

SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL

MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS IN YEAR 2022

1. Annual Grant to Senior Citizens Associations

The launching ceremony was held on Wednesday 16 November 2022 in the Conference Room of the Social Security House in Rose Hill in the presence of the Hon Minister Mrs Fazila Jeewa-Daureeawoo, GCSK where some 75 representatives of Senior Citizens Associations of Beau Bassin and Rose Hill were handed over their annual grant in form of cheques.

The distribution of the annual grant in other districts was held from 16 to 30 November 2022. The Hon Minister also attended the function held on 24 November 2022 at the Gorah Issac Municipal Hall, Port Louis. Some 69 Senior Citizens Associations received their cheques thereat.

2. The annual grant for year **2021** was held in Rodrigues on 18 September 2022 in the presence of Hon Minister Mrs Fazila Jeewa-Daureeawoo, GCSK. Some 14 Representatives of Senior Citizens Associations were handed over their cheques by the Honourable Minister.

3. The annual grant for year **2022** was held on 07 December 2022 at Centre Manique, La Ferme, Rodrigues. Forty-eight eligible Senior Citizens Associations were handed over their annual grant in the presence of the Chairperson of the Senior Citizens Council, Mr Hanslall Seebaruth, MSK and Mr M. Samoisy, President of the Rodrigues Federation of Senior Citizens Associations and other dignitaries.

4. Workshop / Brainstorming Session

A workshop was held on Thursday 10 July 2022 in the Training Unit of the Ministry of Social Integration, Social Security and National Solidarity. Proposals for amending the Senior Citizens Council Act were made with a view to making the Act more responsive to the needs of the elderly persons in the light of new emerging issues.

The workshop was attended by the Chairperson, Executive Members of the Senior Citizens Council and the Deputy Permanent Secretary of the parent Ministry.

5. Workshop- Stockholm + 50 (National Consultations)

The Executive members of the Senior Citizens Council actively participated in the International Conference of Stockholm + 50 organised by the UNDP held on 6 April 2022 at the Caudan Arts Centre, Port Louis.

The main theme for the consultation of various groups including the elderly was “A Healthy planet for the prosperity of all – our responsibility, our opportunities”.

6. Anti Influenza / Covid 19 Vaccination

The Senior Citizens Council was entrusted the responsibility to inform, sensitize, motivate and transport the elderly to different regions of the administration of the anti influenza and Covid 19 Vaccination.

7. Human Rights Day

An awareness session on human rights of senior citizens was held on Tuesday 13 December 2022 at 10 30 hours at the Saint Pierre Elderly Day Care Centre. Some 45 seniors and 13 Elderly Welfare Assistants attended the session. The guest Speaker was Mr D.B. Seetulsing, S.C, G.C.S.K and Chairperson of the National Human Rights Commission.

8. World Remembrance Day for Road Traffic Victims

A special function dedicated to senior citizens consisting of video clips, sketch, song and “temoignage” was held on Monday 21 November 2022 at the Salle des Fêtes, Plaza, Rose Hill in the presence of Honourable Mr Alan Ganoo, Minister of Land Transport and Light Rail, and Hon Mrs Fazila Jeewa-Daureeawoo, GCSK, Minister of Social Integration, Social Security and National Solidarity. Some 400 seniors attended the function and were apprised on the actions being taken by the Government to ensure the safety of one and all against road accident.

9. Talks by National Human Rights Commission

Talks by Officers of the Human Rights Commission was held at the Gorah Issac Municipal Centre on 21 October and at Roche Brunet Elderly Day Care Centre on 25 October. Some 60 seniors from both regions attended same.

10. Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The Annual General Meeting of the Senior Citizens Council was held on 20 July 2022 at the Tamil League Hall, Réduit at 10 30 hours. The Financial Statements for years 2019/2020 & 2020/2021 were presented and adopted after the President's Report. Some 550 Presidents / Representatives of Senior Citizens Associations attended the AGM,

11. Digital Literacy

Digital Literacy Courses in collaboration with the National Computer Board were organised as follows:

Date	Venue	Time (hrs)
13.10.2022	Poste de Flacq EDCC	09-12 00
14.10.22	Poste de Flacq EDCC	09-12 00
21.10.22	St Pierre EDCC	09-12 00
17.11.22	La Rosa EDCC	09-12 00
08.12.22	L'Escalier EDCC	09-12 00

Some 20-25 seniors attended the sessions.

12. Election of District Representatives

The Election of 10 District Representatives was held on Saturday 10 September 2022. 3 District Representatives were elected automatically without any opponent and one District Representative was elected after the withdrawal of the only opponent. Thus, the exercise was carried out in 6 districts only.

13. Centenarian's Celebrations

The Chairperson and District Representatives have attended some **44**, 100th birthday celebrations of centenarians during the year 2022 to date. Gifts amounting to Rs 1,000 per centenarian were given to each centenarian at the functions.

15 December 2022