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# Message from the President



Dear Friends and Supporters of M-Kids,

This past year has been a journey of growth, impact, and unwavering dedication to the children we serve. Thanks to your continued support, M-Kids has expanded its reach, touching the lives of children in Camp Chapelon, La Butte, Terre Rouge, Rodrigues, and beyond. Every initiative we undertake is centred on them—their well-being, their education, and their future.

At M-Kids, we remain committed to ensuring that every child, regardless of background, has the opportunity to thrive. This year, we strengthened our educational programmes, providing essential resources and a nurturing environment where children can learn, grow, and build confidence. These efforts are shaping a generation ready to take on the challenges of tomorrow.

We have also focused on agricultural initiatives, reconnecting children with the land and teaching them where their food comes from. Learning how to grow and sustain their own food is not just about self-reliance—it fosters responsibility, sustainability, and a deep respect for nature.

The future of Mauritius lies in the hands of its children, and it is our shared responsibility to guide and prepare them. At M-Kids, we believe in a future where every child is empowered to reach their full potential and contribute meaningfully to their communities.

To all who continue to stand with us, thank you. Your support makes all the difference. Together, we are building a stronger Mauritius—one child, one project, and one dream at a time.

With heartfelt gratitude,

Mr Wasim Meethoo

# MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR GENERAL

Every child deserves the chance to learn, play, and grow in an environment that nurtures their potential. At M-Kids, we see firsthand how the lack of safe and enriching spaces affects the children we serve. Leisure poverty remains a challenge, limiting opportunities for exploration, creativity, and personal growth. This year, we have worked tirelessly to bridge this gap by creating opportunities where children can learn, explore, and develop essential skills—whether through hands-on agricultural projects, urban gardening initiatives, or creative educational programmes.

One area we have focused on is agriculture in urban settings. In a world where cities often disconnect us from the land, these initiatives allow children to reconnect with nature, understand the origins of their food, and develop sustainable practices that benefit both their communities and the planet. It is inspiring to see how these experiences instil confidence, curiosity, and responsibility in the children who take part.

Another programme that continues to make an impact is Share a Meal. For many families, this initiative remains a lifeline, providing not just nourishment but also hope and relief during difficult times. Knowing that we can ease this burden and bring families together through a simple yet powerful act of sharing a meal is one of the most rewarding aspects of our work.



In 2024, we also celebrated the successful completion of our IT SmartLab project. Through this initiative, children gained access to technology and digital learning tools, opening doors to new opportunities. Its success was reflected in the enthusiasm of the participants and was further recognised on a national level. We were proud to receive the Silver Award at the 2024 NPQEA competition, organised by the National Productivity and Competitiveness Council, in the category of Government Departments, Parastatals, and Registered Associations. This achievement is a testament to the dedication and vision of everyone involved in making IT SmartLab a reality.

As we look ahead, I am deeply grateful for the parents, guardians, and supporters who trust us to play a role in shaping the future of these children. Together, we are not only addressing immediate challenges but also creating opportunities that will empower them to lead, thrive, and build a better future.

Thank you for being part of this journey. Your belief in our mission and in our children is what makes this work possible.

With appreciation,

**IMAAM ARSHAD JOOMUN** 

# **ABOUT M-KIDS**

### The Organisation

M-Kids is a registered national NGO dedicated to alleviating the suffering of vulnerable children[1] and empowering them through multi-stakeholder programmes and activities, without discrimination, to create a bright future where every child can prosper.

[1]According to NSIF, Vulnerable Children refer to individuals under the age of 18 who are living below or in absolute poverty, have a disability or a severe disease, are abused, neglected, abandoned, orphans, street children, teenage parents, children with incarcerated parents, in conflict with the law, out-of-school and illiterate, or suffering from substance abuse.

#### **Mission**

M-Kids' mission is to "improve the well-being of children and empower the most vulnerable among them through impactful, sustainable multi-stakeholder programmes and activities". In the pursuit of this mission, M-Kids intervenes in four key areas:

- Child Poverty Alleviation.
- Remedial Education & Life Skills
   Empowerment
- Psycho-Social Support & Therapy
- Youth & The Environment

#### **Vision**

M-Kids envisions a society where "No child is left behind" is a reality. M-Kids aspires to a society where:

- All children have equal access to basic needs of modern living.
- All children feel safe and supported at all times.
- And the most vulnerable children are afforded protection and opportunities through affirmative policies and actions.

### **Core Values**

#### **FAITH**

Our faith is our driving force for social change, development, and shared prosperity.

### **ACCOUNTABILITY**

We take responsibility for our actions and are answerable to our stakeholders for our policies and decisions.

### **TRANSPARENCY**

We disclose our performance clearly and accurately to our board members and regulatory agencies for review and appraisal.

### **JUSTICE**

We treat all our beneficiaries equally with fairness and equity and do not discriminate on the basis of race and ethnicity.

### **PARTNERSHIP**

Effective collaboration is key to our success. We work with several partners and collaborators locally and internationally to enhance the impact and efficacy of our programmes.

# **HISTORY OF M-KIDS**

### 2002 | The Beginning

A group of locals in Camp Chapelon, led by a teenage Imaam Arshad, comes together to address the lack of youth activities. The first gatherings focus on brotherhood, ethics, and education.

### 2005 | Fighting Drug Abuse

The community sees more young people fall into sniffing and drug addiction. M-Kids launches its first awareness campaign, warning families of the dangers and offering youth positive alternatives.

### 2010 | Official Registration as an NGO

M-Kids becomes a registered association, solidifying its structure and increasing its capacity to make a lasting impact.

### 2015 | Expansion to Rodrigues

The programme extends beyond Mauritius, bringing education, leadership training, and community support to children in Rodrigues.

# 2018 | Employment of Full-Time Staff

The organisation transitions from a volunteer-run initiative to hiring permanent staff, ensuring sustainability and professional growth.

### 2020 | The Pandemic

Local families and children received significant support from M-Kids during the pandemic.

### 2023 | Digital Literacy & IT Training Begins

M-Kids partners with organisations to offer technology and literacy courses, bridging the digital divide for underprivileged youth.

### 2003 | First Youth Capacity-Building Activities

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### **2007 | First Community Feeding Programme**

M-Kids starts providing meals to underprivileged families, reinforcing its commitment to both education and social support.

### 2013 | Securing a Dedicated Space

After years of operating in borrowed locations, M-Kids secures its first formal space, allowing for more structured activities.

### 2018 | First Major Sponsorship & Recognition

M-Kids secures corporate and governmental sponsorships, enabling the expansion of its youth development programmes.

# 2019 | Strengthening Anti-Drug Efforts

With addiction rates rising, M-Kids intensifies drug prevention workshops and counselling services for at-risk youth.

### 2021 | Introduction of Sports & Arts Programmes

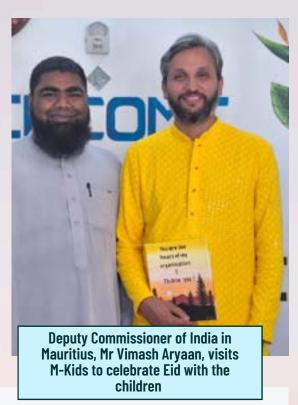
Creative and physical activities become key tools to divert youth from negative influences, fostering confidence and discipline.

