

PROJECT SUMMARY

Ref No.: MRIC-SCA-P14	Title: Documenting the prevalence of stigma and discrimination across key population and its effect on the quality of life in Mauritius		
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Collaborating Institutions: University of Mauritius, Parapli Rouze, PILS, AILES			
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TECHNICAL ABSTRACT			
Discriminatory behaviour and language have long been entrenched in the Mauritian society, yet they constitute violations of human rights. The consequences of unfair treatment and language daily are real, affecting the mental and physical well-being of key populations such as people who inject drugs, sex workers and people from the LGBTIQ+ community, impacting their quality of life. Because they are misperceived, mistreated or simply ignored, many of these people have reported avoiding hospitals or area health centres despite needing care. This project therefore aims to document the stigma and discrimination faced by key populations in Mauritius and its effect on the quality of life to offer research-based evidence for the causes that prevent key populations from breaking from the vicious circle of poverty. The findings which will be analysed through the SPSS software will then be disseminated with key stakeholders as well as the general population through a documentary-style series showing the plight of key populations daily. The project will be led by the organisation but the research will be done by Dr Fiona Grant, lecturer at the university of Mauritius.			
Key Words: Stigma, Discrimination, Quality of life, Key population, Circular Economy			