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FOREWORD

This is the twenty fifth issue of a yearly publication on education statistics prepared by the Central Statistics Office.

Tables presented in this report relate to the Republic of Mauritius and cover latest available information on pre-primary, primary, secondary, vocational and technical as well as tertiary education.

The data have been compiled on the basis of information collected through surveys conducted in 2008 among educational institutions, as well as from the Mauritius Examinations Syndicate and the Tertiary Education Commission.

It is hoped that the data assembled in this report will be of valuable help to the public in general, particularly to education planners and policy makers. The preparation of this report has necessitated the collaboration of the Ministry of Education, Culture and Human Resources, the Central Information Systems Division, educational institutions, and several other organisations. Their co-operation and assistance are herewith gratefully acknowledged.

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Educational Institutions by zone, 2008

Zone

1. Port Louis and North
 2. Beau Bassin-Rose Hill, Centre and East
 3. Curepipe and South
 4. Quatre Bornes, Vacoas-Phoenix and West
- Rodrigues

ISLAND OF MAURITIUS



- UOM University of Mauritius
MCA Mauritius College of the Air
MIE Mauritius Institute of Education
MGI Mahatma Gandhi Institute
UTM University of Technology, Mauritius
MIH Mauritius Institute of Health

EDUCATION STATISTICS – 2008

Summary Note

1. Introduction

This report presents data on education, compiled on the basis of information collected through the annual survey conducted in schools in March 2008, together with data from other sources. The data refer to the Republic of Mauritius (excluding Agalega) and cover pre-primary, primary, secondary (academic and pre-vocational) and tertiary education. The main indicators on education for the period 2004 - 2008 are shown at page 8. The figures published supersede those in the Economic and Social Indicators on Education Statistics, 2008. It is to be noted that 'grade' at Primary level refers to 'Standard' and that at Secondary level refers to 'Form'.

2. Expenditure

Total government expenditure estimates for the financial year 2008/2009 is Rs 74,800 million, out of which, Rs 8,510 million (11%) has been allocated to education.

Out of the total budget on education for the year 2008/2009, 49% is allocated to secondary education, 27% to primary education, 8% to tertiary education, 4% to technical and vocational education, 2% to pre-primary education and the remaining 10% to other expenses (Table 1.3 and Figure 2).

3. Pre-primary education

3.1 Schools

In March 2008, there were 1,070 schools providing pre-primary education: 1,038 in the Island of Mauritius and 32 in Rodrigues. Of these schools, 817 (76%) were privately run institutions; 182 (17%), operating on government primary school premises, were administered by the Early Childhood Care and Education Authority (formerly Pre-School Trust Fund) and the remaining 71 (7%) were administered by either Roman Catholic (RC) or Hindu Education authorities or Municipal/Village Councils (Table 2.2).

3.2 Enrolment

Total enrolment in pre-primary schools numbered 36,242, of whom 18,263 were boys and 17,979 girls (Table 2.16). The Gross Enrolment Ratio (pre-primary enrolment as a percentage of the population aged 4 and 5 years) works out to 94% in 2008, same as in 2007.

3.3 Personnel

In March 2008, total employment in pre-primary schools stood at 3,460, of whom 2,541 were teachers and 919, non-teaching staff. The average number of pupils per teacher works out to 14.

4 Primary education

4.1 Schools

In March 2008, there were 299 schools providing primary education, 286 in the Island of Mauritius and 13 in Rodrigues. The majority (219) of the schools was run by government, 51 by the Roman Catholic Education Authority (RCEA), 2 by the Hindu Education Authority and the other 27 were private non-aided schools.

4.2 Enrolment

The primary school population in the Republic of Mauritius stood at 119,022 in 2008, a decrease of 300 from 2007 figure. Boys represented 51% of the 2008 primary school population and girls 49%. Around 73% of the primary school population was enrolled in government schools and the remaining was in private aided and non-aided schools (Table 3.2).

Distribution by grade shows that the highest number of pupils was in standard VI (23,659 pupils including 4,758 repeaters). The Gross Enrolment Ratio (primary enrolment as a percentage of the population aged 6 to 11 years) works out to 101%, same as in 2007.

4.3 Personnel

At March 2008, 8,072 persons were employed in primary schools. Of this number, 5,495 were teaching staff: 4,125 General Purpose Teachers and 1,370 Oriental Language Teachers. The remaining 2,577 comprised 302 Head Teachers, 869 Deputy Head Teachers and 1,406 administrative and other workers (Table 3.29). The pupil/teacher (general purpose) ratio in primary schools works out to 29.