### 2024 M-Kids Peace Mission Launched

A new initiative promoting peace, respect, and social harmony among vulnerable children takes shape.

# Today | Over 10,000 Lives Impacted

M-Kids continues to fight for a brighter future, ensuring no child is left behind.



## **RECOGNISED FOR EXCELLENCE**



IT SmartLab won the Silver Award by NPCC at the NPQEA 2024 competition event, in the category of Government Departments, Parastatals, and Registered Associations.











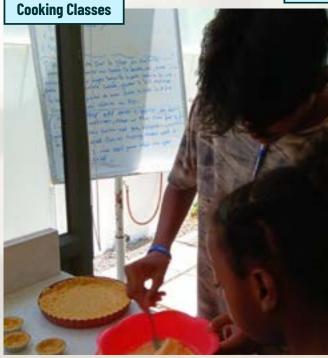














# **OUR PEOPLE**

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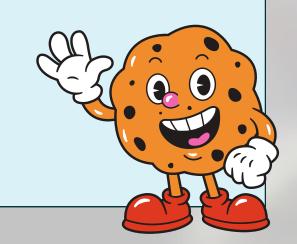
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TEACHER: MRS JOOMUN ROUSHDA BIBI

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HELPER: MR DIAMOUN SHARIAZ
PHOTOGRAPHER: MS SHAIK AISHA









# **PROGRAMMES AND INITIATIVES**

This year, we have structured our activities to align with global development efforts, ensuring that our work contributes meaningfully to education, poverty reduction, food security, health, and environmental sustainability. While quality education remains central to our mission, we continue to expand our focus to include nutrition programmes, mental health support, sustainable practices, and vocational training, creating a holistic approach to community empowerment.

# **WHY THIS MATTERS FOR MAURITIUS IN 2025 AND BEYOND**

Mauritius faces increasing social and economic pressures, particularly for children and families from underserved communities. With the rising cost of living, educational barriers, and the effects of climate change, targeted initiatives are crucial to building a more resilient and inclusive society.

- Education and Digital Access Many children still lack access to structured learning and digital literacy, limiting their future opportunities.
- Food and Financial Insecurity Families continue to struggle with food affordability, making daily meal programmes and economic empowerment initiatives essential.
- Health and Mental Well-being Physical and mental health support is increasingly necessary, as stress, anxiety, and chronic illnesses rise.
- Sustainability and Climate Resilience As a small island nation, Mauritius remains highly vulnerable to climate change, making renewable energy solutions, urban agriculture, and environmental education key priorities.

Each year, we evaluate and strengthen our initiatives to address these evolving challenges, ensuring that children and families receive the resources they need to build a better future. While we work toward long-term solutions, we also recognise the urgent need for action today.

In the following pages, you will find a comprehensive overview of the programmes and initiatives we implemented in 2024, showcasing our commitment to empowering communities and creating lasting change.



# SDG1 NO POVERTY

# **SHARE A MEAL**

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This initiative not only supports families struggling to make ends meet but also eases the burden on children who might otherwise have to cook or care for younger siblings, particularly in households where parents or quardians work night shifts.

In addition to daily meals, a breakfast programme at Islamic Cultural College, Vallée des Prêtres, serves around 50 students every morning, ensuring they start their day well-nourished and ready to learn.

Ensuring children have access to proper meals allows them to focus on their education, complete their homework, and engage in activities that contribute to their growth and success. Addressing hunger is a crucial step toward empowering children and building a stronger, healthier community.







# **IMPACT AT A GLANCE - 2024**



49,217 hot meals served to children



Rs 1,764,363 invested in fighting hunger



650+ children nourished and supported



**5 key** areas covered - Camp Chapelon, Vallée Pitot, La Butte, Terre Rouge and Cassis



15 dedicated staff & volunteers making a difference every day

# DISTRIBUTION OF FOOD VOUCHERS & ESSENTIAL SUPPLIES



Ensuring that no child or family goes hungry remains at the heart of our mission. Through our food voucher programme, we empower families to purchase essential groceries based on their specific needs, offering them dignity, choice, and autonomy. This approach not only allows families to select the food items they require but also streamlines operations, enabling the Association to focus on other key initiatives.

In addition, regular Food Drives are organised to collect non-perishable food items. These supplies are either used in preparing hot meals for our beneficiaries or distributed directly to families facing severe hardship. Year after year, we remain committed to fighting food insecurity and ensuring that no family in our community is left without support.

### **IMPACT AT A GLANCE - 2024**



**600+** Food vouchers distributed and redeemed



**Rs. 300,000+** Total Value of vouchers distributed



**500+** families assisted with essential food support



# **DISTRIBUTION OF CLOTHES**

Over the past few years, we have been committed to distributing high-quality, mostly new, and gently used clothing to our beneficiaries. Our goal is to ensure that all children have access to dignified clothing, especially during significant occasions such as Eid, the start of the school year, and sports activities.

In addition to meeting immediate needs, this initiative promotes sustainability by recycling clothes that might otherwise end up in landfills, teaching our beneficiaries the importance of responsible consumption.

IMPACT AT A GLANCE - 2024



13,000+ clothing items distributed to beneficiaries



Seasonal relevance: Includes blankets, coats, and a moveable air-conditioning unit for comfort during the warmer months



# SDG2 ZERO HUNGER

# **ROOFTOP GARDENING**

The Rooftop Gardening project is designed to teach our beneficiaries about agriculture, providing them with the opportunity to grow their own food. To date, the children have successfully planted and learned about the cycle of planting and harvesting simple vegetables such as capsicum, pumpkin, leek, and chili.

With rising food prices and the impact of weather fluctuations, growing simple vegetables is an essential skill that can help families become more self-sufficient. This project empowers our youth by showing them that growing food is not only achievable but also something that any family can invest in.

In addition to gardening, we also teach composting, a sustainable practice that helps reduce waste while improving soil health.

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As part of our Climate Action initiatives, the rooftop garden serves as a green space in an urban environment, offering children a hands-on experience in agriculture while contributing to sustainability efforts. The vegetables produced are also integrated into our Share A Meal programme, benefiting approximately 45 children daily.

This project plays a vital role in teaching children the importance of nature, sustainability, and responsible agricultural practices.



**IMPACT AT A GLANCE - 2024** 



1 Rooftop Garden established



4 types of vegetables grown: capsicum, pumpkin, leek, and chili



10+ child participants involved in gardening activities



**50 kg+** of produce harvested



### **Environmental benefits:**

Reduced food transportation, carbon emissions, soil erosion; increased biodiversity; reduced reliance on fossil fuels, pesticides, and fertilisers







# **IMPACT AT A GLANCE - 2024**



# Fully operational from January 2025



Sustainable fish farming providing a source of protein



**Fresh vegetables grown** using a natural, waste-free system



**Hands-on training** for children, staff, and community members



Supports the Share A Meal programme with fresh produce

# **AQUAPONICS**

The Aquaponics project, generously sponsored by PwC Mauritius, is one of our most innovative sustainability initiatives. This closed-loop system integrates fish farming with plant cultivation, using fish waste as a natural fertiliser for growing vegetables. It is a highly efficient, low-maintenance method of food production that ensures nothing goes to waste.

