



ANNUAL  
**REPORT**  
FOR THE YEAR 2023



## **COMMITTEE FOR 2023**

### **PRESIDENT**

Dr. Mrs. Doohita Rye RAMDENEE

### **VICE-PRESIDENTS**

Dr. Bhawan Amrit RAJKOMAR

Dr. Francois Tat Yuen LEUNG KUNE CHONG

### **TREASURER**

Mr. Manilal SEETOHUL

### **SECRETARY**

Mr. Rajendra Prasad GANGOOSINGH

### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Mr. Jaywant BABAJEE

Mrs. Sarita Kumari PULTON-BOOLELL

Mr. Saytookumar GUNGAH

Mr. Premhans JHUGROO

Me. M. Shameer MOHUDDY

Dr. Manseej PURANG

Miss Nitisha SEETALOO

### **HONORARY MEMBER**

Mrs. Valérie BOUIC



## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR YEAR 2023**

Ladies and gentlemen,

Welcome to the 56<sup>th</sup> Annual General Assembly on this 14<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

First and foremost, I would like to pay a tribute to two key members who are no longer with us.

On 26.07.2023, our Secretary Mr. Rajendra Prasad Gangoosingh, a dedicated teacher and school inspector who has been on our committee for 12 years, passed away. He will be remembered for his presence, support and dedication specially when attending airport duty on departure and arrival of patients who went abroad for their surgical treatment. A few months later his wife, Shilla, former Director of the Hindu Girls College left us.

On 27.02.2024, SACIM suffered a great loss. Its former President Dr. Bhawan Amrit Rajkomar, Consultant Paediatrician passed away. Amrit was the back bone of SACIM for many years and he joined SACIM in 1990. He served as a Committee Member and also President on several occasions resulting in 17 years in this position. He participated in the initial medical examination prior to acceptance of care by SACIM as well as the regular check-ups of children who had been operated. Whenever required, he accompanied whole heartedly abroad those children who needed medical assistance.

We are very grateful to both of them for their generous contribution to our children and to our NGO. We convey our deepest sympathy to their families.

In 2023, we have sent abroad 5 patients (3 for surgical treatment and 2 for review) and 5 patients were operated in local private clinics and among them 3 were cases of lifesaving operations. Unfortunately, one baby did not survive.

The patients' statistics since the start of SACIM in 1968 to January 2023 to December 2023 are as follows:

	<b>In local private clinic</b>	<b>Abroad</b>	<b>Total</b>
No. of children operated	<b>27</b>	<b>725</b>	<b>752</b>



Cases treated more than once abroad from 1968 to 2023	<b>902</b>
Cases treated more than once locally from 2020 to 2023	<b>38</b>
Total number of cases	<b>940</b>
Patients operated both locally and abroad from 2020 to 2023	<b>5</b>

Our collaboration with the Narayana Health, in Bangalore is still ongoing. We are most grateful to the Chairman Dr. Devi Prasad Shetty, the Doctors and Specialists for their professionalism, the Administrators for their support and assistance to us. Our patients and their attendants are well taken care of during their stay.

A big thanks to Dr. Naveen Tahasildar, Orthopaedic Spine Surgeon who successfully performed a complex surgery on a SACIM patient and Dr. Vikas Ellur, Consultant Paediatric Orthopaedic Surgeon for the operation long overdue because of the Covid pandemic, of another patient for a second time.

We are most grateful to the Children of Mauritius Medical and Surgical Support Association, Western Australia (COMMSSA-WA) for welcoming two of our patients of Rodrigues for their eyes review after four years and also the financial assistance for the surgeries of two patients in a local private clinic. A big thank you to the team in Perth.

Thank you, Dr. Kevin Teerovengadam, Paediatric Surgeon, Dr. Mrs. Anne Moro, Pediatric Plastic Surgeon and Dr. Mohamed L'Kaissi, Paediatric Surgeon who are of great support. The diagnosis and expertise are very important for us.

Re-education plays an important role for welfare, thank you to Mr. Sumun Houzaifah, Physiotherapist who look after our patients and Dr. Fakim, Ophthalmologist, for the care he is providing to our patients for over 15 years now.

In order to assess a child's parental situation, a social enquiry report is done and this is very important as it is one of our conditions for acceptance. We, therefore wish to thank the Probations officers of the Ministry of Social Security, National Solidarity & Reform Institutions for the prompt submission of their report and transparency.

Dr. Francois Leung, Dr. Manseej Purang and Dr. B. Amrit Rajkomar have provided medical follow-up to 36 patients during the year 2023. We thank them for the time and guidance that they have generously given to SACIM children.

