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### **Some Takeaways**



8%

FY-23 GDP Growth



<20%

Maximum effective income tax rate



7.7%

Unemployment 2022



Rs 80bn (+20%)

Tourism earnings in FY-23



Rs 28bn (+50%)

Foreign Direct Investment



Rs 15,000

Minimum wage



▲ Rs 1,000
Raise in Basic Retirement Pension



**▼** Rs 5.10

Per Litre of Petrol



### **Editorial**

A continuum of measures geared towards building and strengthening the sustainability of our future economy

"Logic will get you from A to Z; imagination will get you everywhere." Albert Einstein

Dr The Honourable RENGANADEN PADAYACHY, Minister of Finance, Economic Planning and Development, delivered his Budget Speech for year 2023/2024 against the backdrop of a world troubled by bipolarization, characterised by two war-mongering factions, on one side, a global economy tottering and recovering from the attendant impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic including the rising cost of living, the pressing need to address issues in relation to climate change and the impending urgency to move away from a carbon-imprinted economy.

Despite the above challenges, the Mauritian economy has shown resilience and the government has played a major role in propping up the economy with the implementation of a number of measures to boost economic growth, including tax cuts, investment in infrastructure, and support for businesses.

The different steps to address high inflation include the increase of the minimum wage, subsidies for essential goods, the capping of the price of fuel, all these measures, leading to the expectation of the Mauritian economy to continue to grow going forward.

The figures presented by the Honourable Minister of Finance bear testimony to the implementation of the above measures. It is noteworthy that in year 2022, the Mauritian economy grew by 8.7 % compared to an initial forecast of 7.2%, especially due to an increase in the number of tourist arrivals coupled with a spike in average spend. While GDP exceeded earlier estimates by Rs 26 billion to reach Rs 570 billion, Foreign Direct Investment totalled Rs 27.7 billion, 50 % higher than in year 2021.



### **Editorial (cont'd)**

Total investment exceeded expectations by Rs 10 billion to reach Rs 113 billion, a 20 % increase compared to year 2021. Exports of goods and services amounted to Rs 320 billion, representing an increase of Rs 40 billion over earlier estimates and a surge of Rs 110 billion compared to year 2021. Unemployment rate declined from 9.1 % in year 2021 to 7.7 % in year 2022. Government debt was reduced to 68.7 %, that is lower by 7.2 % and public sector debt stood at 79 %, lower by 7.2 % points.

As the famous saying by **Stephen Hawking** would have it, "**Intelligence** is the ability to adapt to change".

The focus of the current Budget revolves around these three themes, namely, *strengthening*, *continuing*, *and sustaining the future of our economy*. In order to sustain economic growth, the government will continue to implement appropriate measures including tax reforms, investment in infrastructure, and support for businesses. In so far as social measures are concerned, the government will continue to invest in social programs, which cover education, health, and housing. Investment in infrastructure is vital for the economy to progress along the lines as expatiated in the budget speech.

As such, continuous investments in public infrastructure will be undertaken, including roads, ports, and airports. In order to address the spiny problem of climate change which affects the whole world, the government will take necessary steps to reduce the impact thereof including, the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and investment in renewable energy.

Amongst the notable changes brought through the current budgetary measures, it is welcoming to note that the government is overhauling the current tax regime with a view to introducing more equity and fairness, for instance, there will be the abolition of the Solidarity Levy and a completely progressive Personal Tax regime, with the maximum marginal tax rate decreasing from 40% to 20%.



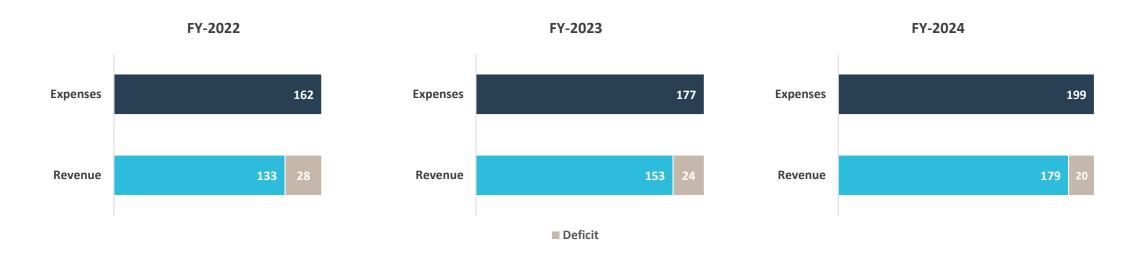
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# **Budget Figures**

### **Revenue & Expenditure**



Deft. (pre-Covid) [% of GDP]

