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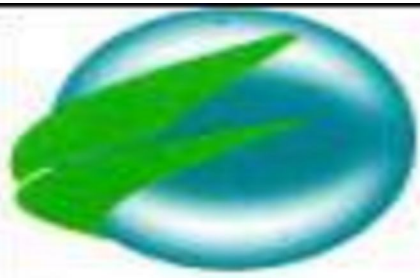
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“An Innovative Approach To Promote Climate Change Adaptation Activities From Grassroots Level To Decision Makers”

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Awareness Week on Climate Change Workshop(13-15 July 2011)
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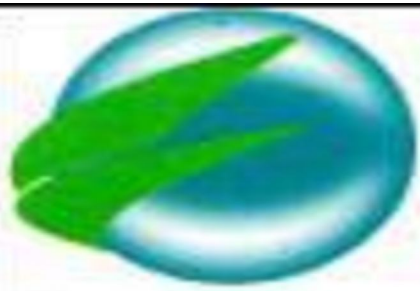


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Aims of Workshop

- Increase Population Awareness,
- Knowledge and Understanding of Risks associated with CC
- Dissemination of Information on new generated knowledge

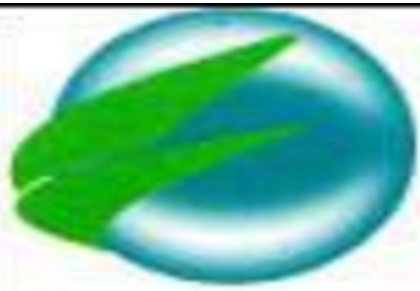


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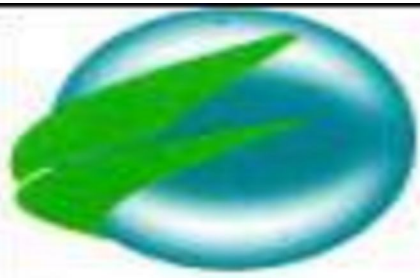
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Introduction

The Republic of Mauritius , SIDS in general , acutely vulnerable to the adverse effects of Climate Change:

- Low capacity for adaptation
- Restricted land areas
- Isolated
- Limited export-oriented economies
- High population density





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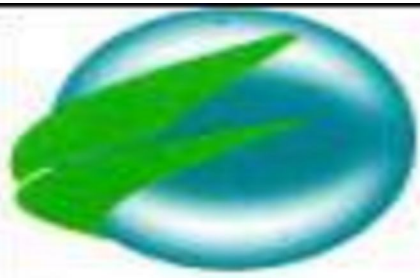
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The ADD Method

ADD develop a “Learning by Doing” scheme at Poudre d’Or to rehabilitate a coastal strip of 200m long and upgrading a historical Monument Site.

The Local Community played the most important role.

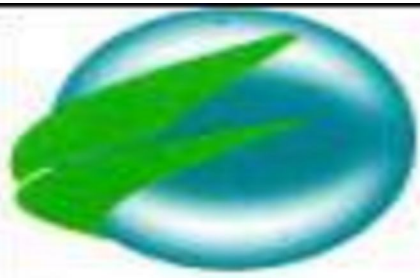
Active Participation & a Sense of Ownership



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Le Mémoire – Aerial view





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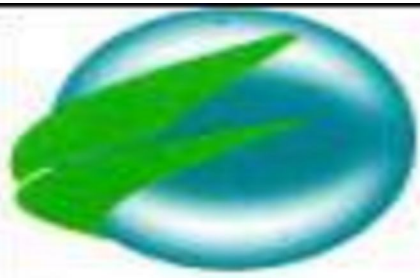
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Community involvement

➤ **Trust in Management Team enhanced by:**

- Location of Project Office in the village
- Locally recruited staff

➤ **Transparency essential for ensuring 18-month long commitment**



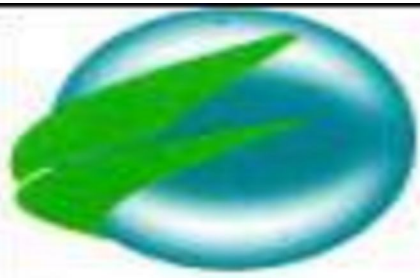
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Community involvement

