



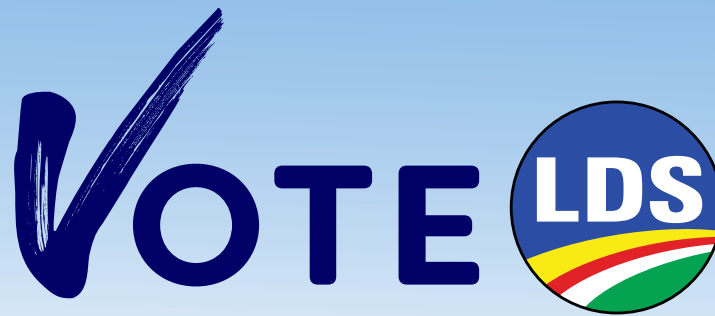
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MANIFESTO 2025

*Beyond 2030 – Our Future As One Nation
Making Seychelles Stronger And Better For You*

For
Stability & Progress



**The Right Choice
for Government
2025-2030**

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Building A Stronger and Better Seychelles

On 27th September, we will make a critical decision for the future of our country. It is a simple choice. Do we move forward on the path we are on or do we turn back?

Over the past five years, LDS has brought responsible and decisive government that has laid a firm foundation for future progress and prosperity. Despite the daunting challenges that we faced at the beginning we have ensured peace and stability, repairing our country in many essential areas. We have rebuilt our economy and our infrastructure, reformed government and strengthened our institutions. We have brought freedom, joy and hope to our country.

We are building a strong and beautiful Seychelles, achieving standards of governance that match the best in the world and making it a better country for everyone. The happiness of our people is what comes above all else. This can be achieved only with material progress that is accompanied by security, order and justice in our society. This is the path on which we must continue.

Turning back means entrusting our future to people who have failed us in the past. It means a return to malice and victimisation, to corruption and abuse of power. There can be no turning back.

This manifesto presents our vision for the future of Seychelles. It is ambitious but realistic. The goals we have set out will be achieved through our determination, hard work and discipline but above all with your support.

It is the pledge which we make as a party entrusted with the Government of our country by the people of Seychelles. It contains the commitment of the President of the Republic and Vice President, and our Members in the National Assembly of Seychelles to work together for the realisation of this vision.

I call on all the people of Seychelles to stand with us as we move forward on the path of progress and happiness.



Wavel Ramkalawan



From Past To Future

Transition To A New And Better Era

The first two years of our mandate were dedicated to steering our country back from economic catastrophe brought on by the Covid-19 epidemic and years of disastrous management. This painful start was further worsened by successive international crises in Eastern Europe and the Middle East which threatened our economic prospects. A further crisis surfaced with the explosion in Cascade district which destroyed or damaged over 500 homes or places of business, with a cost of over SCR83M for repairs.

The LDS Government has demonstrated exemplary leadership in overcoming these crises through decisiveness, hard work and solidarity. At the same time we have met other challenges along the way. Today, we take stock of our achievements as the foundation for a new era of progress.



LDS has taken Seychelles through crisis to stability, to establish a sound base for progress

1

Taking our Country through Crises

Prompt action on the Covid-19 epidemic allowed us to get the country back into function and we went on to surmount International conflicts threatening tourism and the disastrous Cascade explosion.

2

Rebuilding a Broken Economy

One of our first priorities has been to rebuild an economy that had been battered by crises and years of mismanagement and corruption. We have been able to reduce the deficit in our national budget to a manageable level and grown our reserves to USD800M. Our economic growth rate of 4.3% in 2025 shows that the country is back on track to increased prosperity.

From Past To Future

Transition To A New And Better Era

3 Restoring and Upgrading Infrastructure; New Projects

The list of valuable infrastructure that has been renovated and upgraded, at a cost of over SCR90M, includes the National Library, sports facilities, Seychelles hospital and other secondary health facilities, roads. At the same time, we have launched new projects such as the Ero Passenger Terminal on Praslin, the STC Cold Store, the West Coast Road rehabilitation and housing developments.

4 Achieving a Smooth Transition and Strengthening Democracy

The peaceful transfer of power after 43 years of rule by the same party which took power in the coup of 1977 has secured our democratic system and the rule of law to reassure citizens of the freedom, justice and protection of their rights.

5 Increasing Income, Living Standards and Social Protection

Despite financial stringencies we have achieved salary increases of 17% for all levels of employment and increased social benefits in most areas. Prices have remained largely stable for the main commodities including fuel.

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The Five Years Ahead 2025- 2030

Building A Stronger And Better Seychelles

We aim for Seychelles to be among the best countries in the world for its governance and the well-being of its citizens.

Today, we have earned recognition as a leader in Africa in many areas of governance and development. This has come as a result of the new impetus that the LDS Government elected in 2020 has brought in so many areas under its responsibility.

Going forward, we will pursue new goals which will take us to a new level of prosperity and achievements as a nation.



- 1 Higher Income and Standard of Living for Workers and Families
- 2 Public Service Reforms to Achieve a High Standard of Service Delivery
- 3 A Major Infrastructure Programme to Support Our Development Goals

- 4 Economic Growth to Ensure Higher Income, Development and Strong Reserves
- 5 Opportunities for All Our People to Achieve Economic, Personal and Social Well-being
- 6 A Strong and Healthy Society Free of Drugs

**33 He has brought
passion to the
Office of President.**



Our Team

Leadership You Can Trust

The LDS Government brings leadership that you can rely on as a citizen to protect your rights and deliver on services that you need. The elected branches of our Government, the Executive headed by our President, and our Members of the National Assembly will uphold the principles we have set for good governance.

The President: A Leader For Our Times

Wavel Ramkalawan has demonstrated his capacity to lead a unified nation by ensuring a smooth transfer of power in 2020. Many doubted that the transition after 43 years of rule based on dictatorship could be peaceful but he has ensured stability.

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He has shown courage and wisdom in facing the difficult issues before the country.

