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# SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES



**PREPARED AND PRESENTED BY**

NOT A NUMBER TEAM

## WHO WE ARE

Not A Number is a non-profit organisation seeking to create a safer world by harnessing the innate potential of all people to better themselves and become a positive influence on their world. Our aim is to contribute towards a future where people are not overwhelmed by the burden of crime, with fewer victims, and a genuine system of justice.

We shine a light on the faceless 'numbers' that overwhelm our justice system - the endless list of victims of crime as well as those perpetrators lost in the cycle of criminality. We use compassion, technology and a holistic approach to develop new ways of keeping society safe.

### ***How do we do the above?***

- We develop and deliver projects focused on crime prevention and resettlement.
- We provide a platform that brings together the variety of stakeholders involved in reducing crime through innovative events, training and collaborative initiatives. This platform is also used to further dialogue, debate and pursuit of best practice.
- We create tools and resources to contribute to more effective work within the criminal justice sector.

### ***Who do we serve?***

The community, ex-offenders, prisoners, individuals at risk of offending, victims of crime, staff/students, stakeholders.

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## ABOUT US



On the following pages, you can view some examples of the progress we have made so far in contributing to an even safer Mauritius. Our journey has only just begun and we are excited for the road ahead in making our vision a reality!

### ***Donation of 300 books to the Mauritius Prison Service for use in their libraries:***



- Variety of materials donated including vocational training manuals, research journals and non-fiction books.
- Acknowledgement of appreciation and gratitude received from the then Chief Welfare Officer, Mr Alain Constant.

### ***East African Prison Community visiting delegation (in collaboration with the Prison Training School - Beau Bassin):***

Delivery of workshops to the visiting delegation of East African Prison Community executives from Uganda, Kenya, Burundi and Somalia as well as a cohort of prison officer cadets from Mauritius.

#### Workshops delivered:

- Bullying & Victimisation in Prison.
- Innovation in Resettlement
- Assessment
- SMART Goals and Sentence Planning

#### Highlights:

- Between 50 -75 attendees during each of the four 90-minute workshops..
- Attendees completed a number of practical exercises using tools and templates provided.
- Excellent feedback from Mr Sudesh Ramessur from the Welfare Department and Mr Vikram Bhunjun who at the time was in charge of the Prison Training School.



### ***Sentence Planning Pilot Project at Melrose Prison:***

Provision of advice, guidance and template designs to the 'Sentence Planning Committee' of the Mauritius Prison Service in relation to the development of a 'Sentence Planning Pilot Project' at Melrose Prison.

More info: <http://prisons.govmu.org/English/News/Pages/Atelier-de-travail-sur-la-planification-de-la-d%C3%A9tention-destin%C3%A9-aux-cadres-p%C3%A9nitentiaires.aspx>



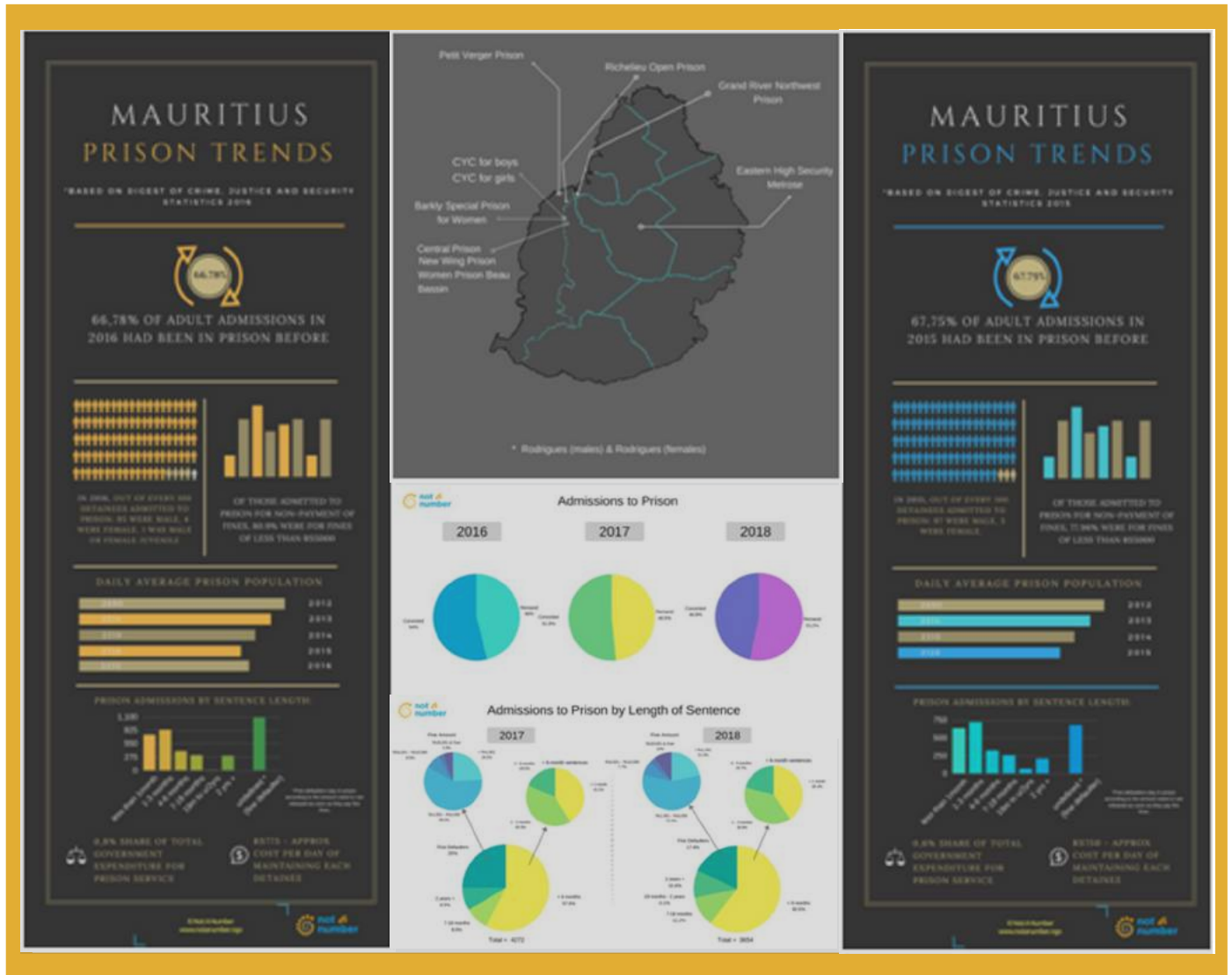
### ***Workshop delivered to HOPE NGO:***

