



ASSOCIATION POUR PERSONNES EN LARMES

FY 2025 Report

Project: Construction of APPEL Training Center funded by MMIF

Who we are?

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

What we do?

Rehabilitation of homeless males and people recovering from addiction.

Empower people who have barriers to employment to acquire hard and soft skills to become more employable.

Our Triple Impact Programmes

1. **ARCH Rehabilitation Centre**

Runs residential care services to rehabilitate male homeless and people recovering from drugs/ alcohol addiction with a capacity of 40 beds operating on a 24/7 basis.



2. **APPEL Training Center**

Empowers vulnerable beneficiaries (homeless male/ women/ girls) to acquire hard & soft skills in pastry & cooking; hairdressing & beauty care; wood, electric & plumbing works.

It is among the 1st NGO in Mauritius to be accredited by the Mauritius Qualification Authority to run MQA Approved Course thanks to the funding from MMIF offering certificate which is recognized on the job market.



3. **ARCH Café**

A Social Entrepreneurship initiative powered and fully funded by APPEL aimed to provide employment opportunities to beneficiaries to become economically autonomous.



Approach and outcomes

The **APPEL Training Center** and **ARCH Café** project funded by MMIF has reached a major milestone, with the new building (Ground and 1st Floor) are fully constructed and operational since June 2024, offering expanded training and employment opportunities to vulnerable beneficiaries. APPEL has since mobilized

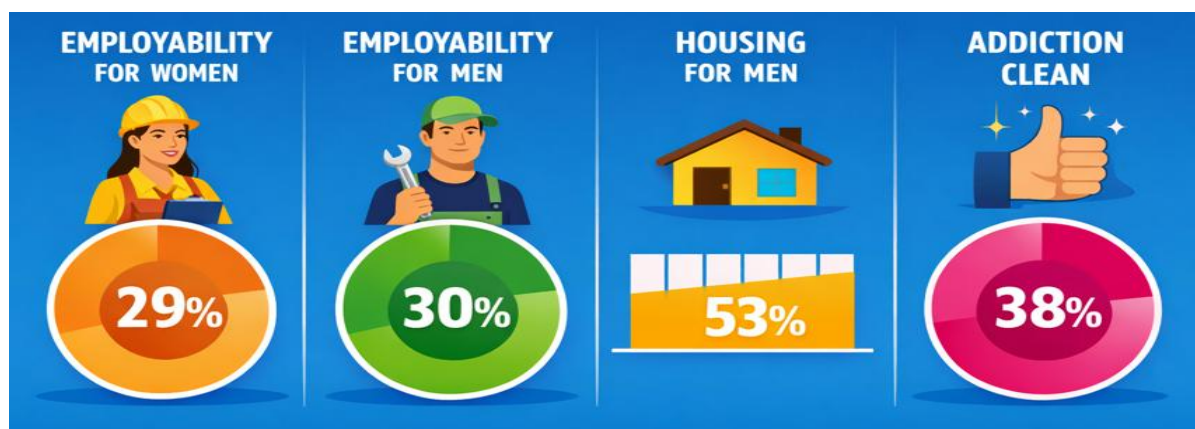
additional resources to complete the 2nd floor which will further help APPEL to run activities in partnership with other organizations. This initiative strategically addresses Mauritius's acute drug, poverty and labor shortage by equipping individuals facing barriers such as limited education, homelessness, or addiction with professional skills and pathways to employment. The Center acts as a bridge between training and workforce integration, helping to reduce the mismatch between labor demand and supply while promoting inclusive economic participation. Financial support from MMIF was pivotal, covering approximately 80 % of total construction costs for the APPEL Training Center and ARCH Café. APPEL contributed over 10 % directly, with the remaining share financed through CSR donations and private supporters. In parallel, APPEL secured a Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Project (GGP) from the Embassy of Japan in Mauritius, approved after construction completion. The contract was signed in January 2025, and funds were disbursed shortly thereafter, enabling the refurbishment phase now underway.

Meanwhile, the facility is already operational, hosting training sessions that lead beneficiaries toward MQA certification, enhancing employability and income potential. The building's design anticipates future expansion, allowing APPEL to scale its programs and reach at least 40 beneficiaries annually individuals who face significant barriers to employment due to limited education or resources. This initiative strengthens APPEL's long-term vision of inclusive workforce development and social reintegration in Mauritius.



Impacts of the Project

Impact Area	Key Outcome
Employability for Women	Enhanced access to skilled training and job placement for women facing socio-economic barriers.
Employability for Men	Strengthened workforce integration through targeted skills development and employment support.
Housing for Men	Improved housing stability and living conditions for vulnerable male beneficiaries.
Addiction Recovery	Increased rehabilitation success and reintegration of individuals overcoming addiction.



Vision to Reality



Initial Design



Plot Clearing



Excavation



Construction Phase



Finishing Phase



Construction Completion



Inauguration MOL Chairmen



Hairdressing



Woodwork



Pastry



ARCH Cafe



Graduation Ceremony



APPEL Staff



Japan Ambassador & MOL GM in Mauritius

Project visibility

Business Magazine: <https://maurice-info.mu/2025/10/09/lambassade-du-japon-a-maurice-soutien-long-appel-pour-equiper-un-centre-de-formation-sociale.html/amp>

National TV and YouTube: <https://youtu.be/hIZQnK26Tlw?si=qvwOSmT06D8LZBWj>