**Title:** Revitalization of the collaboration between the Ministry of Health and Quality of Life and non-government organisations to strengthen primary health care for better outcomes in Mauritius.

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**Abstract**

**Background**

In Mauritius, non-government organisations (NGOs) have been playing irreplaceable roles to ensure the wellbeing of the society, particularly at the primary health care (PHC) setting. However, since their activities have been not well collaborated with the Ministry of Health and Quality of Life (MoHQL), a lack of alignment with the Health Sector Strategic Plan (HSSP) was identified as a significant issue. Under such conditions, NGOs some of them are not respecting the mandate defined to them and often compete for financial resources and better presence in the society, causing inefficiency. Moreover, many of the NGOs have been conducting their activities without elaborating costed action plans.

**Objectives**

One of the objectives is to explore quantitative figures of inputs and outputs of this collaboration work to strengthen service delivery of PHC in Mauritius. Since this is the first case of its kinds of public-private partnership (PPP) in the health sector in the country, the other objective is to draw lessons learned for the next steps as examining qualitative data based on participants’ experiences.

**Methods**

A case study approach is applied to purposively examine processed inputs and delivered outputs through the collaborative project with the government, NGOs and other partners, including WHO. Data is being collected through document review and key informant interviews with the government, NGOs and other partners.

**Key findings**

A comprehensive brochure, “Mapping of Stakeholders/NGOS in the Health Sector”, identifying seventy-seven (77) NGOs active in the health sector in Mauritius has been developed. According to their areas of focus, all NGOs were grouped in six categories. The elaboration of a Joint Action Plan for all NGOs is being guided by the MoHQL, MACOSS (Mauritius Council of Social Services) and WHO to support the government in better coordinating the work of all stakeholders and available resources.

Resource mobilization is also noteworthy as in August 2018 the European Union (EU) agreed to support NGOs in Mauritius through this Joint Action Plan as from 2019 to support the implementation of PHC in Mauritius.

**Conclusions**

This Joint Action Plan is a significant milestone jointly achieved by the MoHQL and NGOs and in line with the Mauritius Vision 2030 (the government level), HSSP (the MoHQL) and the Thirteenth General Programme of Work (GPW13) to strengthen PHC in Mauritius.

**Key words:** public-private partnerships, NGOs, primary health care, health system strengthening, Thirteenth General Programme of Work