Five years is a short time to correct decades of misrule. In his second mandate, Wavel Ramkalawan will continue on the progress achieved in the past five years as he pursues new initiatives on existing and emerging challenges.

We call on the people of Seychelles to recognise the qualities that have made Wavel Ramkalawan the leader we need for our times.

1

Fairness: Accepting Political Diversity

President Ramkalawan has faithfully defended the rights of all and steered our country away from the practices of victimisation and discrimination. He has ensured that jobs are safe and opportunities open to everyone in all areas of national life. He has been a champion of meritocracy in the public service and will continue to emphasise this in his second term.

2

Decisiveness: Acting with Conviction Based on Principles

Our country has seen many instances where decisive action was necessary to meet critical challenges. From dealing with Covid-19, the explosion in Cascade district, and drug trafficking, Wavel Ramkalawan has acted resolutely for Government to bring solutions based on firm principles. He has brought passion to the Office of President.

The President

A Leader For Our Times

3 Reaching Out to All: Listening and Communicating

President Ramkalawan has set new standards in consultation through meetings at all levels which have included districts, professional organisations, interest groups such as in sports and culture. He has also engaged continuously and openly with public media to address all issues of concern to the nation.



4 Caring About People

The President has shared the concerns of all parts of our society and has taken up causes and issues throughout his mandate. The engagement of First Lady Linda Ramkalawan has brought a new level of engagement, extending the reach of the Presidency and broadening the attention which social groups have received.

The First Lady: Extending Care

First Lady Linda Ramkalawan has set a new dimension in supporting our Government's relationship with people. She has reached out to groups with many different concerns. In doing so, she has helped to form a more inclusive and caring society.



The Vice-President: Expertise for A Stronger Presidency

As Vice-President, Ahmed Afif has brought valuable qualities to the top leadership of our country. He has long experience in administration and his expertise in economy and finance has made a critical contribution in dealing with the situations we have faced. In that respect he has brought invaluable support to the Presidency.

The Vice-President of 2020-2025 has been the chief spokesman on Government policy, skillfully articulating the deliberations of the Cabinet on policies and programmes. He has navigated a difficult political landscape in dealing with criticisms, communicating to the people of Seychelles on the work of our Government.

Vice-President Ahmed Afif will continue to be a crucial member of the LDS Executive leadership, working to achieve the goals of this Manifesto.

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The Cabinet of Ministers: Solidarity and Dedication

The Cabinet of Ministers will be the team of leaders charged with delivering our programme for Government to the people of Seychelles. President Ramkalawan has shown that ability and commitment come before political affiliation, with his readiness to appoint technicians as Ministers. This will continue in his second mandate to ensure that our country has the best leadership.



The Principal Minister: Ensuring Coordination and Collaboration

Our new Government will redefine the role of the Principal Minister to make it clear and specific. The Principal Minister will be charged with coordination and collaboration among all Government agencies with the aim of ensuring efficiency in the implementation of programmes and in delivery of services. He or she will direct the necessary reforms across the Public Service to modernize practices and ensure that applicable standards are applied throughout Government.

This role will also allow the Office to be accessible to the public to assess delivery and adapt to expectations.

THE WINNING TEAM 2025-2030

The National Assembly

Your Connection to Government

The LDS team in the National Assembly is an integral part of our Government. It is your voice and your link to Government. The team will participate in defining policies that affect the lives of people in our districts and in seeking solutions to local problems. It will enact the laws that will ensure good governance and delivery of Government objectives.

Our elected representatives have a role in defining and implementing programmes to serve the people they represent. They will support the objectives of the Government of which they are a part while ensuring that these objectives are implemented according to the pledges of our Manifesto and that they benefit the communities that they represent.

Our Government needs a strong team in the National Assembly.



Nigel Payet
Anse Aux Pins



Randolph Valmont
Anse Boileau



Georges Romain
Anse Etoile



Gerard Bijoux
Anse Royale



Sandy Arissol
Au Cap



Francois Adelaide
Baie Lazare



Doyace Porice
Baie Ste Anne



John Hoareau
Beau Vallon



Norbert Loizeau
Bel Air



Denise Clarisse
Bel Ombre



Philip Monthy
Cascade



Andy Labonte
English River



Colin Tirant
Glacis



Wavel Woodcock
Grand Anse - Praslin



Waven William
Grand Anse - Mahé



France Ernesta
Inner Islands



Bernard Georges
Les Mamelles



Gervais Henrie
Mont Buxton



Michel Roucou
Mont Fleuri



Desheila Bastienne
Perseverance



Richard Labrosse
Plaisance



Elvis Morel
Pointe Larue



Valdana Sultan
Port Glaud



Anne Bistoquet
Roche Caiman



Sathya Naidu
St Louis



Dominic Savy
Takamaka

“A Legacy of Growth ...

... A Future of Strength”



1993

United Opposition

1 Proportional Seat



1998

Seychelles National Party

**1 Elected Districts
2 Proportional Seats**

- 1. St Louis

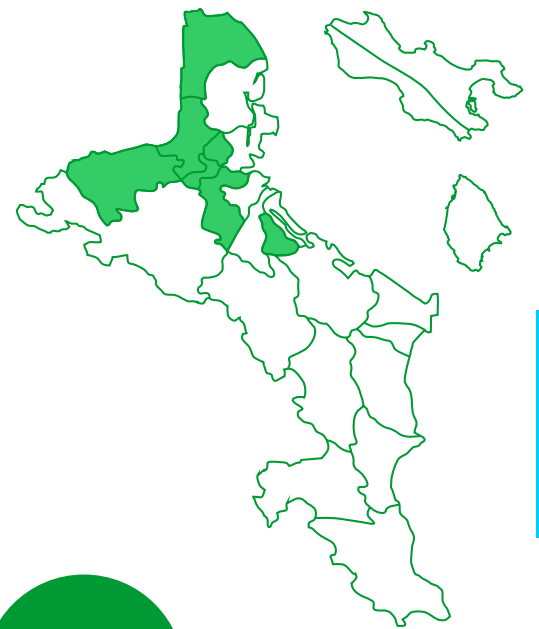


2002

Seychelles National Party

**7 Elected Districts
4 Proportional Seats**

- 1. Beau Vallon
- 2. Bel Air
- 3. Bel Ombre
- 4. Glacis
- 5. Les Mamelles
- 6. Mont Buxton
- 7. St Louis



