

Republic of Mauritius

Statistics on HIV/AIDS (as at end of December 2015)

During the month of December 2015, 19 new cases of HIV/AIDS were registered among the Mauritian population by the Virology Laboratory Services of the Ministry of Health and Quality of Life. The monthly average of new cases was 46 in the year 2006 to 2010 compared to 27 in the period 2011 – 2014. The monthly average in 2015 stood at 22. The number of cases reported during the last 12 months is given in Table A.

Table A

MONTHLY NUMBER OF HIV/AIDS CASES REPORTED						
MONTH	MAURITIAN			NON-MAURITIAN		
	MAN	WOMAN	BOTH SEXES	MAN	WOMAN	BOTH SEXES
January 2015	9	17	26	1	0	1
February 2015	14	8	22	3	2	5
March 2015	16	4	20	0	0	0
April 2015	10	11	21	0	0	0
May 2015	9	5	14	0	0	0
June 2015	12	5	17	0	1	1
July 2015	10	10	20	0	0	0
August 2015	14	10	24	0	0	0
September 2015	18	12	30	0	0	0
October.2015	18	8	26	0	0	0
November 2015	13	10	23	0	0	0
December 2015	12	7	19	0	0	0

The yearly number of cases reported among Mauritians since 2004 is given in Table B. Between 2004 and 2010, an average of 545 cases has been registered every year except in 2005 when 921 cases were reported mainly among prison inmates. 401 cases have been registered in 2011 compared to 568 in 2010. A yearly average of 327 cases has been registered in the period 2011-2013. In 2015, 262 cases have been reported

compared to 322 in 2014 representing a 19% decrease. The cumulative total since October 1987, when the first case of HIV/AIDS was reported, to December 2015, stood at 6,352.

Table B

PERIOD	NEW CASES OF HIV / AIDS NOTIFIED								
	MAURITIAN			NON-MAURITIAN			TOTAL		
	MAN	WOMAN	B.Sexes	MAN	WOMAN	B.Sexes	MAN	WOMAN	B.Sexes
1987 - 2004	869	255	1124	87	22	109	956	277	1233
2005	815	106	921	5	2	7	820	108	928
2006	455	87	542	9	4	13	464	91	555
2007	452	94	546	16	6	22	468	100	568
2008	402	136	538	12	7	19	414	143	557
2009	436	112	548	6	1	7	442	113	555
2010	433	135	568	8	4	12	441	139	580
2011	298	103	401	10	6	16	308	109	417
2012	215	105	320	6	1	7	221	106	327
2013	151	109	260	7	4	11	158	113	271
2014	190	132	322	7	4	11	197	136	333
2015	155	107	262	4	3	7	159	110	269
TOTAL	4871	1481	6352	177	64	241	5048	1545	6593

Since 1987, of all Mauritian HIV/AIDS cases, 67.5% of transmission was due to injecting drug. In the year 2000, only 2% of the new infected cases were among Injecting Drug Users (IDU). This mode of transmission rapidly increased from 7% in 2001 to 92% in 2005. As from 2006, it started to decrease and reached 31% in 2014. However, it has slightly increased to 34.7% in 2015. As depicted in the chart below, the increase in the percentage is mainly due to the decrease registered in the number of newly registered cases. The absolute number of persons detected with HIV among IDUs is as follows: 2012: 151, 2013:99, 2014:100, 2015:91.