As the fish mature and reach a certain weight, they are removed from the system and can be consumed as a valuable source of protein. Meanwhile, the vegetables grown in the aquaponics system contribute to food security and promote sustainable agriculture.

Beyond its environmental benefits, this project plays a crucial role in educating children and the community about mindful consumption and healthy eating, especially in a world where fast food is becoming increasingly dominant.

Since its setup, our staff have undergone training on maintaining the system, with volunteers assisting in its upkeep. Starting in 2025, we will expand training to small groups of children and adults, equipping them with the knowledge and skills to engage in sustainable food production.

A key advantage of this project is that it directly supports our Share A Meal initiative. On the days that M-Kids prepares meals for our children, we incorporate fresh produce harvested from the aquaponics system, reinforcing our commitment to self-sufficiency and sustainability.



# **FARMING**

Although M-Kids operates in an urban setting, we believe it is essential for children to learn about farming and food production, even on a small scale. Through our farming initiative, children actively care for and raise egg-laying hens, gaining hands-on experience in responsibility, sustainability, and food security.

The eggs collected are primarily used in our Share A Meal programme, ensuring that children receive fresh, nutritious meals. Any excess eggs are sold within the local community, generating funds to sustain the project by purchasing livestock feed or supporting other initiatives.



# **IMPACT AT A GLANCE - 2024**



11+ children trained in farming techniques



**70+ children** benefited from egg distribution



**2556 eggs** collected throughout the year



**1207 eggs** used in the Share A Meal programme



**Rs 13,490** raised from egg sales to support sustainability



**Reduced dependency** on external food sources, fostering self-sufficiency

















This initiative not only provides fresh, homegrown food but also teaches participants valuable lessons about nature, food sources, and responsibility, empowering them with essential life skills.

# SDG 3: GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING



# **PSYCHOTHERAPY**

At M-Kids, mental health is a core pillar of our work not just for children, but also for parents, guardians, and anyone in need of support.

With the invaluable assistance of the Ministry of Health, which has provided us with professional psychologists, children have had access to consistent mental health support throughout the year. Whether they are facing challenges at school, difficulties at home, or simply seeking guidance, they know they have a safe space to turn to.

Psychotherapy, though sometimes misunderstood, plays a crucial role in helping children navigate their emotions, develop resilience, and overcome personal struggles. By fostering a supportive and understanding environment, we empower them to express themselves, build confidence, and develop healthier coping mechanisms.

### **IMPACT AT A GLANCE - 2024**



160+ therapy sessions conducted



110 participants supported (105 children & 5 parents)



**1.45** average sessions per participant



**Key issues addressed** - Anxiety, trauma, school difficulties, family conflicts



5 professional psychologists involved



This initiative has made a significant difference in the lives of our beneficiaries, ensuring that mental health support is accessible, reliable, and stigma-free.

# **PSYCHOSOCIAL ACTIVITIES**

Beyond psychotherapy, structured psychosocial activities play a crucial role in nurturing emotional well-being, creativity, and resilience among children. Through creative arts, residential workshops, fitness walks, sports, field trips, and community outings, we provide opportunities for self-expression, skill-building, and meaningful social interactions.

These activities are more than just recreational—they help children develop confidence, establish healthy routines, and strengthen peer relationships. Engaging in structured programmes reduces stress and anxiety, promotes a sense of belonging, and connects children with positive role models who guide and support their personal growth.

By ensuring access to these experiences, we empower children with essential social and emotional skills, reinforcing their ability to navigate challenges, regulate emotions, and build resilience. These initiatives also contribute to long-term mental and emotional stability, supporting overall well-being.



# **GEMS**

The GEMS initiative is a girls-only programme designed to create a safe, supportive space where participants can freely express themselves, explore personal growth, and build confidence.

Throughout the year, the girls took part in a variety of psychosocial activities that addressed both emotional and physical health. They engaged in self-defence training to promote empowerment, participated in fitness sessions at a gym to enhance physical strength, and had discussions on puberty and emotional well-being to better understand the changes they were going through. Workshops on personal hygiene and the proper use of products helped them feel confident and informed about their bodies.

Beyond personal development, the girls also participated in community service, including visits to an orphanage, which encouraged compassion and social responsibility. The initiative also fostered creativity through hands-on activities, allowing the girls to explore their talents and express themselves artistically.

By focusing on personal empowerment, self-awareness, and peer connection, GEMS plays a vital role in helping young girls develop the skills, knowledge, and confidence they need to navigate the challenges of growing up. The programme continues to inspire and uplift these girls, setting them on a path toward becoming strong, independent women who are equipped to face the future with courage and self-assurance.

### **IMPACT AT A GLANCE - 2024**



**10 girls** actively participated in the programme



**Increased self-esteem** through confidence-building activities



**Stronger friendships** and peer support among participants



**Self-defence skills** gained for personal safety



**Health awareness** improved through gym and fitness activities



**Better understanding** of puberty and hygiene through dedicated workshops



**Community service** experience through an orphanage visit



**Creativity enhanced** through hands-on projects



# KITE-MAKING WORKSHOP, A CULTURAL AND CREATIVE EXPERIENCE



On July 5, 2024, M-Kids Learning Centre hosted a kite-making workshop led by Master Huo Hongly from the China Cultural Centre, alongside Ms Lisa. 27 children participated in this interactive session, where they learned the traditional Chinese art of kite-making using bamboo and paper. Engaging in this hands-on activity allowed the children to experience the joy of creating something with their own hands, making it a memorable and meaningful experience.

# **CORAL PLANTING INITIATIVE**





The Coral Planting Initiative introduced 20 children to marine conservation through a mix of practical and theoretical learning. The participants explored coral reefs in Trou aux Biches through a glass-bottom boat tour, followed by a guided coral planting session led by Mr Nadeem Nazurally. A follow-up session on June 15, 2024, at M-Kids Learning Centre, focused on coral conservation and climate challenges, deepening their understanding of environmental responsibility.





# INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE AFRICAN CHILD

On June 15, M-Kids celebrated the International Day of the African Child, a day dedicated to advocating for children's rights and education. The event brought together children, volunteers, and guests to reflect on the importance of education and empowerment.

A key moment of the celebration was an interactive hand-printing activity, where children expressed their aspirations and hopes for the future.

# PHOTOGRAPHY TRAINING INITIATIVE

The Photography Training Initiative, organised by the Mauriwood Film Industry Artist Association in collaboration with M-Kids, provided children with a hands-on introduction to photography. Led by Mr Jean Laperotine, the programme ran from November 2023 to February 2024, with eight interactive sessions attended by 10 students per class. Participants explored lighting, composition, and storytelling through images, gaining practical experience with cameras while developing technical skills and artistic confidence.