2008

Seychelles National Party

**7 Elected Districts
4 Proportional Seats**

- 1. Beau Vallon
- 2. Bel Air
- 3. Bel Ombre
- 4. Glacis
- 5. Les Mamelles
- 6. Mont Buxton
- 7. St Louis

SNP did not participate to push for Electoral Reforms



2011

2016

Linyon Demokratik Seselwa

**15 Elected Districts
4 Proportional Seats**

- | | |
|-------------------------|------------------|
| 1. Anse Aux Pins | 11. Les Mamelles |
| 2. Anse Boileau | 12. Mont Buxton |
| 3. Anse Etoile | 13. Mont Fleuri |
| 4. Au Cap | 14. Plaisance |
| 5. Baie Lazare | 15. St Louis |
| 6. Beau Vallon | |
| 7. Bel Air | |
| 8. Bel Ombre | |
| 9. Glacis | |
| 10. Grand Anse, Praslin | |

2020

Linyon Demokratik Seselwa

**20 Elected Districts
5 Proportional Seats**

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|-------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Anse Aux Pins | 11. Glacis |
| 2. Anse Boileau | 12. Grand Anse, Mahé |
| 3. Anse Etoile | 13. Grand Anse, Praslin |
| 4. Au Cap | 14. Les Mamelles |
| 5. Baie Lazare | 15. Mont Buxton |
| 6. Beau Vallon | 16. Mont Fleuri |
| 7. Bel Air | 17. Perseverance |
| 8. Bel Ombre | 18. Plaisance |
| 9. Cascade | 19. St Louis |
| 10. English River | 20. Takamaka |

The Public Service

It Must Mean ‘Service to People’

The Public Service is the critical arm of Government which implements the policies and programmes which enable Government to deliver on its plans and projects. Government will not be effective if the Public Service is not efficient. The critical mission of the Public Service is contained in its name: It serves the public.

Over the years, many units of the Public Service have become entrenched in bureaucracy, with procedures and practices that delay rather than speed up service. The Public Service must become pro-active and outward looking to meet people’s expectations.

The relationship to politics must be clear. Our Government has given its full commitment that no public servant will suffer discrimination because of political affiliation but the public servant must never allow politics to enter into his or her duties. Service must be delivered freely and fairly.

The LDS Government will pursue reforms in the Public Service to ensure that its mission is clear and that it is achieved. The public pays for services through the taxes that they pay. The people’s reasonable expectations for good service must be met.



1

Review of Rules and Guidelines

Regulations, procedures and practices will be reviewed to ensure that they deliver service promptly and fully. This will include review of the Code of Conduct for the Public Service. These must serve the objectives set out in the ‘Ease of Doing Business’ policy as well as for the convenience of private individuals and organisations.

2

Training: Setting Standards

Training is a fundamental element for a high standard of service. It must encompass attitudes and ethics as well as technical capacity. Government agencies will be required to operate a training plan that will equip all its workers to fulfill their assigned functions to the expected standard.

- To support the three traditional sectors of the Public Service - Education, Health and the Police - a special scholarship scheme will be established to fully fund advanced education to degree level for recruits in these areas who do not qualify under existing policy.
- Transformation of the Guy Morel Institute into a Public Service College will continue.

3

Meritocracy: For Fairness and Efficiency

Meritocracy is the basic measure for rewards and promotion in the Public Service. Merit must be assessed objectively with clear performance indicators. Our Government will adopt the mechanisms to establish uniform assessment in all branches of the Service.

4

Digitalisation: Technology for Better Service

Digitalisation is the precious tool that will enable speed and ease of service. The programme for digital transformation will be expanded and reinforced with adequate resources.

Law Enforcement

Keeping You Safe; Protecting Your Rights

A modern and fully professional Police Force is a priority for our vision of a society where citizens are assured of protection at all times and where the rule of law is a firm guarantee. This has to be supported by a professional Prison Service that ensures that justice is effectively served.

Our communities today face a threat from criminal and anti-social behaviour while nationally we are seeing an increased array of criminal activities facilitated by new technology and international communications. The menace of illegal drugs remains a destabilising factor for our whole nation.

Our Government will renew its commitment to law enforcement, reorganising the Force where necessary and bringing additional resources to reinforce existing areas of its mandate and take on challenges that continue to emerge.

1 Reinforcing Community Policing

Presence of the police in our communities is an essential deterrent to crime and also allows faster response to incidents. We will address the reorganization and availability of resources for this.

2 Putting Technology to Use

Our Police Force needs to stay abreast with technology. New tools are available which greatly add to the efficiency of the men and women who serve law enforcement in daily policing and to combat cybercrime.

3 Dealing with New Types of Crimes

Financial crimes, frauds and scams operated nationally and internationally have become a common threat to citizens. The police force must develop the capacity to deal with this and will be supported with additional resources to achieve it.

4 Ensuring Ethics and Standards

The Police Code of Conduct and other regulations and procedural guides will be reviewed to reflect new standards of professionalism and efficiency so that the rights of citizens are protected at all times and are not threatened by unprofessional conduct. Provision of technology will include body cams in special operations where police behaviour may be questioned.

5 Intensifying The War on Drugs

In July 2025, 1.3 tonnes of illegal drugs were destroyed after completion of legal proceedings. This represents an unprecedented achievement in combating drug trafficking and reflects the commitment of our Government in this area. The war on drugs will continue with new means and methods, in particular better surveillance and interception at sea and on land, monitoring proceeds of crime and dismantling sales networks.