The SACIM – Website is ready and I wish to mark my appreciation to the team comprising a few Board members and the administrative staff who have been working hard. Having



so many years of existence we had to take time to give the proper insights of our long and vast NGO. Thank you to Mrs. Valérie Bouic our previous Nurse/Committee Member and President in 1987, 1988 and 1989 for the notes on the historical part on SACIM which has been very useful. The new website will be colourful, lively and user friendly.

The Board took the decision to put on sale the motor vehicle Suzuki Celerio which was donated in 2012 by ENL. The increase cost of maintenance and its low level of use were the reasons for its sale. A tendering exercise was held and the car was sold for Rs 115,550 on 17.10.2023.

On 8<sup>th</sup> August, 2023 Mr. Youdish M. Sookram, Managing Director and Mr. Nuvín Jugessar of AmCare based in Quatre Bornes made a presentation of the services offered by them for those in need of an overseas medical treatment.

We also had the visits from India of Mr. Farouk from the Dr Rela Institute & Medical Centre of Chennai and the local liaison officer, Dr. Thiruvén Armoogum on 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> August 2023 and Mr. Koushik Guha, of the Rainbow Children's Hospital, on 24.08.2023. Both medical centres offer a good quality healthcare service which is worth to explore in the future if necessary.

The National Social Inclusion Foundation (NSIF) is our main financial support and we are grateful for their trust in our projects submitted.

We also obtain financial support from other companies through their Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) programme as well as private donors. We thank them for their confidence in our mission.

A car drifting show took place on 24.06.2023 on the parking of the Anjalay Coopen Stadium and this is the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of the Drive for SACIM. The show was a real success and the fund raised of Rs 606,927.35 was donated to SACIM. We are grateful to Mr. Yassir Khodabocus and his team for their trust and contribution. Thank you, Dr. Francois Leung, for introducing this project to us.

A total of Rs 3,415,772 were spent as medical and surgical treatment including payment of hospital abroad, local private clinic, post-operative treatment, doctors' fee, physiotherapy, purchase of medicines and eye drops, injections and X-rays.

We organised the Christmas Fun day on the 9<sup>th</sup> December, 2023. We are most grateful to the Rotaract of Port Louis and Interact of Port Louis for their help in the preparation and organisation of various entertainment such as a bingo party, paintings on clay pots for the event. Without our sponsors we would not have been able to welcome



the children and their parents. We wish to thanks the Special Mobile Force, Maurilait, SKC Surat, Quality Beverages, Mr. V. Annamalai (the magician), Mr. K. Moodely (caterer), and the Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation. I also wish to thanks the Board members and their families and the staff members for the contribution in the organisation.

Father Christmas as expected was the highlight with the generous gifts offered to our SACIM children. Afterwards, a lunch pack was offered as well as fruits and dessert to everyone.

In spite of the heavy rain the party was a success.

I would like to extend my gratitude to Husna Ramjanally for the help she has proposed by writing several articles in the newspapers "Le Mauricien and Week End". This is so important to make visible to the public, our vision and the wonderful work done by the SACIM team. This is an ongoing work that has to be sustained so as to let parents know about our existence and the possibilities to operate on children in need. SACIM is a non-profitable organisation 57 years and unfortunately the public and most probably young parents do not know us.

We need everybody to help sick and needy children.

I thank the Board members for their support, the staff members for their hard work during the year 2023.

It was a real honor for me to serve SACIM to enable sick children to have a better life and future.

Thank you.

Dr. Doohita Rye Ramdenée  
**President**

Vacoas this 14.03.2024



## FINANCIAL AND NON-FINANCIAL SUPPORT – YEAR 2023

### Financial

AE Patel & Cie  
Alcedo Ltd  
Aldrex Suppliers Ltd  
Alliance Financial Services Ltd  
Anonymous donors  
ASPEN Global Incorporated  
Circle Charitable Trust  
Crunchies Food Industries Ltd  
DataWiz Ltd  
DWC SiVEST Consulting Engineers Co Ltd  
ENGITECH Ltd  
Fresh & Ready Ltd  
Galvanising Co Ltd  
Golden Foods International  
Interventional Radiology  
IRAD Ltd  
J. Kalachand & Co Ltd  
Kai Tac Ltd  
Lam Po Tang & Co Ltd  
Mr. Pritiviraj Bholah  
Mr. Wong Chung Lung Y.S.  
Mr. Yassir Khodabocus and the Drive for SACIM Team  
Mrs. Loren D' Arifat  
National Social Inclusion Foundation  
Peters Enterprise Ltd  
PKB Cocontracting Services Ltd  
Quincaillerie Ah Kee  
Quincaillerie de L'Ouest Ltd  
Serveng Ltd  
Standard Bank (Mtius) Ltd  
Usertech Solutions Ltd  
Westgate Management Services Ltd

### Non-Financial

C-Care Darné  
SRA & Partners  
La Sentinelle Group  
Probation Officers  
Wellkin Hospital