- Expenses are expected to increase by 9% and Revenue by 15% resulting in a Budget deficit of 4% in FY-2023 against 5% in FY-2022
- The budget deficit is expected to return to pre-pandemic levels, i.e. ~3% earlier than expected. It was originally expected that the FY-2024 deficit would be 3.5%
- The deficit was contained in FY-2021 thanks to a one-off contribution from the Bank of Mauritius

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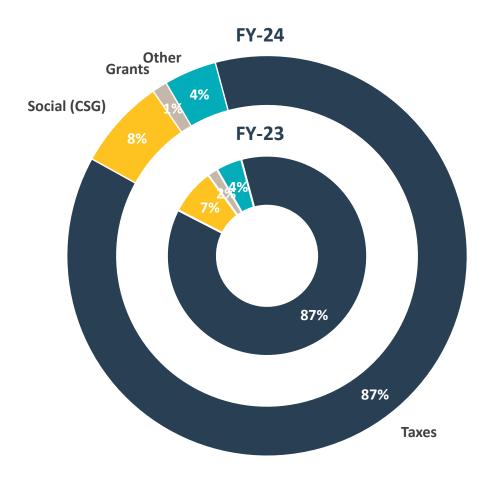
**Budget Deficit [% of GDP]** 



### Revenue – a closer look

### Expecting taxes on goods and services to be significantly higher

- Revised revenue estimates for the FY 2022/23 have been raised by 2% to Rs 153bn, following the better-than-expected economic performance
- Estimates for FY 2023/24 are also expected to grow significantly to about Rs 179bn and will remain principally financed by Taxes; and increasingly through Social Contributions whose main component is the "Contribution Sociale Généralisée"
- The bulk of the Rs156bn in taxes is derived from taxes on Goods and Services which account for two thirds of the amount. The overwhelming majority of remaining taxes stems from income tax and taxes on corporate profits
- In FY 2023/24, given the positive economic outlook, Government expects to collect almost 20% more in taxes

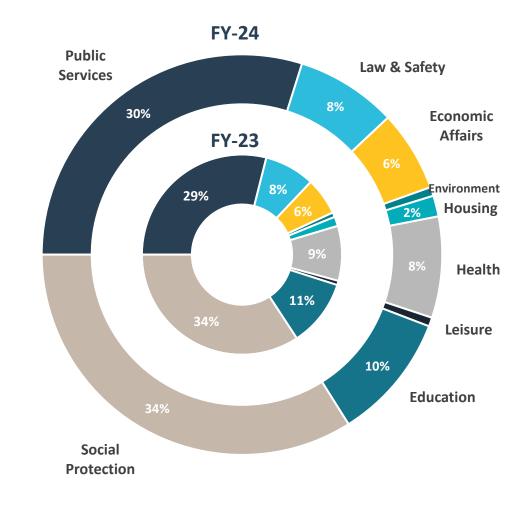




### Expenditure – a closer look

#### Expenditure is expected to keep increasing

- Total expenditure in FY-2024 is expected to be Rs 200bn, about 13% higher than the previous year and Rs 14bn more than the planned estimates from last year's budget
- Whilst most sectors have been allocated a similar share of the budget, public services and housing have obtained a bigger share of the pie in this year's budget
- Social nets as a share of expenses continue to increase (up 11% from FY-2023 to FY-2024) and are again expected to account for over one-third of total expenditure

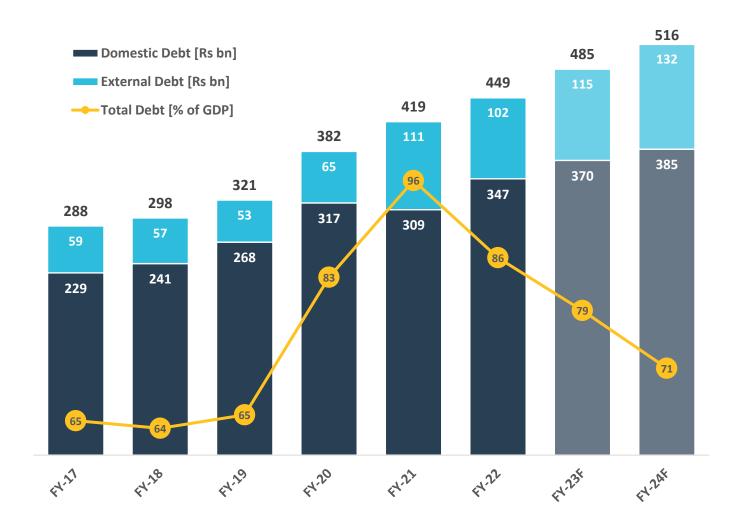




### **Public Indebtedness**

# Although Indebtedness levels remain elevated, they are to decline faster than expected

- Debt ballooned in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic during which government deployed assistance schemes amounting to over 30% of GDP
- Although debt continues to grow in the high single digits, in nominal terms, GDP has been growing at an accelerated pace (twice the debt rate) such that the Debtto-GDP Ratio is expected to drop to 64% in FY-2026