6 Ensuring Justice to Victims - A Modern Prison Service

The pursuit of justice must ensure that criminals do not benefit from illegal activities but instead that victims receive reparation for what they suffer. We will strengthen our legal framework to bring restorative justice as a central principle in dealing with crime. A Modern Prison Service will incorporate work programmes for low-security inmates where earnings will enable them to meet their obligations to victims and to society.

A Vibrant Economy

For Prosperity And Development

Open. Strong. Fair. These are characteristics of our economy that will support what we want to achieve. It needs to provide for rising income and better living standards as well as meet infrastructure and capacity development.

Economic planning has to balance caution and ambition. We have to set far-reaching goals but avoid risks which may undo our efforts.

Progress will require the participation of all sectors of our society. Our Government will engage in consultation to mobilise all possible efforts for economic activity with responsibility.

Our success will depend on the achievement of many distinct but connected objectives.

1 Strong and Sustainable Growth

We will ensure economic growth by reinforcing all productive sectors (tourism, agriculture, fisheries, finance, industry) while promoting new areas for expansion and diversification. We will apply tax incentives and direct financial support to promote value adding activities in areas with potential.

2 Reserves: Protection from Shocks

Guarding against shocks and threats is a constant objective. We will boost national reserves to safeguard against unfavourable circumstances while also reducing external debt to permit borrowing in case of need.

3 Access to Land and Loans

Improving access to land and finance for businesses is a vital condition for growth. The policies of organisations under Government responsibility such as the Ministry for Land and the Development Bank of Seychelles will be directed to serve this objective. A new reclamation project adjacent to the Providence Industrial Estate will be implemented to meet existing and emerging needs.

4 New Technology

Digital transformation and new technology can underpin a new wave of development. Digital services is a sector for growth in itself while also supporting established and new industries. Resources will be deployed for the training and re-skilling of the workforce.

5 Zero Bureaucracy

Reviewing legislation and streamlining procedures and delivering on Public Service Reform and the Zero Bureaucracy initiative will enable us to improve our Ease of Doing Business.

6 Private Sector Participation

Our Government will strengthen engagement with the private sector through the Joint Economic Forum to foster collaboration in development initiatives. Public Private Partnership will leverage private sector involvement, expertise, innovation and efficiency. It will be a vital means to accelerate project implementation, reduce financial demands and deliver on housing and infrastructure.

Vital Contributions to Progress

Economic growth requires the contribution of all our industries and viable activities to achieve the goals of generating income while reducing imports and promoting self-sufficiency, In many areas we have to continue with the policies and programs adopted in our first mandate while taking up new initiatives to advance our goals.

Tourism: Sustaining Our Primary Industry

To preserve our natural environment, we cannot pursue increasing visitor numbers as the only path for growth. Instead we will focus on increasing yield through existing activities and new initiatives to offer to visitors.

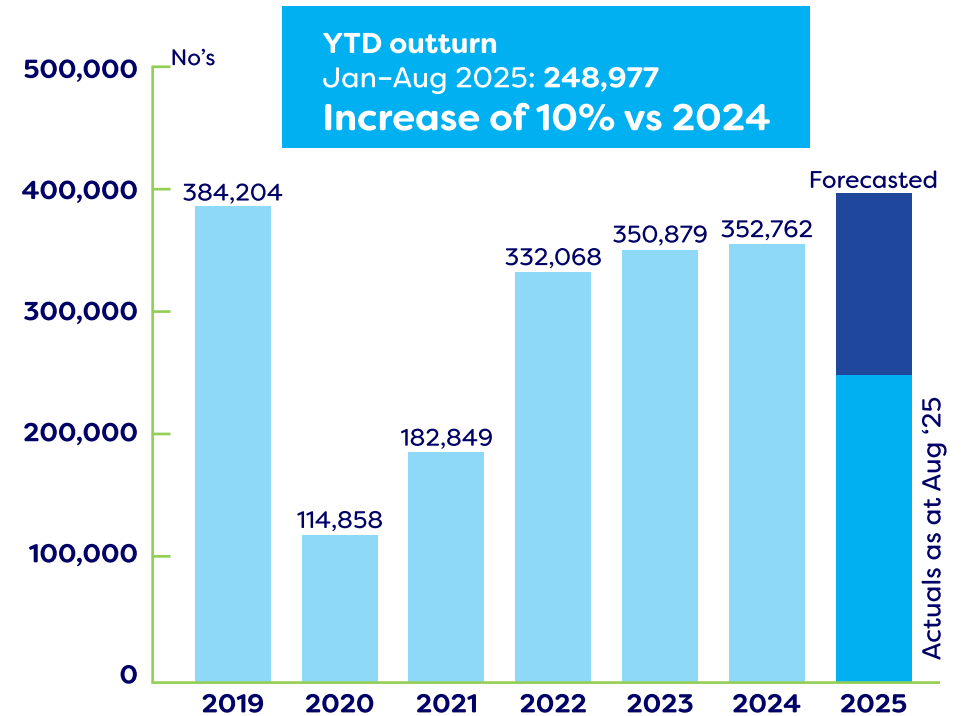
1 Diversifying and Strengthening Emerging Markets

To protect against disruptions in our traditional markets, we will enhance development of new markets with improved air connectivity and promotional campaigns.

2 Increasing Tourism Yield

We will promote projects related to our natural environment and to culture which will offer products and activities for visitors. This strategy will allow Seychellois to enter into viable enterprises with minimal investment.

Tourism Arrivals 2019-2025



3 Enhancing Quality of the Seychelles Experience

To ensure that we maintain Seychelles as a top tourism destination, we will address issues that have a negative impact such as beach security and ensure a hospitable environment for our visitors.

4 Improving Incentives

A review of the Service Charge Scheme will be conducted to further encourage workers in the Hospitality Industry.

Vital Contributions to Progress

Fisheries: A Vital Part of National Development

As the second largest sector of our economy, our fisheries industry remains a vital component of national development. It is already a vibrant sector with both traditional and new enterprises that provide jobs, support many economic activities, and make a critical contribution to food sufficiency and foreign exchange earnings. Although we need to remain concerned about the sustainability of our marine resources, this sector has valuable potential for growth.