Major events involving inhabitants

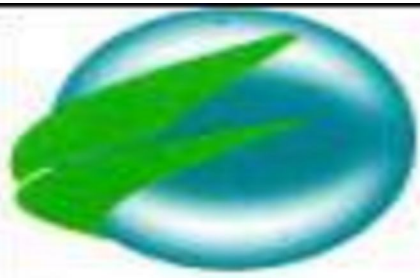
- Launch ceremony (28 March 2010)
- Solemn Commemoration Ceremony (*Dépôt de Gerbes*) (28 August 2010)
- Tree Planting Campaign (28 May 2011)
- Annual event – National Boat race



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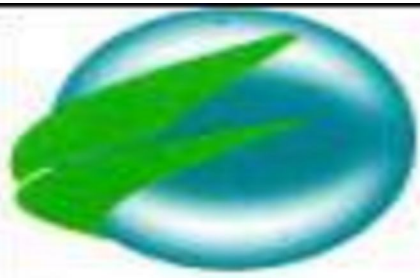




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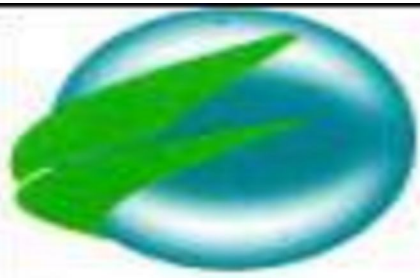
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Adaptive measures to Climate Change Impacts

Require huge investment to sustain economy, ecology and safety.

Considerable human and financial resources at national and international levels to promote awareness and understanding

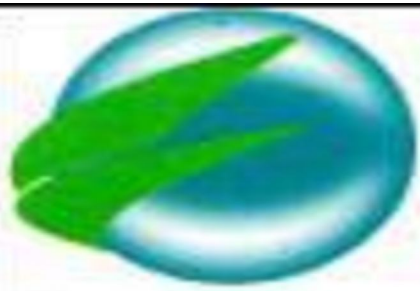
”Maurice Ile Durable” - Good example



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- Vulnerable Sector
to Climate Change
- Experience
- Site Visit





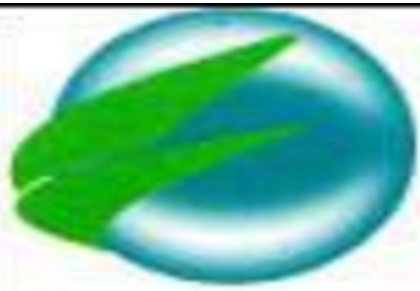
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Two Main Components

“*Hardware*” - Practical adaptive measures, mainly structural, to build resilience against impacts of climate change.