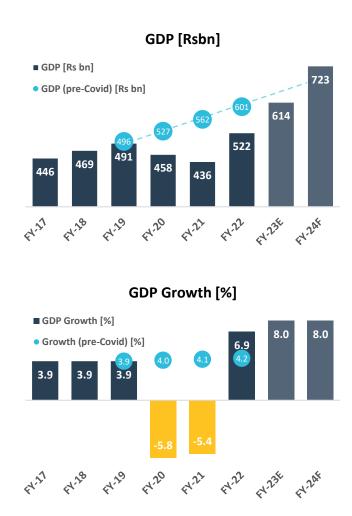
# The Economy

### **Economic Overview**

### Mauritius extends its **recovery** following an unprecedented crisis

- After the Covid-19 pandemic sent the Mauritian economy back to 2016 levels in fiscal year 2021, the economy has experienced a strong recovery following the quarantine free re-opening of our borders
- Tourism which had been particularly hit

   as visualized in the middle treemap
   chart had shrunk to a mere 3% of GDP,
   but has since recovered to pre-pandemic
   levels in terms of share of GDP
- Government is expecting continued high growth rates on the back of lengthier stays and greater post-pandemic spending by tourists. It would seem that the Mauritian economy is slated to return to its pre-pandemic growth path next year



#### GDP Breakdown [%]









### **Economic Exchanges**

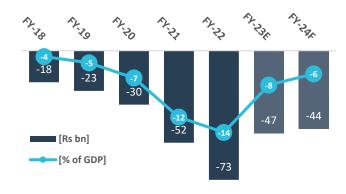
### **Improving** balances

- A more competitive Rupee appears to have boosted exports which in turn helped half the trade balance to levels unseen in years prior to the onset of Covid-19. Consequently, the current account deficit has also returned close to its pre-covid norm
- A significant boost to the Balance of Payments (BoP) stemmed from the recovery of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) as real estate sales returned close to peak levels achieved in 2019
- As the world learns to live with Russia at war with Ukraine and the grand reopening of China's borders, it would seem that although inflation remains stubborn, prices are finding a new equilibrium

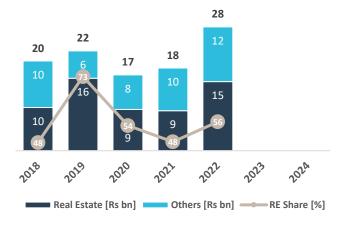
#### **Balance of Payments**



#### **Current Account**



#### **Foreign Direct Investment**



#### **Trade Balance**

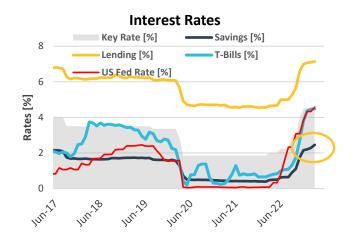


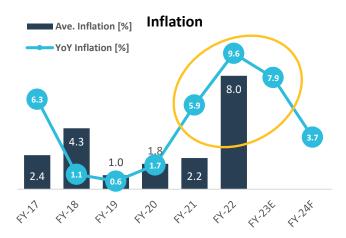


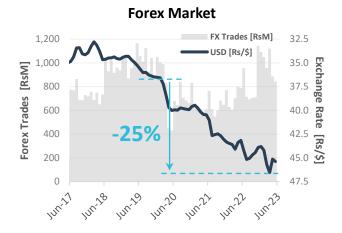
### **Rates & Reserves**

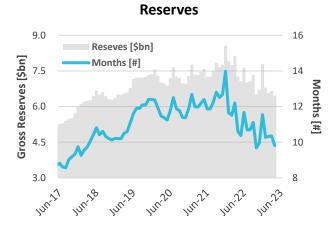
# The Rupee remains under pressure as Interest Rates are normalised

- The Central Bank has pursued its normalization strategy increasing the Key Rate from 2.25% a year ago to its present 4.5%
- Transactions on the Forex market have returned to levels unseen since before the pandemic. Nonetheless, the Rupee has remained weak having depreciated by over 20% against the dollar
- As economic activities have resumed, reserves have been chipped away suggesting that the Rupee may remain under pressure in coming months













### **Fiscal Measures**

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The Solidarity Levy will be abolished, and a progressive personal income tax system will be introduced. The maximum effective tax rate will go down from **25% to less than 20%.** 