1 Realising the Potential of Aquaculture

Our Government has worked to move aquaculture towards commercial reality. We will carefully nurture this activity to achieve its potential while we remain committed to preserving our marine environment and sustainability of our resources.

2 Adding Value. Minimising Waste. Increasing Exports

We must generate more value from sustainable fishing. We will support transformation and processing to realise premium products with high export value while minimizing waste through transformation of by-catch into commercially viable products.

3 Better Security for Artisanal Fishers

We will advance measures to empower artisanal fishers who are essential contributors to our food security by supporting access to finance, upgrading of equipment, insurance and pensions schemes, and marketing facilities.

Agriculture: Self-Sufficiency With Modernisation

Our targets of improving food sustainability remain vital for our future. We will assist the existing base of agricultural production, with subsidies and technical support so that our farming sector thrives, for the prosperity of farmers and for their contribution to national development.

The future of agricultural production lies in the use of new technology which allows increased production on small land areas. We will assist new ventures in this area and ensure that young people have appropriate training for it.

1 Supporting New Investment

Our Government will actively promote new investment in various areas of food production such as hi-tech farming where we can make a significant contribution to self-sufficiency and import reduction. We will reach out to existing producers as well as promote new ventures in areas such as meat production.

2 Niche Products with Seychelles Identity

We will encourage and help niche products such as honey, vanilla and cinnamon, with regulatory protection and incentives to promote value addition in these sectors.

3 Reform of School of Agriculture

A reform of the curriculum will be done to incorporate modern high-tech farming to attract more youth into this sector.

A Portrait of Major Achievements

2020-2025

The first mandate of the LDS in Government has been a time of achievement which serves as a foundation for the targets we have set in this Manifesto. Together with the support of the people of Seychelles we will reach new heights in all areas of government and development.



1 Dealing with the Covid-19 Pandemic

- Brave and speedy decisions allowed vaccination and re-opening of our economy – among the first in the world.

2 Rebuilding Cascade after the 7th December 2023 Explosion

- Over 400 homes re-built or repaired at a cost of over SCR83M and many businesses assisted.



Before



After

3 Economic Resurgence

From the strains of Covid-19 in 2020, the economy has rebounded strongly:

- Continuous positive GDP growth from -11% in 2020 to a +4.3% forecast for 2025.
- Strong growth in the country's external reserves from USD559M in 2020 to a current position of USD860M, an increase of USD301M.
- An improvement in our exchange rate where the SCR/USD has moved from a peak of SCR22.00 in 2020 to below SCR15.00 in 2025.
- Inflation has been reduced from a peak in 2021 averaging 9.8% to 0.6% in July 2025.
- Unemployment rate has decreased from 4.2% in 2020 to 2.6% in 2024.



4 Combating the Scourge of Drugs

- Over 5 tonnes of illegal drugs seized and destroyed. Maritime drug routes have been severely hampered along with significant successes against local trafficking networks.
- Rehabilitation efforts have started. Our Government has contributed in the setting-up of the 'Ferme de L'Espoir' facility, a project launched by the Roman Catholic Church.

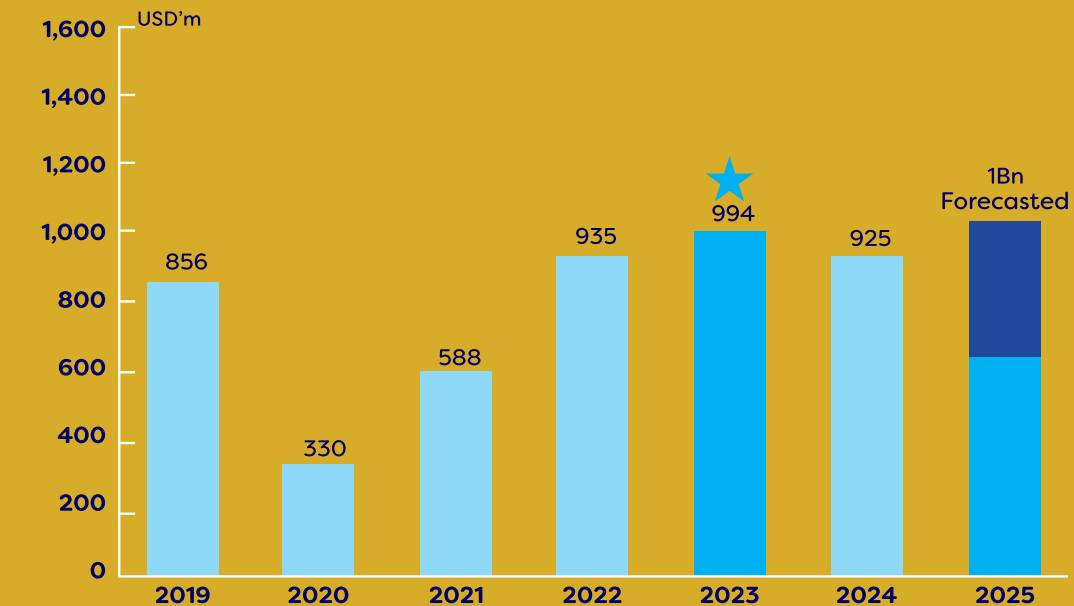
5 Improving Salaries and Benefits

- Achieving a 17% increase in basic salary for public sector workers, leading to comparable increases nation-wide.
- A wide range of social welfare benefits have seen an average increase of 32% which in some cases had not been changed for over 10 years. This included allowances for children, students and the disabled.

6 Boosting Tourism

- Due to effective measures implemented by the Government, the tourism revenue continuously improved post-Covid-19. Tourism earnings climbed from just USD330M in 2020 to USD925M in 2024, an impressive increase of around 180%.

Tourism Earnings 2019-2025



7 Saving Air Seychelles

- The LDS Government rescued Air Seychelles from bankruptcy in 2021. It had owed USD70M to Etihad Airline and USD84M to the Bondholders, totalling USD154M.