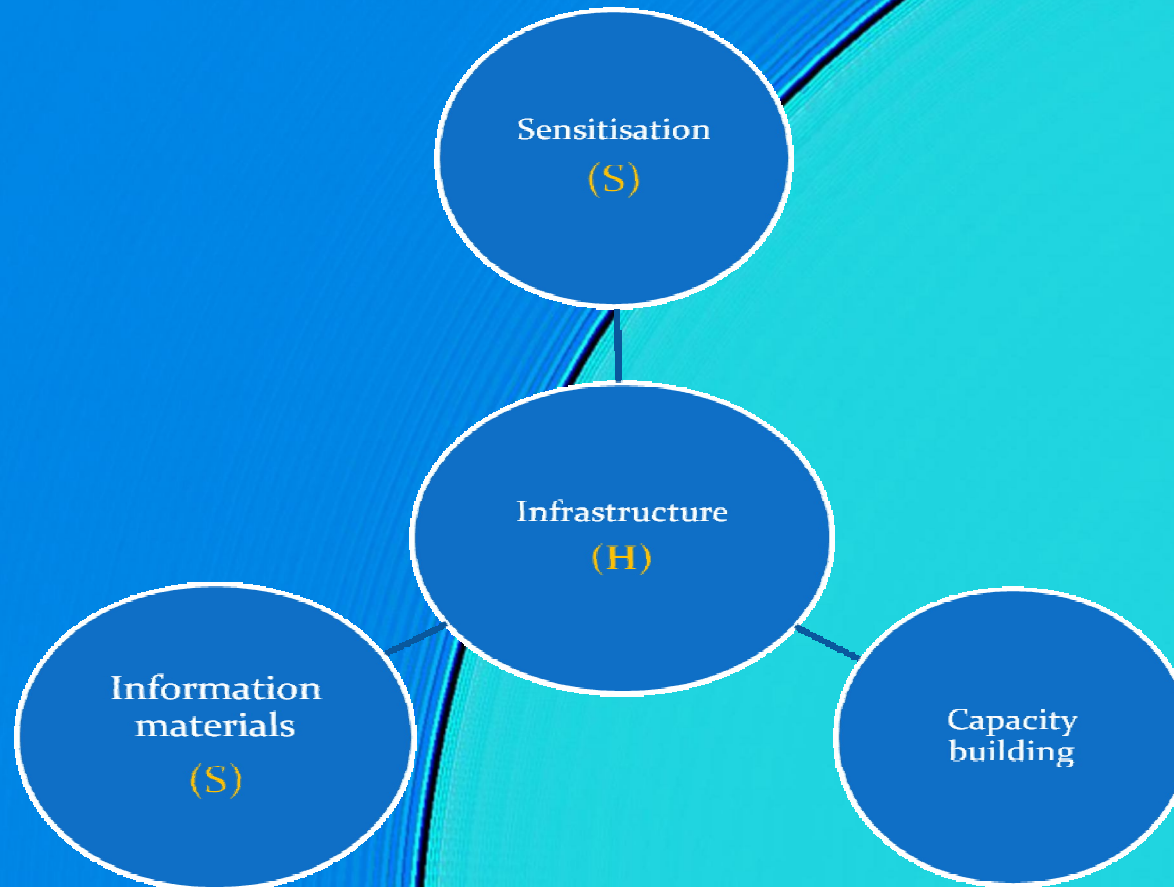
“*Software*” - Awareness campaign programme to sensitise the whole community in order to enhance the quality of life.

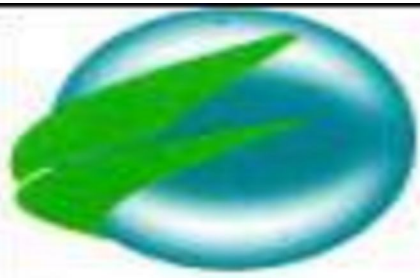


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The Component





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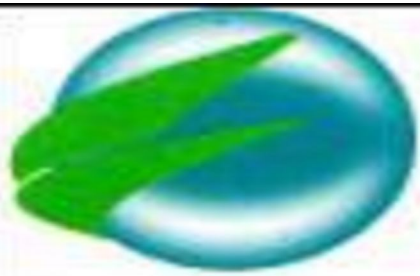
Sustainable Development Issues

SD issues – Integral part of the project at all stages:

- Inception
- Planning
- Resource mobilisation
- Implementation
- Monitoring and evaluation

All activities relied heavily on the local forces, namely its Project Implementation Committee (PIC)

Roles of: NGOs. Government specialised agencies and the private sectors



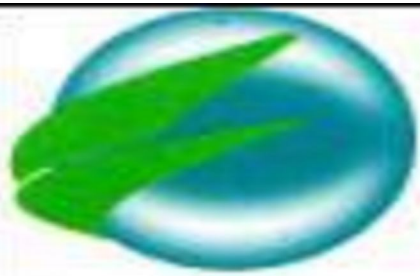
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Consultation and Authorisation