Annual chargea	able income (Rs)	Taxable amount at applicable tax rate (Rs)	Rate
-	390,000	390,000	0%
390,001	430,000	40,000	2%
430,001	470,000	40,000	4%
470,001	530,000	60,000	6%
530,001	590,000	60,000	8%
590,001	890,000	300,000	10%
890,001	1,190,000	300,000	12%
1,190,001	1,490,000	300,000	14%
1,490,001	1,890,000	400,000	16%
1,890,001	2,390,000	500,000	18%
>2,39	90,000		20%



### Fiscal Measures (cont'd)



#### Partial Exemption\*

• The partial exemption granted in respect of interest earned by a Collective Investment Scheme or a Closed End Fund established in Mauritius will be increased from 80% to 95%

#### Interest Income exemption

Interest income derived from bonds, debentures or sukuks issued by an overseas entity to finance **renewable energy projects** ("Green Bonds") approved by the Director-General of the Mauritius Revenue Authority will be exempted

#### Virtual Asset Service Providers

- A virtual asset service provider and an issuer of initial token offerings will have to report annually to the MRA a transaction made by an individual, a société or succession exceeding MUR250k or transactions exceeding in the aggregate MUR 2M in a year.
- As regards a corporate, the threshold will be MUR 500k and MUR 4M respectively

### Tax Deduction at Source (TDS)-Exemption

TDS will not apply on fees paid to:

- A Management Company licensed by the FSC; and
- An Investment Adviser licensed by the FSC



### Fiscal Measures (cont'd)



### Protected Cell Company and Variable Capital Company

- The MRA will not recover tax owed by a cell of a protected cell company by having recourse to assets of other cells or non-cellular assets of the protected cell company
- Likewise, each sub-fund or special purpose vehicle of a variable capital company will be treated as a separate entity for the purpose of recovery of tax

### Home Ownership and Home Ioan Schemes

- The schemes will be extended for another year, i.e. up to 30 June 2024
- An eligible person buying a house, an apartment or bare land to construct his residence benefits from a refund of 5% of the cost of the property up to a maximum of MUR 500k
- A person contracting a secured housing loan to construct his residence benefits from a refund of 5% of the loan amount disbursed, up to a maximum of MUR500k. Amounts of loan disbursed up to 30 June 2025 will qualify under the Scheme.





## **Doing Business**

### **Doing Business and investing in Mauritius**









#### Unique Identification number

 A unique identification number for company, business registration, VAT, tax or employee number

### Adoption of E- Signatures

ICTA will now recognise Certifications including DocuSign and Adobe sign

#### Tax Arrears Settlement Scheme (TASS)

Extended for a period of one year, with a full waiver of penalties

#### **B-Ready Coordination Committee**

 To coordinate and ensure implementation of reforms in line with the recommendations of the World Bank

#### Opening of our economy

- Threshold for occupation permit (OP) for professionals will be reduced to Rs 30,000
- applicant for an OP will be allowed a business visa of 120 days without having to leave Mauritius
- Obtaining an occupation permit will no longer be conditional on having a local bank account
- Young Professional Occupation Permit will be opened to all fields of study
- Introducing a silent is consent principle of 4 weeks for work permits applications
- Non-citizens on a tourist or business visa will be allowed to apply for a work permit



### Doing Business and investing in Mauritius (cont'd)

#### Premium Investor Scheme (PIS)

• The PIS will be extended to cover investors taking over or acquiring the whole or part of a Government undertaking including by way of acquisition of shares in a Governmentowned company in order to benefit from negotiable incentives

### Acquisition of Property in a PDS Project relating to Senior Living

- Residence permit will be granted to a retired non-citizen and his family on the acquisition of a property in a PDS project relating to senior living provided that
  - i. the acquisition price exceeds USD 200,000; and
  - ii. the non-citizen is aged above 50 years old

#### Sustainable City Scheme

- Non-citizens will be allowed to acquire residential property in a sustainable city in the same manner as for an acquisition under the Smart City Scheme
- The Immigration Act will be amended to allow a non-citizen and his family to be granted a residence permit on the acquisition of property of a minimum price of USD 375,000 under the Sustainable City Scheme. The status of resident will remain valid as long as the buyer holds the property

# Sale of Immovable Property Outside of Schemes to Resident Non-citizens

 A resident non-citizen will be allowed to acquire residential property of a minimum of USD 350,000 outside of existing schemes subject to the payment of an additional registration duty of 10%





# Changes to Legislations

### **Changes to Legislations**





10 New Laws in 2021-22



3 Proposed Bills



#### **Financial Services Act**

- Licensees will be under an obligation to submit **independent compliance reports** to the ESC.
- Empower the FSC to take enforcement actions in case of breach of AML/CFT legislation

### Workers' Rights Act

 A full-time worker may choose to complete his normal working week in 4 working days – promoting work life balance

### **Banking Act**

Replacing "Repo Rate" by "**Key Rate**" in the context of the implementation of the new monetary policy framework by the BoM

### Financial Intelligence and Anti-Money Laundering Act

 Fintech service providers, reinsurance companies and brokers, travel insurance, health insurance, actuarial services, credit rating agency and insurance salesperson do not fall under the scope of the FIAMLA.



