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The Ministry of Health and Quality of Life of the Republic of Mauritius has taken the following steps in view of implementing the Human Rights Council Resolution 24/11 entitled “*Preventable Mortality and Morbidity of Children under 5 years of age as a Human Rights Concern*”:

- a) Health services, from primary to tertiary care, are free of user cost and are accessible to everybody, including children, at all times on a 24-hour/seven day basis.
- b) All our hospitals are baby/children friendly. Children admitted to hospital are accompanied by their mother or their caregiver at all times.
- c) Specialist paediatric services are available in all the 5 regional Hospitals on a 24 hour/7 day basis. Soon paediatricians will be physically present on a 24 hour basis in all Regional hospitals.
- d) Maternity Services are provided at all hospitals, Area Health Centres, Community Health Centres. Neonatal ICU services are available at 2 Regional Hospitals, namely Victoria Hospital and SSRN Hospital.
- e) A Paediatric Surgery Unit is being set up at Jawarlall Nehru Hospital for all children in the Republic of Mauritius.
- f) An Overseas Treatment Scheme is available for cases that cannot be treated locally. They are transferred to Specialised Centres abroad for complex cardiac surgery, neurosurgery and for certain cancers such as leukaemia. Government bear all costs for family earning less than Rs 50,000 per month.
- g) Protocol for Prevention of maternal-fetal transmission of HIV implemented.
- h) Treatment of children infected with HIV freely available.
- i) Immunization of all children against vaccine preventable disease is freely available. About 90% of children aged 0 to 5 years are vaccinated in the public sector and about 10% are vaccinated in the private sector.
- j) Newer vaccines will be introduced in the immunization schedule (Rotarix against rotavirus diarrhea and Prevenar 13 for pneumococcal diseases) as from this year.
- k) Cash gift of Rs. 200 to all children at birth and for completing immunization and medical checkup at 1 year, 2 years and 3 years.
- l) Growth monitoring/Well Baby Clinics of all children at Health Centres
- m) School Health Service to Primary schools to detect eye defects/hearing impairments and learning disability + completion of immunization
- n) Screening in Zone D’Education Prioritaire (ZEP) schools (in deprived areas) to detect malnutrition and other health problems. Meals are provided to these students.

- o) Protocol established for child abuse and sexual assaults in all hospitals.
- p) Human Insulin Analogues & Glucometer with test strips to all Type 1 Diabetes children for self-monitoring of blood glucose level and for basal bolus Insulin therapy.
- q) Screening for complications (eye, renal & neurological) of diabetics patients.
- r) Ongoing all island surveillance for TB, Malaria, Chikungunya & other infective diseases.
- s) Vaccination against influenza to all children between 6 months to 2 years and thereafter to all children suffering from Cardiac, Renal, Haematologic, Pulmonary illnesses and children with disabilities.