4.4 Certificate of Primary Education (CPE)

In 2007, the number of candidates who took part in the CPE examination was 26,594 (24,050 school candidates and 2,544 private candidates), with an overall pass rate of 63%.

The pass rate among school candidates, comprising 12,368 boys and 11,682 girls, was 66%. The girls were more successful than the boys, with respective pass rates of 73% and 60% (Table 3.39).

The overall pass rate among the 2,544 private candidates (1,437 boys and 1,107 girls) was 29%, with girls again achieving better results than boys, 34% against 25% (Table 3.39).

School candidates who took part in the CPE examination for the first time did much better than those taking the examination a second time, 74% against 36% (Table 3.39).

5. Secondary and pre-vocational education

5.1 General

At March 2008, 49 schools were offering secondary academic education only, 7 pre-vocational education only and 131 both secondary academic and pre-vocational education.

5.2 Secondary education (Academic only)

5.2.1 Schools

Out of the 180 schools dispensing secondary education, 175 were in the Island of Mauritius and 5 in Rodrigues. State administered schools numbered 69, while the other 111 were private aided and non-aided schools (Table 4.2).

5.2.2 Enrolment

Secondary education enrolment decreased slightly by some 200 from 116,706 in 2007 to reach 116,503 in 2008. Table 4.16 shows that 60,630 (52%) were girls and 55,873 (48%) were boys. About 40% of the secondary school population were in state schools and 60% in private (aided and unaided) schools. Gross Enrolment Ratio (secondary education enrolment as a percentage of the population aged 12 to 19 years) for the academic stream works out to 69% in 2008, same as in 2007.

5.3 Pre-vocational education

5.3.1 Schools

At March 2008, 138 schools were offering pre-vocational education: 133 in the Island of Mauritius and 5 in Rodrigues. Sixty-two of these schools were state secondary schools and state pre-vocational schools while the remaining 76 were private schools.

5.3.2 Enrolment

Enrolment in the schools offering pre-vocational education was 8,495 comprising 5,336 boys and 3,159 girls (Table 4.54). About 34% of the students in pre-vocational schools were in state schools.

5.4 Personnel

The number of teachers working in schools offering secondary and pre-vocational education was 8,053 at March 2008.

The secondary education teaching staff in the academic stream was 7,408 (3,209 males and 4,199 females). The pupil/teacher ratio works out to 16. On the other hand, the pre-vocational education teaching staff stood at 645 (234 males and 411 females), giving an average of 13 pupils per teacher.

5.5 Cambridge School Certificate (SC)

In 2007, out of 17,343 candidates (8,213 males and 9,130 females) who took part in the Cambridge School Certificate examination, 13,298 were successful. Comparison with the 2006 results shows that the overall pass rate has declined from 78.9% to 76.7% (Table 4.39).

5.6 Cambridge Higher School Certificate (HSC)

The number of students taking part in the 2007 Cambridge Higher School Certificate examination stood at 8,517 (3,896 males and 4,621 females). The overall pass rate was 77.8% compared to 79.3% in 2006 (Table 4.44).

6 Post Secondary Education

6.1 University of Mauritius

6.1.1 Enrolment

The University of Mauritius is the major supplier of tertiary education in the country. As at September 2008, it had a student population of 8,468 (exclusive of joint programmes with Mauritius Institute of Education and Mahatma Gandhi Institute). Nearly 54% of the students enrolled were females.

The emphasis at the University of Mauritius is on Degree courses, which constituted 77% (Table 5.3) of the total enrolment in 2008/2009. About 13% of students were enrolled for Post Graduate courses and the remaining 10% were studying for the Diploma and Certificate courses.

6.1.2 Output

For the academic year 2007/2008, 1,920 students (Table 5.7) graduated from the University of Mauritius against 1,853 in 2006/2007. Among these graduates, 1,416 (74%) obtained their first degree, followed by 338 (18%) receiving Master Degree or MPhil/PhD. Those with Diplomas or Certificates numbered 131 (7%).

6.2 University of Technology - Mauritius (UTM)

6.2.1 Enrolment

In September 2008, the student population of the University of Technology numbered 2,488 of whom 1,078 were females. Around 22% of the student population was enrolled in the School of Business Informatics and Software Engineering and 78% in the School of Public Sector Policy and Management.

Around 72% (Table 5.8) of student population was studying for Degree courses, 16% was enrolled on the Master Degree and the remaining 12% for Diploma and Certificate courses.

6.2.2 Output

For the academic year 2007/2008, the number of students who have graduated from the University of Technology stood at 446 (Table 5.9) of whom 54% (241) were from Degree courses, 26% (115) from the Master Degree courses and 20% (90) from Diploma courses.