### Changes to Legislations (cont'd)

"The Securities Act will be amended to enhance the attractiveness of Mauritius as a fund domicile by allowing Funds to invest in loans or similar debt instruments"

#### **Companies Act**

- Service address should be in Mauritius
- Shareholders to appoint new directors
   within 1 month of the resignation/ death
   of the last remaining director, failing
   which company will be removed from
   the Register of Companies
- Annual Reports to be sent to shareholders at least 21 days (instead of 14 days) before the annual meeting
- Annual Reports and Financial
   Statements can be sent electronically to shareholders, who can still request for hard copies

### Virtual Asset and Initial Token Offering Services Act

- To allow a virtual asset custodian to also hold custody of securities tokens
- Approval letter (in respect to the initial token offerings) issued by a virtual asset exchange or its equivalent acceptable to the FSC, is no more required
- Empower the FSC to make Rules for the setting up of a virtual asset register on virtual asset service providers





### **Financial Services**

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2nd Largest GDP contributor



>12K GBCs (Apr 23)



6.3K
Authorised
Companies
(Apr 23



200 MCs (Apr 23)

#### AML/CFT provisions

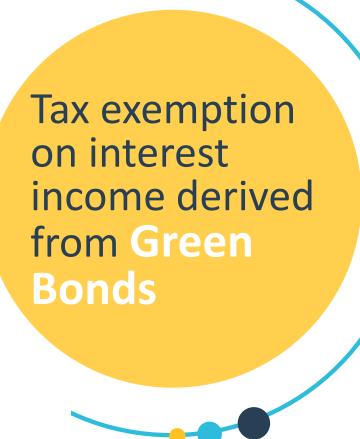
- The Financial Services Act to be amended to specifically empower the FSC to take enforcement actions in case of breach of AML/CFT legislation
- National Risk Assessment of AML/CFT risks will be undertaken with the assistance of the World Bank
- To Introduce a **new set of legislative amendments** to reinforce the existing AML/CFT legal framework and a Whistleblowing Act to sustain the fight against corruption; and
- Commission an independent assessment of the effectiveness of our AML/CFT system ahead of the ESAAMLG mutual evaluation in 2025

### Share Transfers (registration process)

- Duties / Taxes will be levied for transfers > MUR 200k in value (based on value declared in the deed of transfer OR certificate, whichever is the higher);
- For an acquisition of >20% of share capital in a company, and an option has been made to be taxed on the value of shares transferred, a description of immovable property held in the company together with a site plan should be given at time of registration of the deed of transfer



### Financial Services (cont'd)



### Double Deduction of Expenditure (re. Film Rebate Scheme)

 Tax relief of 200% of amount spent by local companies participating in the financing, sponsorship or marketing and/or distribution of an approved film project, under the FRS.
 The approved film should be at least 90% produced in Mauritius.

#### Other important measures

- Promotion of gender equality Listed companies to have a minimum of 25% of women on their boards
- Scope of Variable Capital Company to be widened to allow their use for family offices and wealth management

- Introduction of a new framework to support the licensing and operation of Electronic Money Institutions
- Introduction of a Wealth Manager and Family Officer licence under Private Banking
- ESG-related projects will be included under the Premium Investor Certificate Scheme





# Sustainability

### Renewable / Green Energy





~17%
Renewables (2022)





- Up to a maximum of MUR 1M to be extended to SMEs, under the Green Energy Loan scheme, to produce electricity on their building's rooftop
- Companies moving towards 100% renewable energy eligible for 50% waiver on the increase in electricity prices for the next two years

- Incentives available for investments linked to production of materials for renewable energy technologies under the Premium Investor Certificate
- Introduction of an Electric Vehicles Regulation
- 75% subsidy for the conduct of energy audits





## Manufacturing

### **Manufacturing**







10.4% Growth (FY22)



# Support local industry, promote local consumption & diversify exports

- Investment tax credit on capital goods being extended for the next 3 years
- Renewing the Africa Warehousing Scheme for a period of 3 years to cover expenses in relation to warehousing, expertise & export consulting
- Setting up of SEZ to effectively position Mauritius as a gateway for Africa
- The FRS & the TPMS being extended to the next fiscal year, along with 50% reduction in port export charges