This initiative allowed children to express themselves creatively and see the world from a new perspective—one frame at a time.



# **JEUNES AMBASSADEURS DES DROITS DES ENFANTS (JADE)**

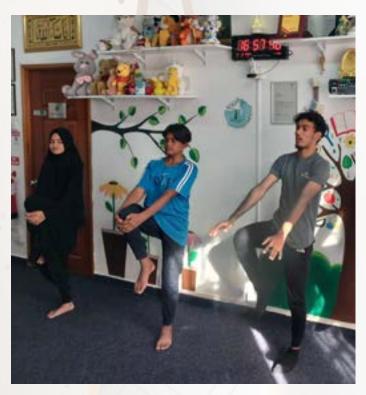
The Jeunes Ambassadeurs des Droits de l'Enfant (JADE) programme was launched in France in 2006 to empower young people aged 15 to 17 to advocate for children's rights. In September 2024, the Ombudsperson for Children in Mauritius introduced JADE locally, providing participants with a structured platform to develop advocacy skills, enhance communication, and actively contribute to child welfare initiatives.

This year, Allya and Aisha joined JADE, where they had the opportunity to engage with human rights and child protection experts, participate in interactive discussions, and learn how to drive positive change for children in Mauritius. Their involvement reflects M-Kids' commitment to empowering young voices and fostering leadership in child advocacy.





# **DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S INTERNATIONAL AWARD**



Several of our children are actively participating in the Duke of Edinburgh's International Award (DOE), a globally recognised programme designed to challenge young people, build resilience, and develop essential survival skills through non-formal education and outdoor learning.

The award is structured into three levels: Bronze, Silver, and Gold. The programme currently has six 14-to-17-year-old participants pursuing their Silver Award, and the others are aiming for their Bronze Award.

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# **AMERICAN MAKER SPACE**

The American Maker Space Workshop on November 7, 2024, gave Allya, Rayhaan, Samina, and Taiba the opportunity to dive into the world of robotics and engineering. Organised by the Rajiv Gandhi Science Centre and the American Maker Space in Bell Village, the workshop allowed participants to build a makeshift robot, gaining practical experience with circuit design, battery types, voltage limits, and power distribution.



# THE STEAM-UP ENGLISH COURSE

The STEAM-UP English two-day camp, held at the Rajiv Gandhi Science Centre, was conducted in collaboration with the U.S. Embassy in Mauritius and American Maker Space in Bell Village. The workshop helped participants develop communication and presentation skills through STEAM-based activities. Our participants, Allya and Samina participated, pitching innovative ideas to a panel while being judged on body language, clarity, and persuasion. They also constructed models representing Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics, explaining their designs and practical applications.













# Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics, explaining their designs and practical applications.

**IMPACT AT A GLANCE - 2024** 



**1200+ children participated** in psychosocial activities



**10+ sports and fitness activities** promoting physical and mental well-being



50+ activities conducted in 2024



17 field trips and nature-based explorations conducted



20+ creative arts classes conducted



**5+ discussions** on emotional regulation and peer relationships

These psychosocial activities form a **foundation for emotional strength and self-growth**, ensuring that every child has the **tools, support, and environment needed to thrive.** 



# **MEDICAL CHECK-UPS**

Access to basic healthcare is essential for overall well-being, yet many individuals in Camp Chapelon often prioritise daily survival over their own health. Financial constraints, demanding work schedules, and lack of awareness often lead to routine check-ups being neglected. To address this, M-Kids organises free community medical check-ups, ensuring that both children and local community members receive essential health screenings and professional medical advice.

In partnership with i2i, M-Kids facilitated eye check-ups, allowing beneficiaries to receive vision screenings and access corrective measures when needed. Additionally, through the support of the Rotary Club of Moka and the Rotary Club of Beau-Bassin Rose Hill, general medical check-ups were conducted, where volunteer doctors provided consultations, early diagnoses, and necessary referrals for further treatment. These medical camps serve as a vital touchpoint for the community, offering not just medical assistance but also a platform for individuals to openly discuss their health concerns with professionals.

By providing early detection and intervention, these initiatives ensure that children and families receive the care and guidance needed to lead healthier lives.

M-Kids remains committed to breaking healthcare barriers, making essential medical services accessible to those who need them most.

# **IMPACT AT A GLANCE - 2024**



Total Medical Check-Ups Conducted: 2



Total Beneficiaries Reached:

# **Eye Screening** (In Partnership With i2i)



50+ beneficiaries screened



**15** beneficiaries received spectacles



**Common issues:** Excessive screen time, hereditary factors



**15 cases** identified for follow-up treatment

# **General Medical Check-Ups**

(In partnership with Rotary Club of Moka & Rotary Club of Beau-Bassin Rose Hill)



**Specialties:** Paediatrics, Dental Care, Nutrition, General Medicine



**60+** beneficiaries, including **20+** adults



**30+** cases identified for follow-up care



**15+** referrals for specialised treatments, including dental care for multiple cavities



**Common conditions:** Poor hygiene, multiple cavities, poor diet



# SDG 4: QUALITY EDUCATION



# AFTERSCHOOL REMEDIAL CLASSES

Quality education remains at the heart of M-Kids' mission to empower children in the community. A strong academic foundation opens doors to future opportunities, and we are committed to instilling good educational habits and ensuring that every child receives the support they need to succeed.

Every afternoon, dedicated teachers provide personalised assistance, helping students in subjects where they struggle the most. Through one-on-one attention and tailored support, these sessions help boost confidence, improve academic performance, and bridge learning gaps, particularly for students who need to catch up.

# **IMPACT AT A GLANCE - 2024**



**5 subjects covered -** Mathematics, Science, English, Literature, and Arts



100+ remedial classes conducted



6 teachers provided dedicated support



**47 students** benefited from personalised assistance



**23 art classes** held to encourage creativity and expression



**Sessions** ran from February to October 2024



**100%** students moved up a grade level after remedial support

By prioritising education and personalised learning, these remedial classes have helped students bridge learning gaps, strengthen skills, and build confidence for future success!





# **EMPOWERING FUTURES THROUGH EDUCATION**

Each year, M-Kids provides essential school materials to children from underprivileged backgrounds, ensuring they have the necessary supplies to start the school year on the right foot. Books, uniforms, shoes, and stationery are distributed to ease the financial strain on families and help students focus on their education. In 2024, over 150 students received school materials, including 50+ textbooks, 100+ pairs of shoes, and 200+ educational packs prepared by generous sponsors.

Beyond school supplies, M-Kids extends its support to students pursuing higher education. This year, a university student with strong academic results received sponsorship for ACCA Level 2 studies. Another student, now attending university in Malaysia, had their airfare and tuition fees covered through a sponsorship of Rs 100,000. To further assist those in need, two students were provided with monthly private tuition, ensuring they receive the necessary academic support to succeed.

By removing financial obstacles and creating opportunities, M-Kids continues to invest in the education and future of its beneficiaries. Each book, each lesson, and each opportunity represents a step toward a brighter future for these young learners.