STATISTICS 1968-2023					
	Centres	Cardiac	Neuro-surgical	Other	Total
Australia	Adelaide	74	9	13	96
	Melbourne	48	1	14	63
	Perth	35		57	92
	Sydney	58		4	62
England	London	2			2
	Chain of Hope	4			4
France	Enfance & Partage	11			11
	La Chaîne de l'Espoir	5		3	8
	Strasbourg	5			5
Germany	Oberhausen			2	2
India	Bangalore	60		93	153
	Bombay	1			1
	Calcutta	17			17
	Madras	16		1	17
	New Delhi	9		1	10
Ireland	Dublin	14			14
Republic of Mauritius	local private clinics			38	38
Reunion Island	St Pierre		1	2	3
Singapore		4			4
South Africa	Cape Town	106	59	51	216
	Durban	15	3	4	22
	Johannesburg	6			6
	Pietermaritzburg			1	1
Switzerland	Terre des Hommes	78	1	12	91
	Clinique de Genolier	2			2
		<b>570</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>296</b>	<b>940</b>



## **GUIDELINES**

### **I. Aims of the Society**

The aim of the society is to provide aid to needy Mauritian children suffering from conditions which cannot be operated upon in Mauritius and which can be operated abroad, and to obtain such treatment abroad.

The object of SACIM is extended in specific circumstances to any other cases which may be treated locally by specialized health care professionals having the required expertise and in adequate health care centers.

### **II. Constitution**

The Society is the official body recognized by the Government for attainment of its aims and is registered with the Registry of Associations. Its constitution is fully formulated and conduct of the Association's business is in accord with the directives of the Registry of Associations.

The Society's affairs are governed by a Central Committee consisting of a President and two Vice-Presidents, one of whom must be a doctor, an Honorary Secretary, an Honorary Treasurer and totaling fourteen members chosen at the Annual General Meeting or co-opted by the Central Committee.

Members of the Society pay an annual Subscription of Rs 600/-.

### **III. Referral to the Society**

Children must be below the age of 18 years.

Before any child can be considered for aid by the Society, a medical certificate from the treating doctor must be supplied, attesting that the child suffers from a surgical condition which cannot be treated in local public hospitals. It is to be noted that Mauritius is a welfare state and treatment in hospitals are free of charge. For same if treatment can be obtained abroad or locally in non-governmental clinics, X-rays, ECGs, Echo and investigation report must accompany the medical report.

Children under one year of age and suffering from cyanotic congenital heart disease other than definite Fallot's tetralogy as well as children suffering from rheumatic heart disease or from significant mental defect may be accepted for aid by the Society after individual consideration of each case.

This referral will also be extended to any other cases which may be treated locally by specialized health professionals having the required expertise and in adequate health care centers.



### **IV. Medical Examination**

After referral to the Society and if fulfilling the above criteria, the child is referred to a panel of SACIM doctors for their opinion.

For all cases, the opinion of two doctors on the SACIM panel is required. Both must agree upon the necessity for referral of the child abroad or locally if available and sign to that effect. Where the doctors do not agree, a third opinion is sought and a meeting of the panel of SACIM doctors is called.

Investigations are undertaken free of charge in Government hospitals. Should a child suffer from a condition which requires consultation and/or investigation by a specialist outside Government Medical Service, provision exists for payment of a fee to a private practitioner undertaking such work.

This referral will also be extended to any other cases which may be treated locally by specialized health professionals having the required expertise and in adequate health care centers.

### **V. Social Circumstances**

On initial referral to the Society, a preliminary social enquiry is made by members of the SACIM staff or Committee. After medical examination, a full enquiry into the social circumstances of the child's parents is undertaken by the staff of the Probation & After-Care Service.

Notwithstanding the above, in urgent cases, an affidavit has to be sworn by the responsible party of the child to:

- (1) Confirm his social situation
- (2) State the donation to be made to SACIM

For emergency cases, the responsible party will need to take an undertaking with SACIM pending the affidavit.

### **VI. Acceptance of Cases**

Criteria to be satisfied for SACIM to accept cases:

- (a) The child is aged less than 18 years at time of referral.
- (b) The family income is not more than the amount as stated in the National Solidarity Fund
- (c) Notwithstanding (b), the committee may exceptionally approve a case based on the social report.