8 Holding Down the Cost of Living

- Inflation rate over the past year has been 0.53%, among the lowest in the world.
- Major reform of STC and a new state-of-the-art Cold Storage Warehouse has ensured availability of goods while keeping costs down.



9 Pioneering a Modern Border Control System

- We are among the first countries to introduce electronic entry control before arrival, making travel easier for visitors and citizens.



10 Renovating Sports Infrastructure

- All our national sports infrastructure has seen major renovation and upgrade, at a cost of over SCR90M. This has included the Unity Stadium the Palais des Sports and other venues. We inaugurated the new Paradise Beach Soccer Arena.

11 Showcasing Sporting Events

- The FIFA Beach Soccer World Cup, the first international event of its kind on our soil, has been recognised as a great achievement.
- The CJSOI games were successfully organised and our young sportsmen and sportswomen won a record number of medals.



12 Facilities for Fisheries

- Markets, gear stores and other facilities in many communities have benefitted fishermen and consumers.

13 New Health Infrastructure

- The new St. Mary's Hospital on La Digue, with world standard facilities, and the Baie Lazare Clinic were both milestone achievements



14 Meeting Housing Needs

With over 300 housing units delivered and several projects being completed we are making major progress in meeting housing needs.

- **From 2021 to date:** 396 Units Completed
- **Ongoing Projects:** 366 Units



15 Facilities on Inner Islands

- The new Ero Passenger Terminal on Praslin and the construction of a new Quay on La Digue have greatly improved transit on our two secondary islands.
- We are also implementing a sewerage project to the value of SCR300M for the benefit of over 80% of the residents on La Digue.

16 Better Roads

- The West Coast Road projects costing in excess of SCR350M has transformed the south and west areas of Mahé. Other improvements nationwide have included lights, bus-stops, lay-bys and crash barriers and also several new secondary roads.

17 Protecting Our Environment

- Several coastal and hillside erosion prevention projects have been completed or are underway on our three main islands.



18 Preserving Our Cultural Heritage

- Our National Library and the Carnegie Natural History Museum are among cultural sites that have been restored after years of neglect.

19 Opening of Vocational Training Centre

- Completed a full renovation of the Vocational Training Centre for the disabled at North East Point.

20 Scholarships Awarded

- Over 1,200 Scholarships awarded to students to further their studies locally and abroad.

Vital Contributions to Progress

Manufacturing: Realising the Potential of ‘Seychelles Made’

Although we are limited by size and scarce resources, there is scope for expansion of manufacturing in selective sectors. We have seen some success with products incorporating local ingredients in combination with imported materials. The Government will invest in incentives to packaging and branding that will elevate the standard of locally manufactured products.

1 Making Land Available

A new land reclamation project adjacent to the Providence Industrial Estate will provide land for manufacturing and services which will advance self-sufficiency and export sales. Our Government will also invest directly in providing support facilities such as warehousing and storage.



Financial and Professional Services: Making Seychelles An International Hub

Seychelles enjoys an advantage in natural environment, climate and social environment which can be used to nurture growth in financial and professional services. Our geographical position between East and West time zones, good living conditions and young workforce are significant advantages that we can use to attract business in selected areas.

2 Providing Modern Facilities

Our Government will assist this sector by ensuring the facilities required for space and communications.

3 Focusing on Niche Markets

Our Government will put in place the legislative and regulatory framework to ensure that Seychelles can become the hub for niche financial services products. We will actively support young professionals in this area.

Achieving Higher Income and Living Standards for Everyone

Our manifesto is focused on implementing policies and projects that make Seychelles stronger and more beautiful. This will ensure that our people have a better environment to work and live in. We will provide facilities and services that impact directly on our well being.

Our infrastructure programme, from major national developments to community projects, will enable economic growth that will provide jobs and business opportunities while our goal to improve service delivery will help citizens to conduct business and personal affairs.

But improving lives also depends on increased earnings to allow everyone to meet personal and family requirements. We are conscious that everyone must have a share in the prosperity that we achieve. Our Government will remain committed to increasing personal income to realise this.

1 Increasing Salaries in the Public and Private Sector

We will continue to review public sector salaries in line with economic growth and national financial resources. This will also serve as the benchmark to promote private sector increases as well as social security and welfare benefits.



2 Tax Refunds for Essential Expenses

Our Government will introduce personal income declaration to allow claims for tax refunds on education, medical and insurance expenses. We need to recognise that such expenses support the goals of national development and alleviate the demand on public expenditure.

3 Expanding Opportunities for Self-Employment & Start-Up Enterprises

The Ministry responsible for business development will continue to deliver on a programme to provide facilities for local production and provision of services. The Government will increase investment in finance schemes, to attract more opportunities in the economy, to generate more wealth and reduce the informal sector.

4 Managing Inflation

Inflation is a constant threat to living standards and can undo the benefit of any increase in salaries and benefits. We will therefore take every measure to limit its impact. We will maintain prudent policies to maintain stability of the rupee and ensure import and marketing practices that will reduce costs to consumers.

Making Seychelles More Beautiful

Given the fragility of our natural environment, we have taken stock of how valuable it is for us and of the threats brought on by our own activities and global trends. As of small island states.

The strategies for preservation or enhancement of a safe and healthy environment have been defined but a broader range of action is needed. We must also continue to lead in international efforts to raise awareness and apply solutions across the globe. We will continue to be a champion in this field on the international stage, especially in the ranks of small island states.

1 Environmental Consideration in all Development

We will continue to monitor the threats we face and build in mitigation and prevention measures in all aspects of planning and physical development. Our development strategies will pay careful attention to environmental impact at all levels of implementation of projects.

