MINISTRY OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Government House, Port Louis, Mauritius

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Paediatric Oncology Scheme

- 1. The public is informed that, in line with the Budgetary Measure 2023/2024, as announced by Government, all children who are diagnosed with cancer, would receive cancer care and treatment in local private or foreign hospitals with the best expertise. The full cost of such treatments will be borne by Government.
- 2. The Scheme is applicable to all children who are:
 - (i) Citizen and resident of the Republic of Mauritius;
 - (ii) Below the age of 18;
 - (iii) Suffering from cancer or displaying highly suspicious symptoms of cancer that cannot be diagnosed locally; and
 - (iv) Already following treatment for any form of cancer.
- 3. The Scheme is already operational as from 1st of July 2023.
- 4. The Ministry is in the process of enlisting the services of Non-Governmental Organisations, which will be called upon to offer additional administrative support in terms of overall case management to beneficiaries.
- 5. All applications under the Scheme should be made to the Paediatric Oncology Cell set up at the Ministry of Finance, Economic Planning & Development, 5th Floor, New Government Centre, Port Louis.
- 6. The protocol for treatment will be assessed by the Medical Panel of the Ministry of Health and Wellness.
- The application form may be obtained either from the Paediatric Oncology Cell, 5th Floor, Government House, Port Louis or from the website the Ministry of Finance, Economic Planning and Development at <u>https://mof.govmu.org</u>.
- 8. The duly filled application form with all relevant supporting documents should be submitted either to the Paediatric Oncology Cell, 5th Floor, Government House, Port Louis or on <u>zanfan@govmu.org</u>.
- 9. The Paediatric Oncology Cell may be contacted for any information with regard to the Scheme on the 260 1300 (Extension: 5141 or 5170).