### **IMPACT AT A GLANCE - 2024**



**150+ students** received school materials



50+ textbooks and workbooks distributed



100+ pairs of shoes provided



200+ educational packs prepared by sponsors



1 university student sponsored for ACCA Level 2 studies



1 student's airfare and university fees covered for studies in Malaysia



2 students received monthly private tuition fully funded by M-Kids

# **EMPOWERMENT EDUCATIONAL CLASSES (EEC)**

In 2023-2024, the Empowerment Educational Classes (EEC) were launched to support students who had dropped out of school, ensuring they could continue their education and build a foundation for their future. The programme's primary objective was to equip participants with academic knowledge equivalent to a primary school certificate, while also providing essential life skills that could be applied in daily life or future career paths.

Recognising that education is a lifeline to opportunity, the programme focused on core subjects (English, French and Maths), practical skills, and personal development, helping students regain confidence in learning. A dedicated teacher, committed to their success, worked tirelessly to ensure that each student had the tools and support needed to thrive.

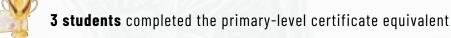


# **IMPACT AT A GLANCE - 2024**



3 students enrolled in the EEC programme







100% of students showed improvement in literacy & numeracy



100% expressed interest in continuing further education or vocational training



**Basic life skills training –** Includes Literacy and Numeracy, Financial Literacy, Entrepreneurial Skills, Time Management & Discipline



The IT SmartLab project had a transformative impact on participants, enhancing digital literacy, coding proficiency, and career aspirations in today's world, IT is not just a skill but a necessity, opening doors to education, employment, and innovation. Despite the increasing reliance on technology, many underserved communities lack access to digital tools, leaving young learners disconnected from future opportunities.

This programme sought to bridge that gap, offering children hands-on experience with laptops—many for the first time. By introducing fundamental programming languages like HTML and CSS, along with problem-solving, collaboration, and creativity, the IT SmartLab laid a strong foundation for future success in the technology sector.

In recognition of its impact, the IT SmartLab was awarded the Silver Award by NPCC at the NPQEA 2024 competition in the category of Government Departments, Parastatals, and Registered Associations, reinforcing its role as a groundbreaking initiative in digital empowerment.

Even at a foundational level, the IT SmartLab has opened doors for students, giving them a glimpse into the future of technology. In a world increasingly shaped by AI, automation, and software development, digital literacy is no longer optional—it is essential.













- 106 students trained in digital literacy and programming
- 109 certificates distributed (achievement & participation)
- 18% of participants earned multiple certificates, showing strong engagement
- 44% of students received at least one certificate of achievement
- <|i> 38% earned a certificate of participation </|i>
- 17% dropout rate highlighting challenges in digital access and continuity
- Higher participation & success among girls, who showed greater consistency
- Geographic Reach Participants from Muslim Educational Society (Port Louis), École Père Henri Souchon (Pointe aux Sables), The Citizens Welfare Trust (Vallée Pitot) & M-Kids Association (Camp Chapelon)





Childhood is a time of exploration, growth, and connection, and some of the most valuable lessons happen outside the classroom. The Superkids project provides children with opportunities to develop life skills, build confidence, and form lasting friendships through engaging residential workshops.





Workshops cover anti-bullying strategies, health, nutrition, personal safety, and environmental awareness, paired with enriching activities like yoga, mindfulness, and nature exploration. For many children, this is their first experience away from home, fostering independence, resilience, and adaptability.

Participants benefit from guidance by professionals, including teachers, psychologists, doctors, IT specialists, and law enforcement officers, ensuring a well-rounded learning experience. Free from digital distractions, children engage in face-to-face interactions, improving communication and teamwork skills.

A major milestone was expanding Superkids to Rodrigues, where four workshops brought together children from diverse backgrounds. The experience strengthened bonds, encouraged collaboration, and created unforgettable memories.











10+ workshops conducted



**4 workshops** held in Rodrigues



**300+ children** participated



**133 participants** reached in Rodrigues



**20+ experts** involved in training sessions



5 interventions by Brigade des Mineurs & Brigade Pour La Protection de La Famille addressing child safety and protection



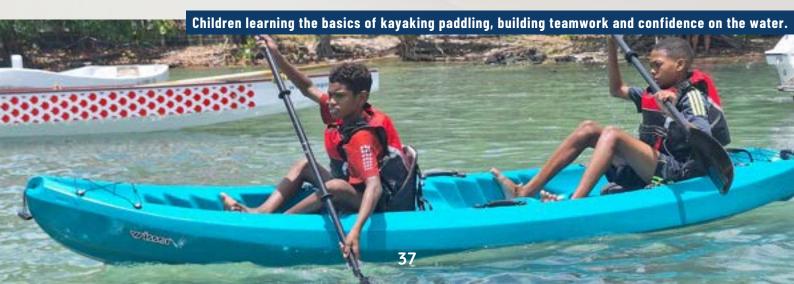
12+ hands-on learning activities conducted



**80% of children** reported increased confidence and social skills



By stepping into new environments, acquiring essential life skills, and forming meaningful connections, every child in the Superkids project embarks on a transformative journey of self-discovery and growth.



#### **HEALTHY MINDS & BODIES**

In 2024, M-Kids launched a health and hygiene awareness initiative to encourage children to be mindful of their well-being and bodily changes. As teenagers grow, they experience physical and emotional changes that can be overwhelming without the right guidance

To address this, we invited a medical professional to speak with our children about body development, hygiene best practices, and overall health awareness. These sessions provided a safe and open space for children to ask questions, understand their bodies, and learn the importance of self-care from an early age.

By promoting proper hygiene and body awareness, we empower children with lifelong habits that contribute to better health, confidence, and well-being.



#### **IMPACT AT A GLANCE 2024**



**25+ children** participated in health awareness sessions



2 medical professionals involved



**4 topics covered,** including hygiene, puberty, and body care



100% of participants reported increased knowledge about self-care

This initiative ensures that children receive the knowledge and support they need to take better care of their health, setting a strong foundation for their physical and emotional well-being.

#### **COOKING CLASSES**

Cooking is a fundamental life skill that empowers individuals both personally and professionally. In December 2024, we launched a new initiative to teach children how to prepare simple, nutritious meals. Though still in its early stages, this project has been enthusiastically received, with students showing a keen interest and eagerness to learn.

Knowing how to cook not only promotes self-sufficiency but also encourages healthy eating habits and creativity in the kitchen. Whether for personal well-being or future career opportunities, cooking is a practical and empowering skill that will serve them throughout their lives.





#### **IMPACT AT A GLANCE 2024**



**11+ students** participated in the first sessions



**2 simple** dishes taught in introductory classes



**2 cooking sessions** conducted since the launch

#### **LOOKING AHEAD - 2025**

In 2025, we aim to expand this initiative, introducing more students to basic and advanced cooking techniques. By equipping children with essential culinary skills, we are helping them build self-reliance, confidence, and a love for nutritious homemade meals.