Delivery of a workshop on Professional Boundaries and Prisoner Manipulation to HOPE (Helping Overseas Prisoners Endure) NGO, including volunteers and board members.



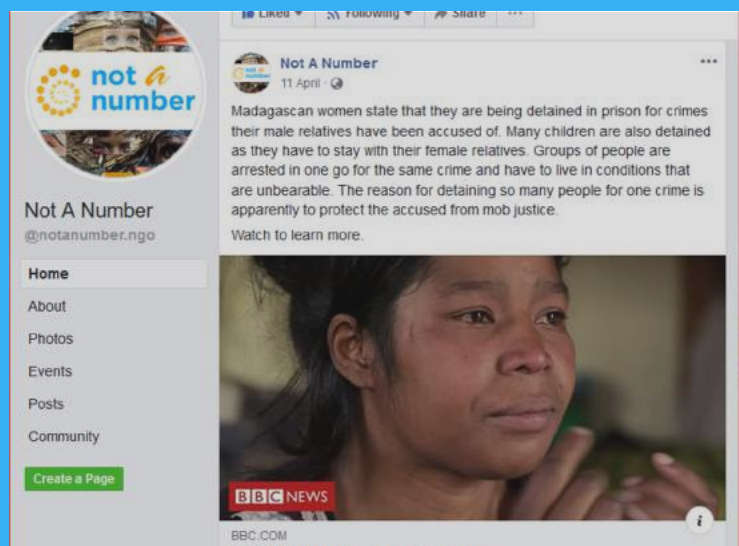
**Infographics and Social media:**

Regular creation and publication of infographics and online social media posts to present facts, trends and further awareness to the general public around crime and prison statistics.



**Social Media**

Ongoing publication of social media posts related to various crime and rehabilitation topics to better inform the public as to how crime and reoffending can be reduced..



*Join the conversation!*

# THE FUTURE OF PRISONER RESETTLEMENT IN MAURITIUS

Our Guest Speakers

**Dominique Chan Low**  
Program Executive,  
Enroute

**Dr. Harish Khoobli**  
PhD in Social Policy

**Sudeesh Ramassar**  
Principal Prison  
Welfare Officer

**DATE: 20TH OF JULY 2019**  
**TIME: 13:15 - 15:30**

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Please join us for our first event where we will discuss the resettlement of prisoners in Mauritius. Our guest speakers will share their knowledge and perspectives on current trends/initiatives. They will also offer their insights and recommendations in regard to the future of resettlement in Mauritius.

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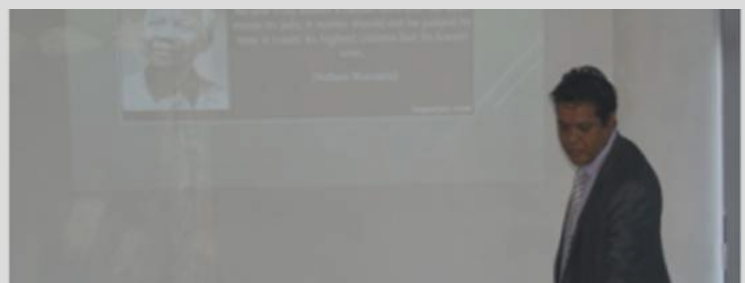
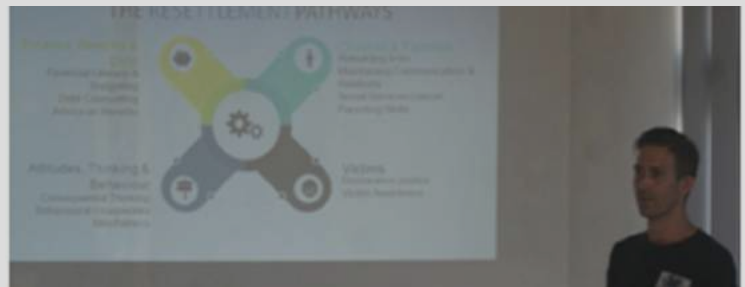
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<https://forms.gle/PAR2gD7LSOv5F6>  
Call 5950 0073 or e-mail: info@notanumber.ngo