6.3 Mauritius Institute of Education (MIE)

6.3.1 Enrolment

In September 2008, there were 4,196 teachers and prospective teachers being trained at the MIE. This represents an increase of 6% compared to 3,945 enrolled in September 2007. The female participation represented 78% of the overall enrolment. Around 28% of the student population were on a full time basis while 72% were on a part time basis (Table 5.10).

Some 55 (1%) students were registered on the Master Degree in Education course in collaboration with the University of Brighton; 274 (6%) were following the Post Graduate

Certificate in Education course; 138 (3%) were enrolled for the Bachelor of Education course run jointly with the University of Mauritius; 2,260 (54%) were on Diploma course and 1,469 (35%) on Advanced Certificate and Certificate Courses.

6.3.2 Output

For the academic year 2007/2008, some 1,973 students (Table 5.10) completed successfully their courses at the MIE with 76% (1,509) from Diploma and Certificate courses and 24% (464) from the Degree and Higher Degree courses.

6.4 Mahatma Gandhi Institute (MGI)

6.4.1 Enrolment

During the academic year 2008/2009, the MGI had a student population of 1,644 (Table 5.11) of whom 1,025 (62%) were females. Some 367 (22%) students were registered for the Degree and Master courses, 37 (2%) for the Diploma/Degree, 121 (7%) for the Diploma and 1,119 (68%) for the Advanced Certificate and Certificate courses.

6.4.2 Output

For the academic year 2007/2008, 530 students graduated from the MGI of whom 400 (75%) were females (Table 5.11).

6.5 Mauritius College of the Air (MCA)

6.5.1 Enrolment

The MCA is mainly involved in the production of educational programme for formal education at pre-primary, primary, secondary and tertiary level for broadcast. All the programmes were being delivered through the distance mode, in collaboration with overseas institutions. The institutions included the Institute of Logistic and Transport, the Chartered Institute of Marketing (UK), and Indira Gandhi National Open University of India (IGNOU).

In 2008, the MCA recorded 530 students (Table 5.12) of whom 62% were females. Some 291 (55%) students were registered for the Degree and Post Graduate courses, 88 (17%) for the Advanced Diploma and Diploma courses and 151 (28%) for the Certificate courses (Table 5.12).

6.6 Polytechnics

6.6.1 Enrolment

Higher technical education was dispensed in the three polytechnics, namely Sir Guy Forget Polytechnic, Swami Dayanand Institute of Management and the Institut Supérieur de Technologie.

Enrolment at the Polytechnics was on a full-time and part-time basis and numbered 1,025 in 2008 (Table 5.13). Enrolment at the Swami Dayanand Institute of Management accounted for 47% (482) of the polytechnic student population, Sir Guy Forget Lycee Polytechnic for 31% (322), and the Institut Supérieur de Technologie for the remaining 22% (221).

6.6.2 Output

For the academic year 2007/2008, 544 students (Table 5.13) successfully completed their courses, of whom 269 or 49% from the Swami Dayanand Institute of Management, 198 or 37% were from The Institut Supérieur de Technologie and 77 or 14% were from Sir Guy Forget Lycee Polytechnic.

6.7 Mauritius Institute of Health (MIH)

6.7.1 Enrolment

The courses offered at the MIH target the medical sector. During the academic year 2008/2009, the MIH had a student population of 115 of whom 54 were females (Table 5.14).

6.8 Private Providers/Distance Education

At December 2007, the number of students enrolled on tertiary-level programmes in private local institutions, including those delivered through the distance or mixed mode, reached 9,612 compared to 9,293 at the end of 2006 (Table 5.15).

The most common field of study was Accountancy with 37% (3,568) followed by Information Technology with 12% (1,172). Some 1,125 or 12% studied Administration/Management and the remaining 39% (3,747) studied subjects such as Business/Commerce/Marketing, Medicine, Law, Arts and Dentistry.

6.9 Mauritian students studying abroad

The number of students, pursuing their studies overseas, increased by 12% from 8,473 in 2006 to 9,531 in 2007. From Table 5.16, it can be noted that although Mauritian students studied in different countries, most of them opted for UK (27%), Australia (25%),

France/Reunion (20%), India (13%), and the rest (15%) for countries such as Russia & Ukraine, South Africa, Ireland, China and USA.

The Gross Enrolment Ratio (tertiary education enrolment as a percentage of the population aged 20 to 24 years), which was 34.1% in 2006, reached 37.3% in 2007.

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