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Finance and Audit (Non-Governmental Organisation Trust Fund) Regulations 1999

GN 50/1999

Regulations made by the Minister under section 24 of the Finance and Audit Act

1. These regulations may be cited as the Finance and Audit (Non-Governmental Organisation Trust Fund) Regulations 1999.

2. In these regulations-

"Committee" means the Committee established under regulation 6.

"Fund" means the Non-Governmental Organisation Trust Fund established under regulation 3.

"NGO" means a Non-Governmental Organisation which: -

- (a) is run on a non-profit making basis;
- (b) works towards the -

(i) empowerment of the disabled, the elderly, the homeless or such other vulnerable group; or

(ii) promotion of the welfare of the community in general, and

(c) is approved by the Committee;

"Minister" means the Minister to whom the responsibility for the subject of social security is assigned.

Amended by [GN No. 189 of 2002]

3. There is established for the purposes of these regulations a Fund which shall be known as the Non-Governmental Organisation Trust Fund.

- 4. The objects of the Fund shall be-
- (a) to consider and approve applications for assistance from NGOs
 - (b) to finance wholly or partly, services and projects of NGOs which have been

approved by the Committee;

- (c) to ensure an effective use of resources; and
- (d) to rationalise the disbursement of funds to NGOS.

5. The Fund may call for relevant documents, information and audited reports from NGOs for the purpose of monitoring the implementation of services and projects financed by the Fund.

- 6. The Fund shall consist of:
- (a) donations and grants; and
- (b) any other sum which may lawfully accrue to the Fund.

7. (1) There shall be established for the purposes of these regulations a Committee which shall administer the Fund,

- (2) The Committee shall consist of -
- (a) a chairman appointed by the Minister;

(b) a representative of the Ministry responsible for the subject of finance;

(c) a representative of the Ministry responsible for the subject of education;

(d) a representative of the Ministry responsible for the subject of economic development;

(e) a representative of the Ministry responsible for the subject of health;

(f) a representative of the Ministry responsible for the subject of social security;

(g) a representative of Mauritius Council of Social Services; and

(h) 2 persons involved in social work appointed by the Minister.

(3) The Chairman and other members shall be paid such allowances as may be approved by the Minister.

(4) The Minister shall designate a public officer to be the Secretary of the Committee.

8. (1) The Committee shall meet at such time and place as the Chairman thinks fit.

(2) The quorum of the Committee shall be 5;

(3) Subject to the other provisions of this regulation, the Committee shall regulate its meetings and proceedings in such manner as it thinks fit.

- 9. The Committee may -
- (a) appoint such officers;
- (b) incur such expenses; and
- (c) pay such salaries, fees and allowances.

as it considers necessary for the proper exercise of its functions under these regulations.

10. No document shall be executed by, or on behalf of the Fund unless it is signed by :-

- (a) the Chairman and another member appointed by the Committee; or
 - (b) in the absence of the Chairman, by 2 members appointed by the Committee.

11. The Committee shall not later than 3 months after the end of each financial year prepare and submit to the Director of Audit: -

(a) an annual statement of receipts and payments of the Fund for that financial year; and

(b) a balance sheet made up to the end of that financial year showing the assets and liabilities of the Fund.

12. The Committee shall, as soon as possible after the end of each financial year, furnish to the Minister:-

(a) a report dealing with the activities and financial position of the Fund during that financial year; and

(b) a copy of the audited accounts of the Fund for the financial year together with the Director of Audit's report on those accounts.

13. The Minister shall, at the earliest available opportunity, lay a copy of the audited annual accounts of the Fund before the Assembly.

14. The surplus money of the Fund shall be invested in such manner as the Committee may decide.

15. In case of winding up of the Fund, the net assets of the Fund shall accrue to the Consolidated Fund.

Made by the Minister on 18 May 1999.

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