2 Protection of Our Scarce Land

Rising sea levels, stronger wave action, and coastal erosion are severely damaging the country's coastal road network, which is critical for mobility, commerce, and tourism. Twenty-seven high-risk sites on Mahé, Praslin, and La Digue face imminent collapse, threatening essential services, community connectivity, and disaster response. To address this, a combination of engineered defenses and nature-based solutions has been proposed at an estimated cost of SCR525M. Hard interventions include sea walls, rock armoring, timber and sheet piling, and submerged breakwaters, while nature-based approaches involve beach nourishment, dune stabilisation, and restoration of mangroves and coral reefs.



3 Protecting Native Species

We shall enforce programmes for the eradication of invasive species to enhance roadside and beachfront appearance.

4 Incentives for Clean Energy

Initiatives to transform our energy sources to cleaner options will continue to be supported with subsidies and tax incentives where possible. Renewable energy will be a priority as we meet increased demand. We will upgrade the contribution of green energy in our power grid and will also bring better facilitation for photovoltaic installation in homes and buildings. We will pursue cleaner energy options for transportation.

5 Doing Better with Waste

We will do better with limiting waste by applying workable policies regarding importation, using regulations or tax incentives in respect of product quality and packaging. Our recycling programme will continue with research and implementation of available options.

Infrastructure

The Bedrock of Progress

Infrastructure is the catalyst for economic growth and for social development. It provides new opportunities for business, for people to work productively and to lead purposeful lives in better conditions. Our Government will put in place an infrastructure program that underpins our goals in several areas.



1 A New Hospital: Addressing Today's Priorities

Health care needs are among the first priorities for Seychellois today. To provide for the well-being of our citizens well into the future we need to have modern facilities that address a multiplicity of needs. Our Government will pursue the creation of a state-of-the-art hospital with the participation of citizens and the private sector.

2

A Modern Airport: Making Travel Better for Visitors and Citizens

To ensure the competitiveness of our main industry, tourism, we need facilities that are of the highest standards. This starts with Airport services. For Seychellois too, travel is a part of the life we want to have. Planning has started for a modern airport and the project will be a priority for the coming mandate.

3

Expansion and Modernisation of our Seaport

Trade and commerce are vital activities for a modern nation and especially an island community. Our seaport makes an important contribution to our tourism industry as well as accommodating trade and commerce. Already, the existing facility is unable to cope adequately with demand. New development is vital to take us into the future. Expansion and upgrading of Port Victoria will include lengthening of the quay and strengthening its surface to accommodate more vessels and traffic.

4

Roads and Land Transport

The improvement of our road network will continue to be a major goal, necessary to relieve existing congestion that imposes a major obstacle to production and comfort. New plans for expanding capacity around Victoria as well as in secondary routes will be of major benefit to economic and personal life.

5

Land Reclamation

Future development is dependent on the availability of land. With existing needs already outstretching demand and posing a threat to our natural environment, reclamation is the solution we have to pursue. Planned projects will provide for business activity, infrastructure, habitat and leisure. It will also provide a stockpile of sand for construction needs.

Education

The Key To A Better Future For All

Our Government has continued to make Education a top priority, increasing budget allocation to keep this area among the largest in its share of public funding. This underscores our commitment to preparing our young people to meet the manpower needs of the future and to contribute to a strong society.

To achieve our goals for a better country, we have to improve the way in which we deliver education. Reforms will aim to make curriculum and learning programs more suited to the capabilities of learners, with early options for academic and vocational education. Tailoring education to suit the young learner makes education relevant.

1 **Preparing a Workforce & Citizens for The Future**

The Ministry of Education will review the organisation of educational institutions and content of programs to reflect modern needs. The necessity of basic skills in literacy and numeracy are the foundation for a relevant education but we will need to achieve a high level of digital skills, financial literacy and technical capability in the various areas including the requirements for education, health and the private sector. This will be informed by a comprehensive manpower planning exercise to ensure immediate integration of students into the workforce.

2 **Better Results at IGCSE and A Levels**

Internationally recognised results are the benchmark for educational achievements and they continue to be an objective standard. We aim to achieve a 60% rate in the number of students taking IGCSE and a 60% success rate at credit level as our standards.



3 **Digital Tools: Empowering Learners**

Digital programs provide an increasing array of interactive content that can complement in-person teaching and allow learners to make progress on their own. They can instill lifelong learning habits and skills. We will provide the resources to acquire relevant digital content for our schools and invest in training for teachers to manage digital programs.

4 **Improving Conditions for Teachers**

Education is one area where remuneration and benefits need to be upgraded for the profession to be attractive to Seychellois. We aim to replace foreign teachers gradually over the coming five years. We will continue to offer better conditions to recognise service of teachers in the profession today and to attract newly trained professionals.

5 **Caring for Special Needs: Ensuring Equal Opportunity**

Children with special needs are entitled to equal opportunity and we will ensure facilities and programs are available for children with special conditions.

A Healthy Nation

Responsibility. Modernisation. Efficient Services

Good health is the most precious asset for a person. So it is for the nation. It is the prerequisite for the country to realise its full potential, allowing productive and purposeful lives which lead to prosperity and well-being.

Our Government will continue its commitment to promoting good health and providing a modern health care system to cover physical and mental well-being.

At the same time, health is an area which requires the engagement of all sectors of society, not only to look after ourselves but also to protect and promote the health of others. Achieving a national commitment for health will be a key policy.

1 **Preventive Care: The Right Start with a Healthy Lifestyle**

The saying that prevention is better than cure is a fact. Promoting the right lifestyle from a young age will be an integral part of the health program and therefore the Ministry of Health will adopt a strong campaign of education, engaging with schools, parents and the public at large. The campaign to counter substance abuse and obesity will continue. Other Ministries, particularly Education, Youth and Sports, will collaborate where possible to include health promotion in their mandate.

2

Service to Patients: A More Caring Health Service

Our health care system must meet the reasonable expectations of our people. Procedures and practices for appointments, consultations and treatment will be reviewed to set specific delivery standards with improvements implemented where necessary. Ensuring that specialist appointments are fulfilled within one month will be a key yardstick. Procedures for overseas treatment will be monitored to safeguard its benefits and optimize the value of treatment that can be afforded. Digitilisation of information across the health care system will be a key tool in improving service.

