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Q1 Name of the organization:

MAURITIUS FAMILY PLANNING WELFARE ASSOCIATION (MFPWA)

Q2 The purpose of the organization:

MFPWA started as a grass-root movement in the late 1950's promoting birth control programme in the country. The Association affiliated to the International Planned Parenthood Federation in 1959. The Mauritius Family Planning & Welfare Association is committed to lead in driving the Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH) agenda forward in line with government's SRH policy, by adopting a holistic, concerted and rights-based approach to the provision of quality sexual and reproductive health information and services to all citizens in the Republic of Mauritius.

Gradually the Association strengthened its programme in the community with its door to door campaign educated women and men from low income group to use birth control methods. In the beginning the programme encountered fierce opposition from some socio-cultural and religious quarters. However with perseverance MFPWA managed the programme successfully and the family planning programme was integrated in government health services in 1971. The Association and the government of Mauritius won the UN population award in 1990 and the birth control programme in Mauritius has become a reference in the Africa Region as well as worldwide. In 2005 the Association was enacted by an Act of Parliament MFPWA Act 2005 which is in a process of review due to demographic challenges affecting the country at present. The Association has 30 employees, 7 sessional doctors and has two clinics and three service points. There is a board to look into governance matters, management oversee the implementation of the planned activities and human resource issues and has different departments namely: programme, clinic and finance. The programme and activities of the Association are also supported by the volunteers.

The Association was also awarded by Help Age International in 2012 for the sexual and reproductive health services that we provide to the elderly. The Association became the Principal Recipient for the Civil Society for the Global Fund in 2010 and we supported the government to scale up the HIV/AIDS prevention through the civil society network. We are often consulted by local and international development partners like UNFPA, UNESCO, Help Age international, IPPF and the Ministry of Health and Quality of Life, Ministry of Gender, Child Development and Family Welfare, Ministry of Social Integration, Ministry of Education and Human Resources, Ministry of Social Security, Ministry of Youth and Sports, Mauritius Police Force, Council of Religion, Religious Institutions, Civil Society organisations and others on Sexual and Reproductive Health matters. We provide services directly to more than 30,000 beneficiaries. MFPWA piloted and has immensely contributed in birth control programme in the country.

The Association is providing sexual and reproductive health services to the ageing population in terms of screening of reproductive tract infections and other medical services for problems related to impotency due to non-communicable diseases. The Association has also taken note of the increasing number of old people victims of stroke linked to hypertension, diabetes, cardiac and other medical problems affecting the families. Though health services are free for the population, many families are not able to properly follow-up and handle such cases as there are frequent inconsistencies in the management of blood sugar and hypertension at home to the detriment of the patient. People and families affected by such problems have to frequently travel to hospitals, community or nearby health centres adding much strain and stress to the victims and their families to enable them check their blood sugar and hypertension and bone check. The Association undertakes community level programme and provide such services to the elderly.

The Association has also embarked on a wide advocacy campaign with the Mauritian authorities for the protection of the growing elderly population which will increase from 15% now to 30% by the year 2050. The issue of family values, kinship, moral obligations, security and protection of the elderly as well as their economic empowerment through healthy and active ageing has been high on the agenda of the Association.

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Q3 Information as to the programmes and activities of the organization in areas relevant to the human rights of older persons:

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The Association has also involved the human rights commission in information sharing and empowerment of the old people through talks seminars and forums. Advocacy activities through use of national tv and written and spoken press has been oftenly used by the Association to request government to maintain universal pension coverage as the elderly have the right for a decent living.

Q4 Confirmation of the activities of the organization at the national, regional or international level:

MFPWA is a national NGO operating at regional level basically started its programme of activities on birth control and family planning and has extended its services to the elderly to complement government health services. It is affiliated to the International Planned Parenthood Federation to provide sexual and reproductive health services and the Help Age International to join efforts to implement activities for the elderly. Information Education and communication, training, advocacy, provision of services to the different target groups on sexual and reproductive health, research is an on-going programme at the level of the Association. Moreover the Association provides sexual health services in terms of screening of breast, cervical and prostate cancers to the aged as well as provision of medicines and drugs to those who want to have a healthy sexual life in line with the sexual and reproductive health rights by qualified doctors.

Q5 A list of members of the governing body of the organization and their countries of nationality:

Mrs. M. Mudaliar, Permanent Secretary Ministry of Health and Quality of Life - Mauritian

Mrs. J. Coonjan, Deputy Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Health and Quality of Life - Mauritian

Mr. Alain Lee Tuk Yong, financial Lead Analyst, Ministry of Health and Quality of Life - Mauritian

Dr. A. Gopaul, Medical practitioner, Ministry of Health and Quality of Life - Mauritian

Ms Dudu Simelane- Eastern and Southern Africa team leader IPPF - swaziland

Ms Vidya B. Charan, Executive Director, MFPWA - Mauritian

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Q6 List of financial sources and contributions, including governmental contributions:

Income for year 2018:	Rs.
IPPF	3,357,817
Government Grant	3,135,000
Ministry of Gender Equality - Refund of Expenses for DIC	1,146,665
Rent Receivables	555,600
LTK Day Care Centre	975,000
Bank Interest Receivables	25,000
Clinic Income	2,331,000
Contraceptive Social Marketing	200,000
UNPFA	300,000
Corporate Social Responsibility	350,000

Outstanding Amount to be refunded by Ministry of Gender Equality 344,225

TOTAL 12,720,307

Q7 Copies of the annual or other reports of the organization with financial statements (File size limit is 16MB):

AR 2017.docx (12.7MB)

Q8 Please attach additional copies if needed (File size limit is 16MB):

Draft AFS 31 Dec 2016 - MFPWA.pdf(95.5KB)

Q9 Please attach additional copies if needed (File size limit is 16MB): Respondent skipped this question

Q10 A description of the membership of the organization, indicating the total number of members, the names of organizations that are members and their geographical distribution:

MFPWA is an NGO governed by an act of Parliament. the Association has volunteers grouped into different structures and they serve in different capacities:

The Permanent Secretary, deputy permanent secretary, the Financial Analyst, The National Coordinator for Family Planning Programme, the representative of International Planned Parenthood Federation and the Executive Director of MFPWA forms the board of the Association5 officials nominated from different departments of the ministry of Health and Quality of life.

There are 50 volunteers involved in programme activities through the different structures: The Ageing Committee, the Women Advisory Panel, the youth action movement. there are other 350 activists involved with the association programme.

The Association has a branch in the Rodrigues island. In addition the Association has a programme, financial and clinic department which operates separately under the supervision of the Executive Director.

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Q11 A copy of the constitution and/or by-laws of the organization (File size limit is 16MB):

MFPWA CONSTITUTION ACT NO. 29 2005 OCTOBER 28 2005.doc(71.5KB)

Q12 Please attach additional copies if needed (File size limit is 16MB):

Respondent skipped this question

Q13 Please attach additional copies if needed (File size limit is 16MB):

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