate which will enhance employability and allow them to be better paid.

The building has been designed and constructed to cater for future expansion of APPEL to provide training and other support to more beneficiaries. We are aiming to provide training to at least 40 beneficiaries per year, who otherwise face lots of difficulties getting a good job as they lack training and cannot afford to get these skills.

## Stakeholders for this project