### Transitioning towards a Carbon Neutral Industry

- Investments linked to production of materials for renewable energy technologies will henceforth benefit from incentives under the Premium Investor Certificate
- Provision of a **50%** waiver on the increase in electricity prices for the next **2 years** for companies moving towards 100% renewable energy
- 75% subsidy will be provided for the conduct of energy audits





# **Small & Medium Enterprises**

### **Small & Medium Enterprises**



142k SMEs & MMEs





Revised thresholds will enable some

### 142k enterprises

to benefit from improved access to government support programmes, and financing

#### Financial Assistance to SMEs

- Income Tax Act to be amended to provide financial assistance to various categories of entities (including SMEs) for salary compensation they paid during the period 2023/2024
- The Industrial Finance Corporation of Mauritius (Equity) Ltd will provide equity financing, including preferential shares, to SMEs so as to make them bankable for credit finance by commercial banks

#### Other Measures Announced

- Grant provided under the SME support Scheme to increase to MUR 250k
- DBM to extend the SME interest free loan scheme and the Covid-19 Special Support Scheme up to June 2024
- SME Employment Scheme will be extended for another year
- DBM to write-off long outstanding loans of more than 20 years and loans of deceased micro entrepreneurs
- A handholding programme to be implemented to support ~120 SMEs over the next 3 years towards certification under the 'Made in Moris' label





## Infrastructure

### Infrastructure







15 Smart cities





8,504
Building
Permits

#### Infrastructure

- MUR 317 M has been provided for the construction or upgrade or rehabilitation of dams, reservoirs and water treatment plants
- MUR 3 bn has been earmarked to make flood prone areas safer.
- MUR 600 M is being provided for the construction, upgrading and maintenance of school infrastructure
- MUR 2.2 bn for the modernization of the health infrastructure
- MUR 7.7 bn will be invested for the construction of a new 2.1 km runway at Plaine Corail Airport in Rodrigues

#### Community Development

- MUR 500 M is being allocated to develop national social projects for the next 5 years
- MUR 523 M has been earmarked for cleaning and embellishment projects
- A 1 million Tree Plantation Programme will be launched with the NECA and Mauri-Facilities planting trees in public spaces across the island
- MUR 30 M is being earmarked for environmental related projects to be implemented across Rodrigues

#### **Community Development**

- **8,000 housing units** will be constructed in the next 18 months
- MUR 40 M will be provided for the removal of asbestos and rehabilitation of Ex-CHA houses





# **Transport**

### **Transport**









#### Green transport strategy

- The metro is being further extended to connect St Pierre and La Vigie by October 2024
- As part of the Bus Modernisation Scheme, a 30% subsidy up to a maximum of MUR 3.5M on the purchase of electric buses will be provided
- The IFCM will provide loans at a concessional rate of 2% for the purchase of fully electric buses
- The Negative Excise Duty of 10% for the purchase of electric vehicles by individuals up to a maximum of MUR 200k will be extended up to June 2024

## Connecting Mauritius through quality road networks

- MUR 3.4 bn will be invested for the upgrading and extension of the road network system over 60 kms, including MUR 420M to complete active projects, MUR 760M for new projects and MUR 600M for the rehabilitation, maintenance and upgrading of roads across the island
- MUR 130M is being earmarked for the construction of 30 km of track roads around the island of Rodrigues
- The price of mogas will decrease from MUR 74.10 to MUR 69 per litre





# **Tourism**

#### **Tourism**





6.5% Share of GDP (FY22)



1.2 M Visitors (FY23)



MUR 80 bn Receipts (FY23)

- The Promotion and Destination
   Marketing Budget of MTPA will be
   increased by 25% from MUR 400 M to
   MUR 500M
- To improve the visibility of the hospitality industry, the amount under the Participation in International Fairs SME Refund Scheme is being increased by 25 percent to MUR 250,000
- MUR 278M is being allocated to beach rehabilitation works, lagoons and coral reefs programme
- The subsidy on Special Rodrigues
   Holiday Package and Subsidy on Airfare
   is being maintained until September
   2024

- New Projects have been announced such as:
  - The creation of an artistic and cultural trail of a length of 3.8 km in Port Louis from the Victoria Metro Station up to Chinatown
  - The setting up of an interpretation Centre at the Aapravasi Ghat World Heritage Site, in line with the recommendations of UNESCO
  - The creation of a mini forest with dedicated areas for outdoor leisure, recreational activities, musical performances and artists, by pulling down of the Emmanuel Anquetil Building





