

# The transformation from National CSR Foundation to National Social Inclusion Foundation



NATIONAL SOCIAL INCLUSION FOUNDATION

The National CSR Foundation was established by Government in December 2016 with the aim of bringing greater transparency in the use of CSR funds and generating better social outcomes. The National CSR Foundation has now been transformed into the National Social Inclusion Foundation (NSIF). It is the Central Body to receive and allocate public funds to NGOs.

The change of name together with a new corporate identity reflect the key role the Foundation is called upon to play in leveraging strategic and sustainable partnerships with NGOs, public institutions and the private sector to promote social inclusion, equity and sustainable development.

## Our Framework for Action



Our Framework for Action proposes 4 rights-based dimensions for acting on social inclusion, equity and sustainable development. These are aligned to national policy objectives, human rights instruments and SDGs related to the 10 priority areas of intervention of the Foundation.

## Registration of NGOs

The Foundation maintains a register of NGOs for allocating funds. To date, 400 organisations are registered with the Foundation and are eligible to apply for funding.

## Funding

The NSIF adopts a Social Investment model for funding, that is, funds are directed towards actions that achieve the best outcomes for the poor and vulnerable.

The Foundation has allocated a total amount of Rs677 million to NGOs since 2017, comprising Rs 514m approved for programmes and projects under its different Calls for Proposals and Rs163 million disbursed in the form of Government grants.

We invite our stakeholders to contact us at:

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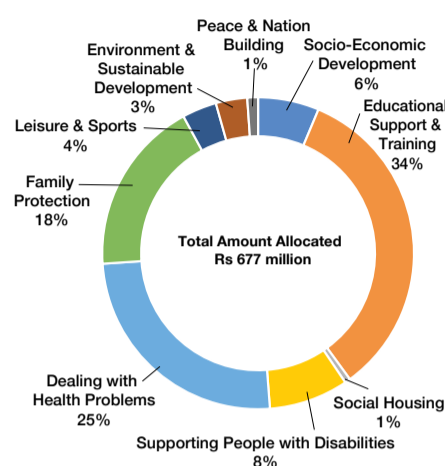


Figure 1: Funds Allocated to NGOs by Priority Area, 2017-2019

## Monitoring and Mentoring

All programmes/projects funded by the Foundation are closely monitored. Mentoring support is provided to NGOs encountering difficulties during the implementation of their programmes and projects.

## Approval of Reduced CSR Amount to be remitted to the MRA

As at August 2019, the Foundation has approved 62 programmes from 52 companies for a total amount of around Rs 17 million.

## Review of Funding Framework

The Foundation has reviewed its funding framework as from October 2019 to:

- Harmonise the disbursement of Government grants and allocation of CSR funding to NGOs
- Provide adequate funding support to NGOs and strengthen its partnership with them
- Effectively play its role as a central funding agency and better meet its funding objectives.

New funding arrangements structured under specific "Funding Instruments" are being introduced to cater for the following:

- Regular, programme-based funding of ongoing NGO programmes
- New projects with a focus on social innovation
- Integrated community-based interventions
- Small-scale projects
- National Programmes

## Stakeholder Engagement

We maintain consistent communication and dialogue with Ministries, private CSR Foundations and NGOs in order to promote constructive relationships, understand their expectations and consider their views in the formulation of policies and strategies.

## Testimonials of NGOs Supported by the NSIF

"We have been very impressed by the understanding and compassionate treatment that all our applications for funding to sustain and develop our work in Rodrigues have received. The end result being that the disabled are able to live an almost normal life in society. This is, in our opinion, testimony to the right track the NSIF is pursuing."

**Paul W. Draper, MBE,**  
*Director, Care-Co (Rodrigues)*

"L'attente a été longue les premières années, mais la vision et la méthodologie proposée a été très appréciée... Il y a eu une écoute, des échanges et des discussions franches en vue de trouver des solutions... Caritas remercie la NSIF pour la confiance et le soutien financier qui nous permet de continuer le travail pour donner une vie digne et faire respecter les droits des personnes en situation de vulnérabilité."

**Patricia Adèle Félicité,**  
*Secretary General, Caritas Ile Maurice*

"The NSIF funded 2 projects which enabled APPEL to continue its mission and provide services to benefit the most marginalised of society. Both projects have reached the goals set in 2019."

**Darmen Ellayah,**  
*President, Association Pour Personnes En Larmes (APPEL)*

"The Aaleemee Society (NGO) conveys its heartfelt thanks to the NSIF for its support and collaboration during the past 2 years. We wish the NSIF to grow further and to contribute more effectively to poverty reduction in the Mauritian society."

**Saheed Thupsee,**  
*Chaiman, The Aaleemee Society (NGO)*