



# Mauritius



## Introduction to MAURITIUS

THE REPUBLIC OF MAURITIUS is an island country located in the Indian Ocean, east of Madagascar. With beautiful beaches and landscapes, a stable democracy, and high standards of living, Mauritius is one of the wealthiest nations in Africa, and the capital of Port Louis is the continent's most affluent city.

## The MAURITIAN people

<b>Total population:</b>	1,284,264
<b>Children under 15:</b>	289,257
<b>Average Life Expectancy:</b>	74 years
<b>Per capita annual income:</b>	\$12,100
<b>% children in primary school:</b>	95.38%
<b>Average years of education:</b>	14 years
<b>Literacy rate:</b>	84.4%
<b>Internet users:</b>	380,000
<b>Cell phones in use:</b>	1.033 million

### Major/official language(s):

Creole  
Bhojpuri  
English  
French

### Risk issues impacting children:

UNICEF does not currently offer children at risk statistics for this country.

## More about MAURITIUS

<b>Capital city:</b>	Port Louis
<b>Type of government:</b>	Parliamentary Democracy
<b>Square kilometers:</b>	2,040
<b>General terrain:</b>	Small coastal plain rising to discontinuous mountains circling the central plateau
<b>Major industries/jobs:</b>	Food processing, textiles, clothing, mining
<b>National motto:</b>	"Star and key of the Indian Ocean"
<b>Major airport(s):</b>	Sir Seewoosagar Ramgoolam

## Reaching MAURITIUS

*Currently classified as World B: Somewhat Reached*

### Major religions:

Hindu - 48%  
Christian - 32.2%  
Muslim - 16.6%  
Other/none - 3.2%

### Christian groups:

Roman Catholic - 74.8%  
Protestant - 20.8%  
Independent - 2.2%  
Anglican - 1.3%  
Other - 0.9%

**Unreached People Groups:** 5 (37.5% of pop)

**Average annual Christian growth:** 0.011

**Average annual baptisms:** 6,473

**Foreign missionaries:** 320

**Per million:** 258.24

**National Christian workers/pastors:** 400

**Per million:** 322.80

**Number of churches/congregations:** 416

## Children's ministry in MAURITIUS

**Overview:** • Christians make up a significant minority of this small island nation and growth is being seen. Many Christians on the island are nominal, and new Christians may face persecution or set backs from other groups.

- Ministry is sometimes hampered by lack of unity among churches. In addition, the countries location and lack of training opportunities limits outside ministry from coming in to the nation.
- Training of leaders is of upmost importance. Many young Christians are willing to serve, but need training to be truly effective ministry workers.

## Focus for Prayer

Training children's leaders for outreach in  
**416** congregations

Strategies for reaching and discipling  
**289,257** children for Christ