

## Our Vision

'Together, for a safer community'

## Our Purpose

To serve and protect the people using helicopters.

## Our Focus

Providing a quality service using aerial platform.

## Our Mission

To enhance the MPF capabilities by aerial recce, search and rescue operations and anti drug trafficking operations.

## Our Values

**Professionalism:** We strive to meet the needs and demands of our people.

**Respect:** We exhibit tolerance and sensitivity to the people we serve.

**Integrity:** We believe it is the basis for community trust.

**Dignity:** We value human life and dignity as guaranteed by our Constitution.

**Excellence:** We are most effective when we can identify and solve community problems.

## Our Priorities

The Police Helicopter Squadron operates under the command of the Commanding Officer PHS, mandated to provide:-

- (a) Search and Rescue, and Casualty Evacuation.
- (b) Maritime Surveillance and Reconnaissance Missions  
- Rendering assistance to National Coast Guard for patrolling the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ).
- (c) Operations to combat gandia cultivation, jointly with ADSU.
- (d) Traffic Patrol and Security Escort of Convoys.
- (e) Conveyance of VVIP/VIPs and officials of Ministries/ other agencies as approved by the Prime Minister's Office.
- (f) Training for pilots and technical personnel; and,
- (g) Other tasks assigned by the Commissioner.

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# Police Helicopter Squadron

# ANNUAL OPERATIONAL PLAN 2021



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## Foreword

I am pleased to present the Annual Operational Plan of the Mauritius Police Helicopter Squadron (PHS) for the year 2021.



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PHS is located at Sir Seewoosagar Ramgoolam International Airport, Plaisance and operates a fleet of six helicopters that includes four Chetaks, One Fennec and One Dhruv. The Squadron has a strength of 117 personnel, including pilots, technicians, lifesavers and other support staff for undertaking operational flying, maintenance activities and administrative tasks.

PHS provides policing services over mainland Mauritius, Rodrigues and outer islands, adjacent coastal areas and islets extending up to 90 nautical miles out at sea. The Squadron is actively involved in a variety of tasks in support to various Ministries by undertaking troops/personnel transportation, reconnaissance sorties, Search and Rescue operations (SAR), including casualty evacuation both inland and at sea and medical evacuation from vessels navigating in the Indian Ocean.

Through the medium of this plan, PHS pledges to continue to strive in ensuring a safe and secure community thereby upholding the MPF new vision 'Together, for a safer Community'.

**Gp Capt Manish Sinha**  
**Commanding Officer**  
**Police Helicopter Squadron**

## OUR COMMITMENT

We are committed to achieve the Force Priorities through efficient and effective response with a high degree of commitment. In addition we also endeavour to achieve our Branch objectives:

### CRIME CONTROL, PREVENTION AND PUBLIC SAFETY & SECURITY

- (a) **Commercial Area Recce:** Develop robust strategies to fight crime by carrying out Commercial Area patrols as instructed by PHQ. Carry out at least 01 Commercial Area Recce per month on Salary Day. Additional Commercial Area Recces will be carried out on important occasions when people go out in large numbers & spend a significant amount of money.
- (b) **Integrated Patrol Plan:** Carry out at least 01 sortie per week to support Divisional Commanders in their performance of police duties as part of the Integrated Patrol Plan. Other sorties will be as per instructions of PHQ in order to help the Divisions in their fight against crime.
- (c) **Standby for Search & Rescue:** Casualty Evacuation and Humanitarian Assistance & Disaster Relief (in the event of natural disasters like cyclones, flooding, etc.) or any other contingency.

### SERVICE DELIVERY/ ENQUIRIES/ PHQ'S

- (i) Ensure 75% of correspondences/ letters are responded to within 21 days.
- (ii) Reply to PHQ's within 15 days as the case may be.
- (iii) Reply to PIAC correspondences within five (5) working days.

*Administrative mechanisms in place at the level of PHS play a vital role and has a direct impact on Policing and the quality of service delivery. Therefore, we will ensure that administrative support are optimised in ensuring that objectives set are achieved.*

### MAINTAINING PROFESSIONAL CAPABILITIES

- (a) Ensure at least 60 % serviceability of the PHS helicopter fleet at all times.
- (b) Maintain highest flying standards through periodic flying training.
- (c) Maintain highest maintenance standards through periodic refresher training.
- (d) Ensure availability of spare parts, consumables and POL through forecasting and planning.
- (e) Coordinating with the Procurement Department to ensure seamless logistic delivery.

### ENHANCING COASTAL & MARITIME SAFETY

*The EEZ of the Republic of Mauritius stretches over 2.3M km<sup>2</sup> which includes 396,000 km<sup>2</sup> extended to Mauritius/Seychelles by the UN Commission on the limits of the coastal shelf. It is a matter of great concern to provide safety, security over our coast and maritime zone. Our priorities would be:-*

- (a) **Coastal Recce:** Help in maritime security by carrying out at least one (01) coastal surveillance mission per week towards security of coastal areas in coordination with NCG.
- (b) Carry out Search and Rescue / Casualty Evacuation (from land and sea) with a 15 minutes reaction time by day & 3 hours by night.
- (c) Conduct at least 01 SIMEX per 3 months in co-ordination with NCG/ SMF/ other government agencies to improve level of preparedness towards contingency response.

### ENHANCING POLICING WITH THE COMMUNITY

*Engaging with the community for stronger response to problems of the community by:*

- (a) Carrying out Air Maintenance operations in support of NPCCS, MWF, NCG and other agencies to Outer Islands and other locations.
- (b) Undertaking joint operation with other MPF Units/Stakeholders in order to support national aims.
- (c) Carry out Police-Public Partnership whenever there are school visits and senior citizens associations visit at PHS.
- (d) Provide support to private organisations in Search and Rescue operations.

### ROAD SAFETY

- (a) **Traffic Recce:** Carry out at least 01 Traffic Recce per week at locations instructed by PHQ/ PIOR in order to help the Traffic Branch streamline traffic management.

**PHS Objectives 2021**

## Achievements 2020

**Search & Rescue Missions**  
 60 sorties  
 (76.30 hrs)

**Ops with ADSU**  
 33,707 plants uprooted,  
 92 sorties  
 (159:30 hrs)

**Coastal Surveillance with NCG**  
 10 sorties  
 (16:05 hrs)

**Police Tasks**  
 35 sorties  
 (40:10 hrs)

**MV Wakashio**  
 1,823 passengers airlifted,  
 361 sorties  
 (239:25 hrs)

## Implementation, Supervision, Monitoring & Evaluation

**Implementation, Supervision & Monitoring**

**1<sup>st</sup> Level**  
 Monthly Meeting at PHS Level

**Monitoring & Evaluation**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Level**  
 Force Monthly Coordinating Meeting by Commissioner of Police