# Agriculture

## Agriculture



#### Encouraging local food crops

- MUR 2bn earmarked to support existing & new developments in the sector
- DBM will introduce a new Agricultural Loan Scheme at a 3.5% interest rate with a maximum ceiling of MUR 10M
- DBM will extend the Crop Replantation Scheme at an annual rate of 2.5% to biomass and afforestation
- MUR 75M is being earmarked under the Cane Replantation Scheme
- Cane Revolving Fund Scheme at DBM being increased from MUR 200M to MUR 500M
- Cane trash & woody biomass will be renumerated at MUR 3.50/kWh



## Promoting growth of livestock production

- Maximum grant for the purchase of cows will be increased by 50% to MUR 225k and extended to goats, pigs and sheep
- Financial assistance of MUR 200k for construction & upgrading of sheds and purchase of goats and sheep
- Grant paid to calf breeders is being increased by 33% to MUR 10k



#### Blue Economy incentives

- Grant of 50% for construction of hatchery for shrimp farming up to a maximum of MUR 500k
- Grant for acquisition of semi-industrial fishing boats by registered cooperatives increased from MUR 4M to MUR 6M

DBM will

write-off long
outstanding loans
of more than 20
years and loans of
deceased planters,
breeders and
fishermen





# Healthcare & Biotechnology

## **Healthcare & Biotechnology**





MUR 16.2bn

Expenses (FY23)



>10
Public
Hospitals



>15
Private
Hospitals

- Companies donating to NGOs involved in supporting persons with health issues and disabilities, protection of street children and rehabilitation programmes will be allowed a triple deduction on their contribution up to a maximum of MUR 1M
- Maximum of MUR 1M waived under the Overseas Treatment Scheme, for pediatric patients aged 17 or less.

- Human Tissue Act to include in-vitro fertilization
- Medical patients and retirees as well as up to two accompanying caretakers will be eligible for a premium visa
- Foreign retirees aged above 60 will have access to medical insurance

- Companies manufacturing medical devices taxed at 3%
- Removal of VAT on medical grade silicone
- Instruments and appliances used in medical, surgical, dental or veterinary sciences, of HS Code 90.18, will be made zero-rated for VAT purposes





## **Knowledge Industry**

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4.4% Share of GDP (FY22)



91.9% Literacy Rate (FY22)



~MUR 20bn

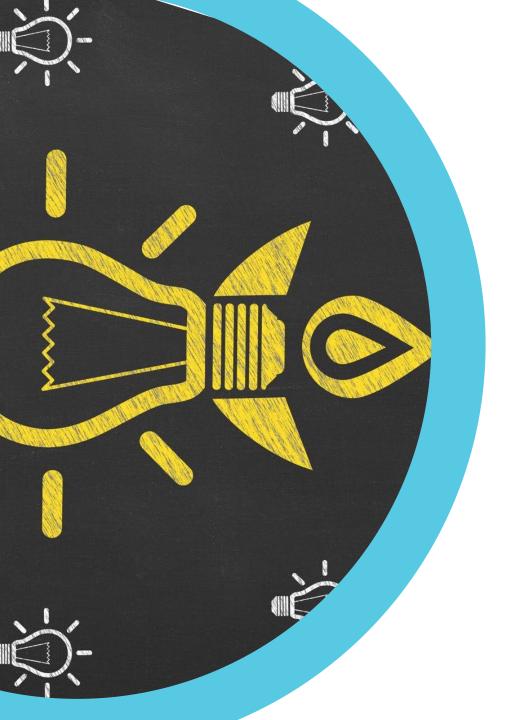
Expenses (FY23)

- Free pre-primary education as from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024
- Infrastructure of public pre-primary schools to be upgraded
- The Education Act and the Early
   Childhood Care and Education Authority
   Act to be amended to cater for
   implementation of the Free Pre-Primary
   Education Scheme

- VAT exemption now extended to construction of primary and secondary schools
- Increasing teaching staff in primary & secondary schools and schools with students having special education needs
- MUR 600M allocated for construction, upgrading and maintenance of school infrastructure