# SDG 10: REDUCED INEQUALITIES



#### **GNRC SIXTH FORUM: ANSWERING THE CALL OF CHILDREN**



Shariaz attended the Sixth Forum of the Global Network of Religions for Children (GNRC), held in Abu Dhabi from November 19–21, 2024. The event, organised by Arigatou International and hosted by the Interfaith Alliance for Safer Communities (IAFSC), brought together over 1,200 participants from 90 countries, including religious leaders, UN representatives, government officials, and grassroots organisations.

Under the theme "The Child is Calling: Interfaith Cooperation to Build a Hopeful World for Children," discussions focused on child protection, interfaith dialogue, and sustainable development. A three-day pre-forum (November 16-18) allowed young participants to express their concerns and share ideas. The event concluded with a joint commitment from religious leaders and global stakeholders to take concrete action in response to children's needs.

#### **COMMITMENT TO ACTION**

Participants pledged to implement the GNRC Sixth Forum Abu Dhabi Plan of Action, with a focus on:

- Building a Safe World for Children by strengthening child protection systems, promoting mental and emotional well-being, and encouraging interfaith and intercultural dialogue to prevent violence and exploitation.
- Building a Secure World for Children by guiding future interfaith leaders, addressing radicalisation and social divisions, and advocating for peace-building and conflict resolution.
- Building a Sustainable World for Children by promoting child-centred policies, encouraging environmental responsibility, and tackling social and economic inequalities.

M-Kids is committed to working towards these goals, ensuring that children grow up in a world that values safety, inclusivity, and sustainability.

Participant Name: Shariaz D

Age: 15 Years Old

Event: GNRC Forum

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# Gestimonial

Attending the GNRC Forum was an incredible experience, as it was my first time travelling to a foreign country. The forum was highly enriching, and it was also my first time participating in such an event. My favourite activity was the safari ride because I made many new friends. The adventure and conversations during the ride helped me bond with them, making it one of the highlights of my trip.

I also engaged in interesting discussions, met many individuals, and learned from participants from different countries. The most memorable part of the experience was speaking in front of an audience. It was stressful but incredibly rewarding to share my ideas with both the audience and my group members. This opportunity was a significant step in overcoming my fear of public speaking and improving my communication skills.

The GNRC Forum is a fantastic experience that helps build confidence and public speaking skills while also allowing participants to discover new places.

I sincerely thank everyone who accompanied me to the forum. Their support made this experience even more meaningful. I will cherish this for life.

#### **M-KIDS' PEACE MISSION**

Mauritius, known for its cultural diversity and peaceful coexistence, faces growing social challenges that test the strength of its communities. Young people, particularly during their formative years, often struggle with identity and belonging, making them vulnerable to misunderstandings and external influences. Recent incidents have underscored the need to foster mutual respect, encourage dialogue, and equip youth with the skills to navigate social complexities with confidence and empathy.



In December 2024, M-Kids officially launched the Peace Mission, an initiative aimed at promoting inclusivity, countering harmful narratives, and strengthening community bonds. The first workshop introduced participants to essential topics such as peace and tolerance, the role of community in promoting peace, the impact of harmful thoughts on emotions, and media literacy with a focus on critical thinking.



#### **IMPACT AT A GLANCE 2024**



l workshop conducted at launch



3 interactive activities conducted



6 expert-led peace sessions conducted

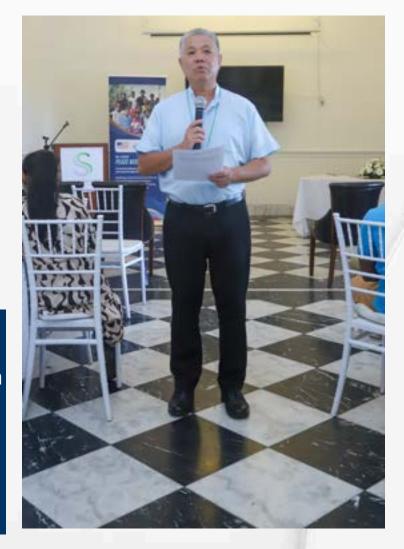


**45+ young people** engaged in discussions on unity and respect



**100% of participants** reported positive feedback and increased awareness

Through these efforts, M-Kids continues to shape a generation committed to peace, respect, and unity, ensuring that diversity remains a source of strength for Mauritius.



The interactive session provided young people with a platform to reflect on their perspectives, engage in meaningful discussions, and develop strategies for fostering peaceful interactions within their schools and communities.



#### **HAVEN OF HOPE**

The Haven of Hope was established to provide assistance, shelter, and support to individuals facing hardship. Designed as a safe and welcoming space, it offers stability, resources, and empowerment to those in need.

Since its launch, significant steps have been taken to build a foundation for long-term support. One of the key interventions has been securing rent for a woman in need, ensuring she had a safe place to stay while regaining stability. Beyond providing shelter, Haven of Hope has evolved into a hub for empowerment and education, hosting several programmes focused on personal development, skill-building, and well-being.

These include Healthy Minds, Healthy Bodies—
promoting mental and physical wellness, Aquaponics—
teaching sustainable agriculture, and Cooking Classes
—helping young leaders develop essential life skills.

#### **IMPACT AT A GLANCE 2024**



1 woman assisted with rent support



**10+** educational and skill-building sessions conducted



**3+ individuals** introduced to sustainable agriculture through aquaponics



**25+ children and youth** took part in creative and recreational workshops



**100+ volunteer hours** contributed to community initiatives



As our Haven of Hope project continues to grow, the focus remains on expanding programmes and services, ensuring that more individuals receive the security, education, and care they need to rebuild their lives.

#### **STAFF EMPOWERMENT**

Women form the majority of M-Kids' workforce, playing a crucial role in our daily operations and impact. We are committed to their continuous growth, offering career development opportunities and small-scale training programmes to enhance their skills. Whether through leadership training, IT literacy courses, or specialized workshops, we equip our female staff with the tools they need to thrive professionally and contribute meaningfully to our mission.



#### **IMPACT AT A GLANCE 2024**



**23 women** trained in leadership and empowerment



**9 training** sessions conducted over three months



**15+ hours** of interactive learning



**90%** of participants reported increased confidence in leadership roles



**5+** collaborative partnerships strengthened through the programme

## WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT AND LEADERSHIP TRAINING PROGRAMME

The Women's Empowerment and Leadership Training programme was launched in January 2024 and successfully concluded in April 2024 after a series of nine enriching sessions held on Saturdays. Designed to equip women with essential leadership skills, boost their confidence, and provide practical empowerment tools, the programme created a transformative learning experience for all participants.

A total of 23 women took part in the initiative, including M-Kids staff, parents, and a board member. This diverse group came together with a shared commitment to personal and professional growth, fostering a supportive network that extended beyond the training sessions.

Led by Coach Mrs Preetila in collaboration with the Shreeji Association, the sessions explored key aspects of leadership, personal development, and effective communication. Participants engaged in 15+ hours of interactive training, with practical exercises aimed at strengthening self-confidence and enhancing their ability to take on leadership roles in their communities and workplaces.