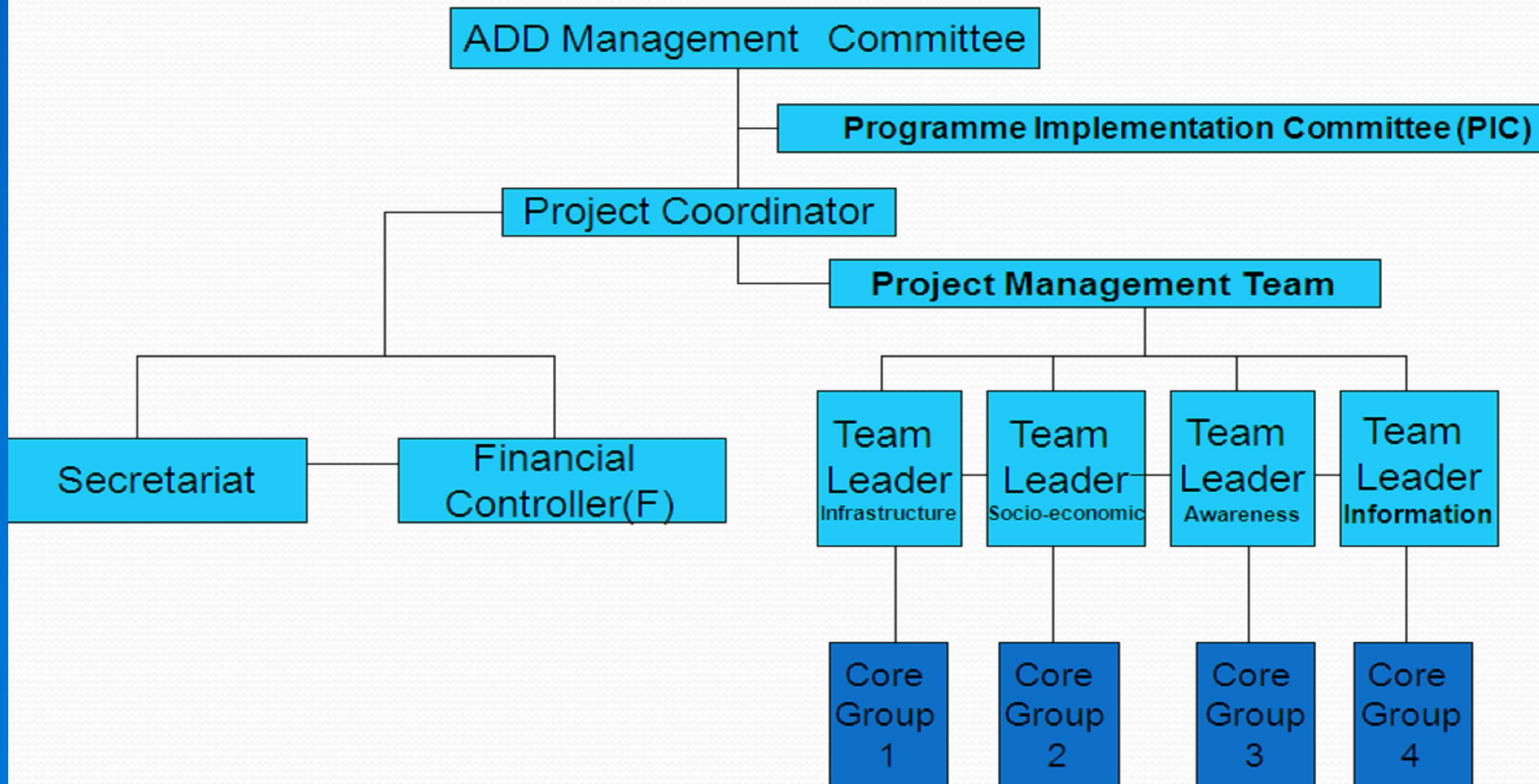
Extensive consultations (June 2008 to Dec. 2010)

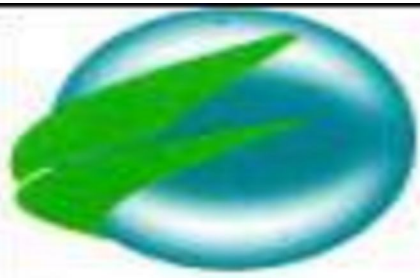
- Village Council members and NGOs
- Pamplemousses/ Rivière du Rempart District Council
- Ministries
 - ❖ Environment and NDU
 - ❖ Land and Housing
 - ❖ Agro Industry
 - ❖ Tourism
- Beach Authority
- Mauritius Institute of Education
- National Heritage Fund
- Société de l'Histoire de l'Île Maurice



