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Under the Empowerment Scheme, NEF, with the collaboration of various stakeholders, organises job fairs, training in Life Skills, and revenue generating activities such as

- Bio-Farming
- Bee Keeping
- Home Gardening, Pastry
- Housekeeping
- Welding, Electrical Installation Works, etc.

We firmly believe that Empowerment is the key component to help poor families to stand on their feet and restore their dignity.

One of the main programmes of NEF is the Income Support Scheme which is the payment of a monthly subsistence allowance ranging from Rs 500 to Rs 9,520.



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of life. In the end, love, respect, understanding and support via accompaniment help families move forward with confidence. Solidarity among Mauritians, with one family helping another, as well as accompaniment structures in place, can help Mauritius further develop into a deeply inclusive society."

The setting up of an inclusive society should not be the affair of the Government only, believes Clifford Vellien, Communication Manager from National Empowerment Foundation. "So far, Mauritius has been blessed during these last five decades with the intervention of various stakeholders, including NGOs (from Mauritius and Rodrigues) which have really played an

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Minister of Social Integration and Economic Empowerment, Alain Wong highlights that if we compare to global trend, Mauritius is doing quite well but we cannot glorify on it. "An Inclusive society is very hard to realize but we have to work for it. We have to teach people to live in discipline. There must be sacrifice and beyond everything, we must have good moral values. We must deal with all the delinquencies of society."



Further, the Minister emphasizes that the Government is providing empowerment support with the collaboration of key service-providers in several areas namely education, training, employment, health, family welfare, sports and leisure, and life skills enhancement. "We have adopted a Marshall Plan and the Social Integration and Empowerment Act has made numerous provisions to combat poverty. Until now, the Government has injected Rs 600 million for financial support. Along with the NEF,

households, communities and nations could be sustained and improved, while recognizing the importance of societal levels of analysis and not simply economic participation and social and

lots of measures and support programmes are being offered."

It is important to come forward with improved measures and new initiatives to address poverty challenges while at the same time make a meaningful difference in the lives of the poor, the Minister indicated.

Commenting on the upcoming project, the Minister confides "the CSR Foundation falling under the aegis ministry have 10 areas of priorities which are closely linked to poverty alleviation. We have decided to add more criteria. We have seen that old people have been abandoned by their children. The CSR will be used to help them but as well help people living with a physical handicap."

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IMPEDIMENTS TO OVERCOME

From education to mindset,