Conditions to be accepted by the responsible party

The Central Committee considers each case individually in committee after discussion of the medical and social reports. In urgent cases a telephonic Committee suffices. Aid can only be given when the parents accept the following conditions, where applicable:

- (a) SACIM will decide to which country and to which center abroad the child will be sent.
- (b) The Committee, on the advice of the doctors who have seen the child, will decide when the child will go.
- (c) Every effort is made to see that children travelling unaccompanied by a parent accomplish the journey without mishap and suffer no deprivation of affection while abroad. However, many medical centres abroad and our Committee Doctors agree that recovery of younger children is aided by the presence of the mother. Some mothers or, in an exceptional case, the father, therefore accompany young children abroad. Such decision is taken after considering each individual case by the SACIM Committee but, under no circumstances can a second parent accompany a child.
- (d) Should a child die for whatever reason while abroad, the Society will pay for the funeral, according to the child's religious faith, in the country of decease but will in no circumstances be responsible for the expenses involved in the return of the body to Mauritius. Consideration might be given to sending the father abroad immediately in such a case.
- (e) In the event of the child's death the return ticket will remain the property of the Society.
- (f) Parents are asked to agree to accept publication of the child's name and brief details of his condition and treatment.
- (g) Parents are also asked to give permission for post-mortem examination in the event of death.

**VII. Aid Given**

The Society may, after consideration of the social circumstances of the child's family, decide to give full aid, paying all expenses involved in connection with arrangements for departure (return ticket, etc.) and any expenses incurred abroad.

A donation may be asked from the parents, based on the social report. Such a contribution is considered strictly as a donation to the Society and not as a contribution towards expenses involved in sending any particular child abroad.

Notwithstanding the above, for children treated locally, the responsible party may be asked to contribute partly to the local treatment of the child based on the social report.

**REPORT OF THE AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS**

We have audited the accounts of Society for Aid to Children Inoperable in Mauritius set out on pages 14 to 16.

In our opinion, the accounts which have been prepared under the historical cost convention give a true and fair view of the state of the Society's affairs at December 31, 2023 and of its results for the year then ended.

SRA PARTNERS & LLP  
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Moka,  
Mauritius.

Date: 26.03.2024



## **BALANCE SHEET – DECEMBER 31, 2023**

	2023
	Rs
<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Non-current assets</b>	
Property, plant & equipment	33,586
	33,586
<b>Current assets</b>	
Cash at bank and in hand	5,437,793
<b>Current liabilities</b>	
Payables	-
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>5,471,379</b>
<b>FINANCED BY</b>	
<b>Accumulated Fund</b>	<b>5,471,379</b>

Dr. Mrs. Doohita Rye Ramdenee - **President**  
Mr. Manilall Seetohul - **Treasurer**

The notes on page 16 form an integral part of these accounts.  
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## **INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**

year ended december 31, 2023

	2023	2022
	Rs	Rs
<b>INCOME</b>		
CSR Income	4,883,700	1,598,399
Donations	1,207,007	366,600
Interest received	72,364	46,974
Membership fees	12,600	12,100
Other income	100,000	-
	<b>6,275,671</b>	<b>2,024,073</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Medical treatment	3,392,657	4,305,257
Salaries and NPF	550,909	521,318
Allowance	292,445	303,560
Passages	379,038	63,070
Rent	130,000	110,000
Activities / events	53,697	15,378
Motor Vehicle expenses	35,301	35,843
Printing, postage and stationery	34,660	22,260
Electricity	2,550	2,482
Telephones	26,518	26,712
Travelling	45,043	34,670
Insurance	21,563	14,289
Repairs & maintenance	18,961	462,858
Bank charges	9,508	9,254
General expenses	22,350	11,075
Miscellaneous Expense	27,487	1,673
Medical Investigations	23,115	
Depreciation	8,396	8,396
Staff welfare	33,565	29,249
Licence & fees	2,250	900
	<b>5,110,013</b>	<b>5,978,245</b>
<b>(DEFICIT)/SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>1,165,658</b>	<b>-3,954,172</b>

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**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS – DECEMBER 31, 2023****1. PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT**

	<b>Computer Equipment</b>	<b>Motor Vehicle</b>	<b>Equipment</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>Rs</b>	<b>Rs</b>	<b>Rs</b>	<b>Rs</b>
<b>Cost:</b>				
At 01 January 2023	28,520	-	407,815	436,335
Additions	-	-	-	-
At 31 December 2023	28,520	-	407,815	436,335
<b>Accumulated depreciation:</b>				
At 01 January 2023	10,267	-	384,085	394,353
Charge for the year	3,651	-	4,746	8,396
At 31 December 2023	13,918	-	384,085	402,749
<b>Net book value:</b>				
At 31 December 2022	14,602	-	18,984	33,586
At 31 December 2023	18,253	-	23,730	41,982

**2. ACCUMULATED FUND**

	<b>2023 Rs</b>	<b>2022 Rs</b>
As at 1 January	4,209,651	8,178,588
Surplus for the year	1,280,620	-3,958,895
Adjustment during the year	-18,892	-10,042
<b>As at 31 December</b>	<b>5,471,379</b>	<b>4,209,651</b>