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Project Management Structure



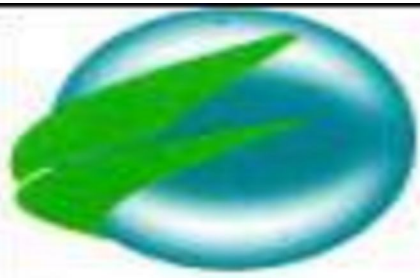


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Project Implementation Committee

- **Membership:** 2 from ADD and 9 from Village comprising President and members of Village Council, members of NGOs
- **TOR:** Advisory, serve as sounding board, liaise with local authorities, NGOs, assist with organisation of events, participate in meetings with visitors and authorities
- **Meetings:** 25 formal and many more informal



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Development Planning

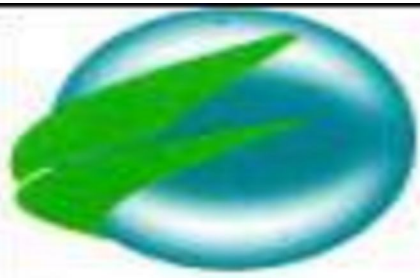
Socio-economic and environmental survey

- Inhabitants (PIC) involved in design and wholly responsible for conduct of survey of 800 families
- Preliminary analysis with PIC involvement

Survey on tourists and visitors to Monument

- Sample survey over 2-week period by students
- Replies from 30 tourists

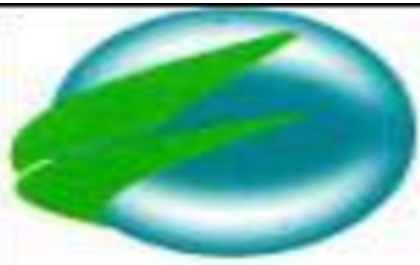
Base line data on village and tourism



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Other partners in Project implementation

- Local NGOs
- Police and Coast Guard
- Religious leaders
- Inhabitants of Paul and Virginie Street



Achievements

Infrastructure

- Sandy beach with amenities
- Dignified Monument
- Landscape with indigenous plants

Capacity building

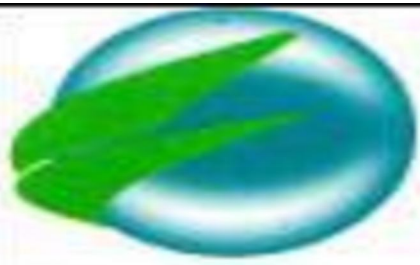
- Business opportunities
- Involvement in Project management

Sensitisation

- Primary school students
- Secondary school students
- Inhabitants - protection of coastal resources

Information materials

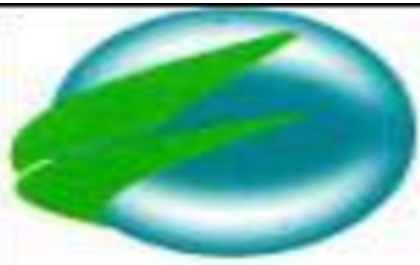
- Posters, Flyers, video film, photos, sign boards, media



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Sandy Beach

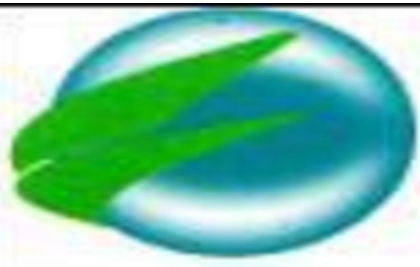




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Upgraded Monument

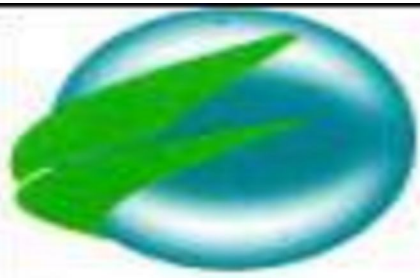




Additional resources

A powerful catalyst

- Beach Authority
- Forestry Service
- The District Council
- Poudre d'Or Village Council
- St Mark Church on Paul et Virginie Road
- Well Wisher