#### **E.L.I.T COURSES**

The English Literacy Using IT (E.L.I.T.) programme, promoted by the National Productivity and Competitiveness Council (NPCC), is designed to empower individuals—primarily women aged 16 and above with limited academic backgrounds—by equipping them with essential IT and communication skills. The initiative aims to bridge both the digital and language divide, fostering greater confidence, decision-making abilities, and economic participation. NPCC collaborates with various NGOs to deliver the programme, ensuring accessibility to underserved communities.

As an official E.L.I.T. partner, M-KIDS hosted the programme from July to September 2024, welcoming both men and women from the Camp Chapelon community. Participants engaged in 50 structured sessions, combining face-to-face and part-time learning, where they developed foundational computer literacy and enhanced their English proficiency. The curriculum focused on I.T. fundamentals, word processing, internet navigation, and practical communication skills, enabling learners to apply their knowledge in personal, professional, and entrepreneurial settings.

#### **IMPACT AT A GLANCE 2024**



**20 participants** trained in digital and language literacy



**3 months** of hands-on training



IT skills covered: Basic computer operations, word processing, internet navigation



**Communication focus:** Spoken and written English for daily interactions



## SDG 13 CLIMATE ACTION



#### **SOLAR INSTALLATION AT M-KIDS**

In our commitment to sustainability and environmental responsibility, M-Kids has installed solar panels on its rooftop to reduce reliance on the electrical grid and promote the use of clean, renewable energy. This initiative aligns with Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 13: Climate Action, as it directly contributes to lowering carbon emissions, reducing energy costs, and fostering environmental awareness among the children and community.

By harnessing solar energy, we are not only cutting operational costs but also setting an example for sustainable practices that can be replicated at home and within the community. This project is a step toward energy independence, ensuring a greener and more sustainable future for the next generation.

#### **IMPACT AT A GLANCE 2024**



10 solar panels installed



**5-6 hours** of solar energy generated daily (on average)



**50,000+** saved annually on electricity bills



**13,224 kWh (apprx)** of solar energy generated annually



9,256 kg CO₂ (apprx) reduced per year (≈9.26 metric tons)

By integrating renewable energy solutions, M-Kids is taking a proactive role in climate action, demonstrating that small changes can make a big impact in the fight against climate change.



## SPOTLIGHT ON THE FUTURE LEADERS OF M-KIDS



#### Sookna Fabricio

"I joined M-Kids because I wanted to take part in fun activities and make new friends. I first heard about M-Kids through Kala Beda. My favourite activities are the residential programmes, beach outings, and sports sessions. I am really grateful for the Rodrigues trip—it was my first time travelling abroad, and it was an amazing experience!"



#### **Baccus Alayna**

"I love coming to M-Kids because I get to make new friends and attend remedial classes, which help me understand my schoolwork better. Some of my favourite activities are playing games like Passing the Hat, watching movies, and visiting orphanages. I feel really lucky to have gone to Rodrigues—it was such a special experience!"



#### Karine George (Mother of Lucas George)

"I enrolled Lucas in M-Kids so he could develop new skills and take part in activities instead of staying home all the time. Since I work, I don't always have time to take him out, so I'm really grateful that M-Kids gives him the chance to visit different places. The Rodrigues trip was especially exciting for him because it was his first time travelling. I also appreciate the home visit—it made me feel even more confident in M-Kids. Our family also received a movable air conditioner, which we really needed, and I'm very thankful for that."

#### Baccus Rookaya (Caregiver of Baccus Alayna & Aahil)

"M-Kids is a safe and welcoming place for my grandchildren. It's a great change from just watching TV at home—they get to explore new places and make friends. I love that they also take part in sports classes, which keep them active. I feel lucky to have been included in personal development courses like ELLIT and the women's empowerment programme. M-Kids has also helped our family by providing school materials for the children, which is a big help for us. I truly appreciate everything they do."



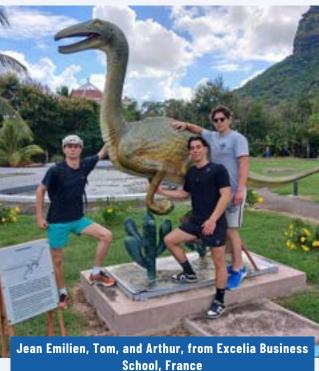
# OUR VOLUNTEERS FROM ABROAD



Mon expérience chez M-Kids a été très enrichissante. J'ai eu la chance de rencontrer des enfants formidables et de partager de beaux moments avec eux. L'équipe de l'association m'a très bien accueilli et j'ai appris beaucoup grâce à eux. Ce fut une expérience humaine inoubliable que je garderai toujours en mémoire.



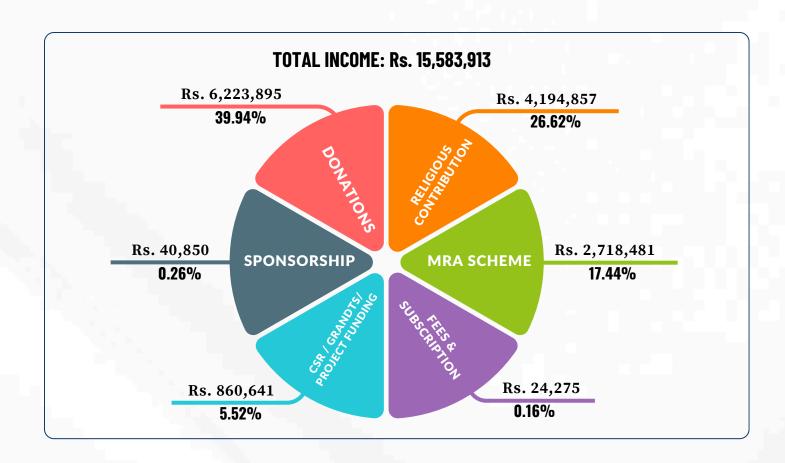




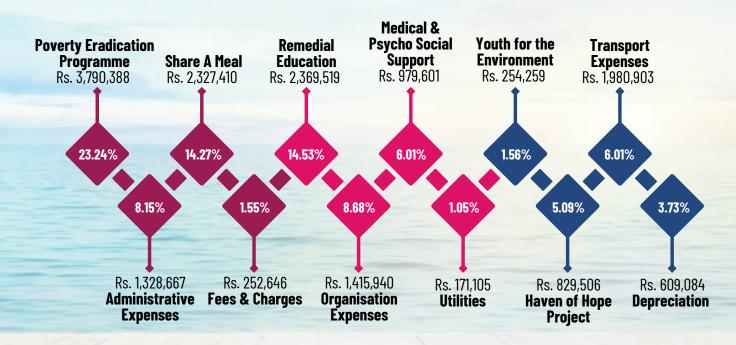




### **FINANCIAL OVERVIEW**



#### **TOTAL EXPENSES: Rs. 16,309,027**



#### **INCOME STATEMENT 2024**

M-Kids' financial resources for the year came from a variety of sources, ensuring the continued success of its programmes and initiatives. Donations remained the largest source of income, with a total of Rs 6,223,895 received from generous contributors who support the mission of empowering children and families. Religious contributions also played a significant role, amounting to Rs 4,194,857, reflecting strong community engagement in charitable giving.