**SCHEDULE**

- 13:15 - 13:30**  
Registration  
Tea/Coffee
- 13:30 - 13:45**  
Welcome & Short  
introduction to  
resettlement
- 13:45 - 14:00**  
Dominique Chan Low  
Resettlement: a  
practitioner's  
perspective.
- 14:00 - 14:15**  
Dr Harish Khoobli  
Resettlement: a  
researcher's  
perspective.
- 14:15 - 14:30**  
Sudeesh Ramassar  
Resettlement: a  
welfare officer's  
perspective.
- 14:30 - onwards**  
Q&A  
Networking

TICKET PRICE:  
RS250

**FREE EVENT**



### **EVENT: The Future of Prisoner Resettlement in Mauritius:**

Not A Number hosted an event with 3 expert speakers on the topic of prisoner resettlement. The aim was to provide different perspectives on the existing challenges and potential solutions. These 3 perspectives included academia/research, an NGO practitioner and a representative from the Mauritius Prison Service. The resettlement pathways framework and theoretical background was presented by Not A Number.

Our guest speakers shared their knowledge and perspectives on current trends/initiatives. They also offered their insights and recommendations in regard to the future of resettlement in Mauritius. Attendees included barristers, NGO staff, prison staff, therapists, students, and religious bodies.

### *Presentation to NKM Chambers*

Not A Number was requested to meet with professionals from NKM chambers to briefly present information around resettlement and to share in an exchange of practice experiences with the solicitors, barristers and pupils in attendance. It was a fruitful discussion that opened up future potential for collaboration between different parts of the criminal justice system in Mauritius.

### **Knowledge exchange with local stakeholders - religious groups:**

Not A Number was invited by members of a local religious group to share our thoughts and experiences in relation to prisoner rehabilitation and reintegration. A variety of subjects were discussed such as legislation, assessment of prisoners and criminogenic factors, substance misuse and young people in custody. This initiative was in line with our aim to foster communication and collaboration between different stakeholders in the Mauritian criminal justice system.

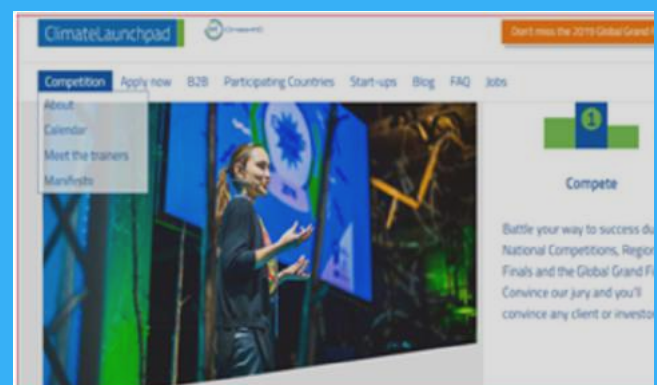
### **Research Library:**

Creation and launch of an online platform that brings together all publicly available research and reports on Mauritian Criminal Justice matters: <https://www.notanumber.ngo/reports>.



### **Climate Launchpad Programme:**

Our programme concept was selected as one of the Mauritius finalists for the “Climate Launchpad”, a global accelerator programme that helps promote and develop new ideas related to climate change. Our concept combines recycling with the creation of skills development and job opportunities for ex-detainees. This addresses a number of criminogenic factors related to lack of skills and unemployment.





### ***Advice & Guidance on programme design:***

Not A Number provided guidance on best practice in terms of resettlement programme development, linking to key international instruments and standards. Issues addressed included prisoner assessment, action-planning, risk assessment, safeguarding and crucially the resettlement pathways.



Next up:

### ***University of Mauritius - Offender Resettlement Workshop - Theory to Practice:***

Together with staff from the Faculty of Law and Management, Not A Number will facilitate a 3-hour workshop with students drawn from Law, Psychology, Sociology and Media studies. The aim is to bridge the gap between academia and practice by providing an overview of latest statistics, trends and facts in the context of current practice. The workshop includes talks by practitioners, prison staff and university lecturers.

The workshop activities will allow students to reflect on their existing knowledge base in relation to rehabilitation and resettlement and interrogate this knowledge in a constructive manner with access to all the latest data and people in the field. The first workshop cohort will be UoM students, while the second will be drawn from other tertiary institutions on the island.

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