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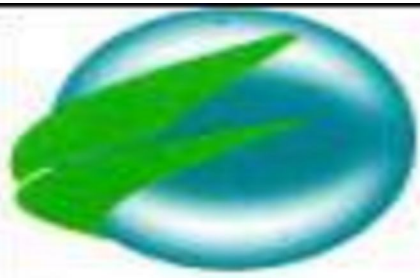
Challenges

Numerous constraints experienced:

Funds: Very strict financial measures

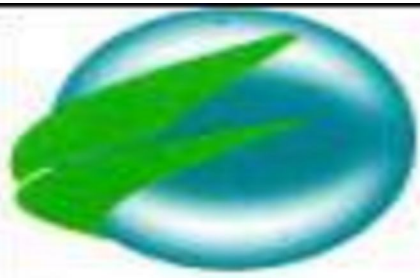
Limited and short project lifetime to bring a new mindset in the village

Replication and follow up after completion



Financial management

- Planning of activities followed priorities
- Rigorous approval process
- Each payment was made against receipt and signature
- For tendering, the Government and ReCoMaP formats were followed
- Accounts were audited by an Auditor
- The ReCoMaP auditor was most helpful

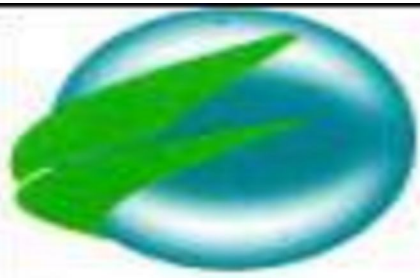


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Sensitive issues

- Complement and not seen to compete
- Understand and factor in local conditions e.g. ensuring representation of the five sub-regions
- Maintaining a balanced relationship with various political factions at Village Council level

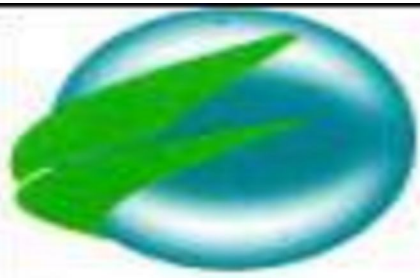


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Sustainability

- ADD has closely associated the authorities
- Political entities briefed
- PIC members are being assisted to establish an NGO, tentatively known as '*Association pour le développement durable du Poudre d'Or Village*' ADD will maintain special relationship
- The mindset of the local inhabitants have changed from scepticism to wonder
- Incite further development
- Annual Dépôt de Gerbes and National Boat race end of August



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Challenges ahead

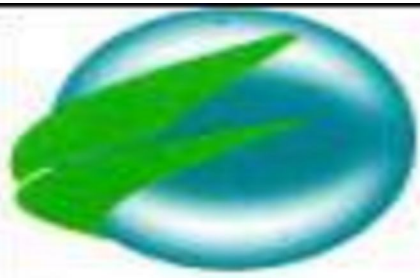
Build kiosks for Food Court and sale of artisanal products

A Statue of Paul and Virginie and model of St Géran

A museum-type setting for the display of historical materials related to St Géran, the life of Bernardin de St Pierre in Mauritius, Paul et Virginie and of the Village and its numerous historical sites

Possible twinning – “*jumelage*” of Poudre d’Or Village with the city of Lorient in France

Explore the possibility of making the Poudre d’Or area including the La Passe St Géran and Ile d’Ambre as a World Heritage Site



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Concluding remarks

- Project Monitoring by officers of ReCoMaP - regular, rigorous and supportive.
- The strategy of the Project implementation worked well
Collaboration of many stakeholders.
- Buy-in of the local communities.
- Strong catalyst for additional resources.
- Several mechanisms in place to contribute to the sustainability
- Collective leadership at Management level.