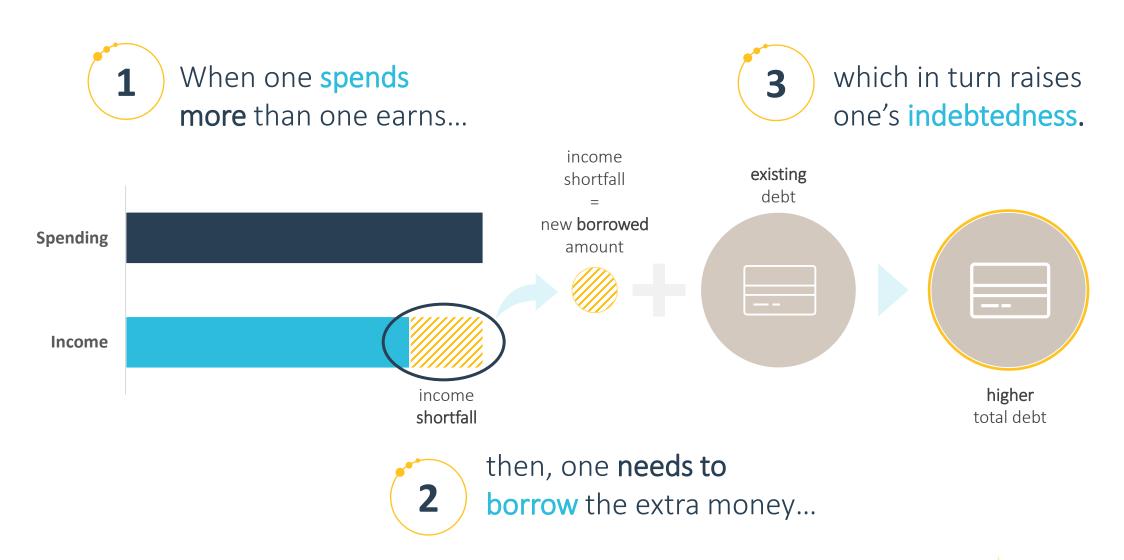






## A few key concepts

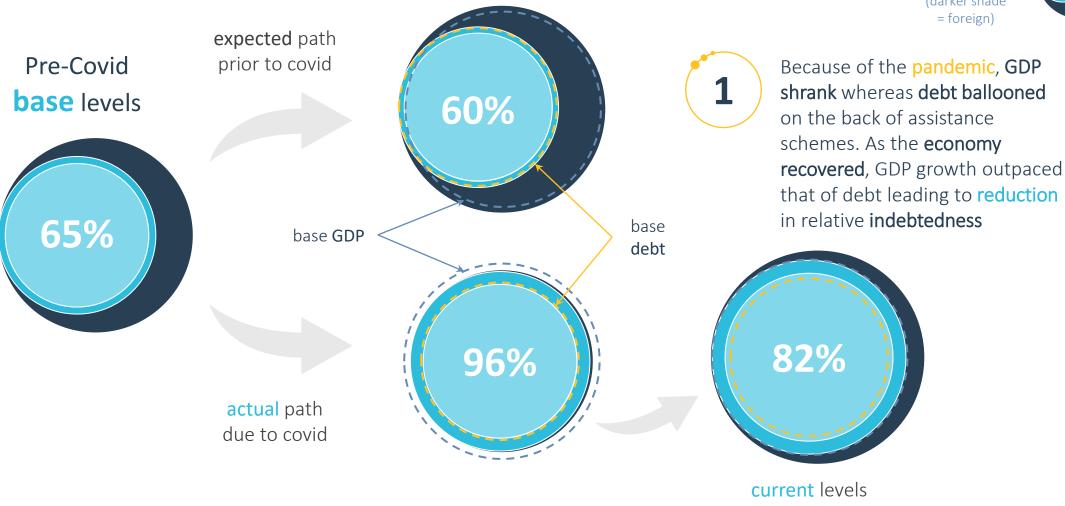
## **Understanding the Debt-Deficit Dynamic**





## Making sense of KPIs relative to GDP









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## **Glossary**

AML	Anti Money Laundering	IFCM	Industrial Finance Corporation of Mauritius
bn	Billion	k	Thousands
ВоМ	Bank of Mauritius	M	Million
CDS	Central Depository & Settlement Company Ltd	MC	Management Company
CFT	Combating the financing of terrorism	MME	Mid Market Enterprise
co2	Carbon Dioxide	MIC	Mauritius Investment Corporation
CSG	Contribution Sociale Généralisée	MRA	Mauritius Revenue Authority
DBM	Development Bank of Mauritius	MSDG	Medium Scale Distributed Generation Scheme
EDB	Economic Development Board	МТРА	Mauritius Tourism Promotion Authority
ESAAMLG	Eastern and Souther Africa Anti Money Laundering Group	MUR/Rs	Mauritian Rupees
FATF	Financial Action Task Force	NECA	National Environment Cleaning Authority
FRS	Freight Rebate Scheme	SEZ	Special Economic Zone
FSC	Financial Services Commission	SME	Small and Medium Enterprise
GBC	Global Business Company	STC	State Trading Corporation
GDP	Gross Domestic Product	TPMS	Trade Promotion and Marketing Scheme
IFC	International Financial Centre	UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization



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