Additional funding was secured through CSR, grants, and project funding, which totalled Rs 860,641. These funds were instrumental in supporting specific initiatives, enabling M-Kids to expand its reach and impact. Sponsorship contributions, though more modest at Rs 40,850, provided targeted support for various activities.

Revenue was also generated through fees and subscriptions, bringing in Rs 24,275, while interest earned on financial reserves contributed Rs 1,520,914. Together, these income streams resulted in a total income of Rs 12,865,432 for the period.

In addition to these primary sources, M-Kids benefited from the MRA Scheme, which provided an additional Rs 2,718,481 in funding. This additional income strengthened the organisation's financial stability, allowing for greater flexibility in programme execution and long-term planning.

#### **EXPENDITURE 2024**

M-Kids remained committed to poverty eradication through targeted programmes that directly supported children and families in need. A significant portion of the expenses was dedicated to staffing and stipends, ensuring that the team could continue providing essential support. This included costs for Child Care Attendant (Rs 160,870), Field Worker (Rs 163,765), General Worker (Rs 129,517), Office Assistant (Rs 177,178), and Helpers' Stipends (Rs 128,145).

A key investment was made in empowerment and life skills training, with Rs 2,016,028 allocated to initiatives aimed at improving beneficiaries' livelihoods. Additionally, Rs 431,654 was spent on sponsorship for experiential learning, supporting educational and skill-building activities that broaden opportunities for participants.

Support for vulnerable groups continued through Orphans' Patronage (Rs 11,858) and Social Housing Assistance (Rs 322,615), ensuring shelter and care for those in urgent need. Direct assistance to families included food packs (Rs 52,000) and utility support (Rs 5,177) for beneficiaries struggling with basic expenses. To ensure effective programme management, Directors' Allowances totalled Rs 191,580, reflecting the leadership's efforts in expanding M-Kids' initiatives.



M-Kids also allocated substantial resources to key programmes aimed at supporting the broader community. The Share a Meal Programme accounted for Rs 2,327,410, including Rs 1,764,363 for meal preparations and Rs 563,047 for cook and cleaner salaries.

For Remedial Education, Rs 2,369,519 was spent, with Rs 590,117 for teachers' fees, Rs 1,156,791 for capacity-building workshops, and salaries for staff, including Rs 359,767 for a child care attendant and Rs 209,735 for a supervisor. Additional costs included Rs 5,698 for school materials and uniforms.

In the Medical & Psychosocial Support programme, M-Kids spent Rs 979,601, covering Rs 415,382 for medical assistance, Rs 49,160 for medicine, Rs 78,498 for doctor and psychologist fees, Rs 221,277 for the social worker's salary, Rs 179,863 for the trainee office clerk, and Rs 35,421 for the data entry clerk.

The Youth for the Environment programme spent Rs 254,259, including Rs 41,358 for livestock feed, Rs 32,151 for farming project materials and equipment, and Rs 180,750 for a child care attendant dedicated to environmental projects.

Rs 1,980,903 was spent on transport, which included Rs 916,918 for airfare related to the transfer of minor children abroad to their guardians, as well as for educational programmes and conferences. An additional Rs 268,892 was allocated for bus and van rentals, Rs 181,019 for driver salaries and allowances, and Rs 246,960 for fuel. Vehicle-related costs, including insurance, road tax, and maintenance, totalled Rs 185,072, while Rs 182,042 was allocated to the logistics coordinator.

Administrative costs totalled Rs 1,328,667, which included Rs 663,750 for the Executive Assistant's salary, Rs 44,731 for the Assistant Community Officer, and Rs 628,955 in contributions to CSG (Rs 262,381), NSF (Rs 182,832), and PRGF (Rs 183,742). Additionally, there was an HRDC Refund (YEP) of Rs 8,769, which offset part of the total expenditure.

M-Kids spent Rs 252,646 on fees, including Rs 70,835 for accountant fees, Rs 19,667 for bank service charges, Rs 38,513 for subscription and affiliation fees, and Rs 123,630 for other general fees.

Expenses for running the organisation amounted to Rs 1,415,940, which included Rs 402,517 for rent, building, and storage, Rs 248,800 for repairs and maintenance, and Rs 386,739 for visibility efforts. Additional costs covered Rs 176,247 for equipment, Rs 113,491 for cleaning fees, Rs 52,152 for stationery, Rs 35,464 for consumables, and Rs 529 for postage.

Utility costs for electricity, water, telecom, and telephone/mobile services totalled Rs 171,105, broken down as Rs 93,522 for utilities and Rs 77,583 for communication services.

The Haven of Hope Project incurred a total expenditure of Rs 829,506, which covered Rs 701,472 for project implementation and staffing, including salaries for an Administrative Clerk and a Data Entry Clerk. Additional costs of Rs 106,676 and Rs 21,358 were allocated to support various operational needs of the project.

The depreciation expense for the fiscal year totalled Rs 609,084, reflecting the devaluation of M-Kids' long-term assets.

In 2024, M-Kids remained steadfast in its commitment to education, poverty alleviation, and community empowerment, ensuring that every rupee spent directly contributed to the well-being and development of children and families. With a total expenditure of Rs 16,309,027, resources were strategically allocated across education, nutrition, healthcare, environmental initiatives, and administrative support, reinforcing the organisation's mission to create lasting impact. This financial commitment reflects M-Kids' dedication to sustainability, inclusivity, and meaningful change, laying the foundation for continued growth and expanded outreach in the years ahead.





#### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND GRATITUDE**

We sincerely thank all our sponsors, partners, and supporters for their unwavering commitment to M-Kids. Your generosity and trust have allowed us to provide children with education, support, and life-changing experiences throughout the year.

From funding programmes to offering essential resources, each contribution has made a real difference. We are truly grateful for your continued support in helping us create opportunities and brighter futures for the children and families we serve.

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#### **FUTURE PLANS AND GOALS FOR 2025**

At M-Kids, we want to give every child the opportunity to grow, learn, and succeed. In 2025, we will continue working towards this goal by focusing on:

#### **EXPANDING SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN**

We aim to reach more underprivileged children and provide them with the tools they need to build a better future. This includes:

- Strengthening education and training programmes
- Providing more emotional and psychological support
- Encouraging creativity through arts, sports, and hands-on activities

#### **PROMOTING GREEN INITIATIVES**

We are committed to protecting the environment and teaching children to do the same. Our efforts will focus on:

- Educating children on sustainability and eco-friendly habits
- Reducing waste and encouraging recycling in our programmes

#### **CREATING A LASTING IMPACT**

We want our efforts to make a real and lasting difference. In 2025, we will:

- · Launch new projects based on the needs of the community
- Regularly assess and improve our programmes to ensure they remain effective

With the support of our partners, donors, and community, we hope to continue making a positive impact and paving the way for a brighter future for all children.



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