3

Preparedness for the Next Epidemic

Our Government will ensure that we have in place the planning and preparations to face any unforeseen developments which may pose new threats to public health.

4

Enhancing Training and Benefits

Recognising the need to retain trained staff and the fact that health care is a vocation that demands hard work and dedication, improving conditions for health care workers must continue to be a priority.

5

Building and Renovation: Keeping Infrastructure Up To The Best

The new Seychelles Hospital is planned to bring a high standard of modern facilities to our health system, providing in-country options for the majority of health problems that we face today. It carries the ambition of seeing Seychelles through the next 100 years. Our Government will intensify the mobilisation of resources with participation of the public to realise this project. Meanwhile community and regional projects such as the new Anse Aux Pins Health Centre will continue as well as renovation of existing facilities nationwide.

Meeting Housing Needs

Making Dreams Come True For Families

Housing will continue to be a major priority for our Government. We have made progress but demand continues to grow at the same time as we correct the deficiencies of the past and upgrade standards generally.



1

Expanding All Housing Schemes

Our program for housing will continue to receive all available resources, with further advance on the range of solutions we are providing. All existing land bank and housing development models and repair schemes will be expanded as resources are available. Attention will be given to enhancing the value of housing estates with parking and recreational space for families.

The Government plans to build up to 1,500 units by 2030.

2

Facilitating Public Private Partnership

The plan to establish a scheme in collaboration with the private sector has made a start. We will continue to promote this scheme which can make a significant contribution in accelerating the delivery of housing on the market.

3

Better Management of Housing Estates

We will implement policies to ensure housing estates are free of anti-social behaviour and illegal activities so that occupants can enjoy their homes freely. All agencies, especially the police and Social Services, will be tasked to assist and we will mobilise the collaboration of residents for the purpose. We will implement the condominium management structure which will place primary responsibility for the estates on their residents.

Better Communities

Safety. Facilities. Social Life

The quality of life of our people is reflected in the conditions in their communities. Our goal will be to invest a minimum SCR250M in small district projects to develop infrastructure, facilities and provide services.

1 Infrastructure to Enhance Communities

An increasing range of infrastructure and facilities will be provided to ensure safety and comfort in our communities. These will include street lights, security cameras, pavement and road improvements, sports venues and social activity centres.

2 Investment in Commercial Space

Wherever possible, land for commercial development within communities will be made available to encourage services and employment. Tourism related activities in agriculture, arts and crafts, and culture will be promoted.

3 Cleanliness and Beautification

Community leadership though the Ministry of Local Government will engage with residents to keep the communities clean and to promote beautification efforts. District organisations such as schools will be encouraged to participate as much as possible.



Opportunities For The Young

Securing Your Future: Training, Careers and More

Our young people are the future of our country. Investing in them is not only to provide for their own future but also to ensure the sustainability of what we are doing today for the whole nation. Youth is a central consideration in many parts of this Manifesto. But we also have to tailor our development policies and implement programs with their aspirations in mind.



1

Lifelong Learning and Self Development

Our goal to improve access to digital information and learning will empower youth to pursue knowledge and skills adapted to their own interests and enable them to maintain learning practices throughout their lives. The digital world can open a new dimension much beyond the traditional. It will also bring new opportunities for work and careers as well as for creativity. We will support access to digital education by expanding connectivity and keeping rates low as well as facilitating availability of hardware.

2

Protecting Youth at Risk

To safeguard against the loss of our precious workforce and talent, we will expand programs to protect young people from substance abuse and harmful trends. Our new Youth Hope Centre will enable us to redirect young people at risk in our educational institutions.

3

Opening New Areas for Jobs & Careers

Our youth are best placed to take up new activities essential for our development, in particular in protection of our environment, technology and creative fields. We will bring special emphasis to opportunities in these areas.

4

Meeting Aspirations for Homes & Families

Our policies for access to homes will cater for young people so that they can have access to finance and building assistance. Support for young families in child-minding and daycare facilities will be increased.

Sports For All

Forming Champions In Life; Bringing The Nation Together

Sports plays an invaluable role in personal health and well-being, in community solidarity and national unity. We know that sports is the principal means to counter harmful habits such as drug use and we have seen how sporting events bring the nation together. These are more than enough reasons for sports to have a high priority in our development goals.

1

Making Sports and Exercise An Everyday Interest

We will promote sports in schools and in the community to help young people to make it a lifetime habit. This will require improving and adding facilities at district and regional level. We have invested SCR200M in upgrading sports facilities. We will spend another SCR200M in the next five years. We will have a new regional sports centre in South Mahé and better provide for facilities on Praslin which will also serve La Digue.

2

Making Our Mark in the Region and Internationally

We are conscious that we can achieve much more in competitive sports in the region and on the world stage. We will devote the necessary investment to realise this.

- Our national sports venues and facilities will be upgraded to high standards to cater for regional and international events.
- The National Sports Council will engage with sports federations and associations to better facilitate management to achieve excellence in their areas.
- We will have better preparation for our athletes taking part in regional and international sporting events.

3

Promoting International Events and Sports Tourism

To increase visibility and encourage higher standards, we will work with sports organisations to increase the number of regional and international events we hold. We will also formulate policy to attract sports tourism in fields such as beach soccer and water sports where we have an advantage.



Land Transport

Moving Around More Easily on Our Islands

Seychelles has become a nation with a high percentage of car owners and almost all our population use road transport for work and access to services. Roads are therefore a vital part of national infrastructure.

Our Government has made major improvements to our road networks, with East Coast highway improvements and the West Coast project which have transformed some of our districts.

Very limited land is available for road construction. Our Government will make road construction an essential part of development with enlargement and improvements of networks.

Our Government will explore alternative means of transport to alleviate traffic congestion.

1

New Roads Along the Victoria Waterfront

New development of Victoria will include bypass roads which will enable better flow of traffic while we also improve access into central Victoria with better use of existing routes and parking facilities.



2

Improving Road Networks

A comprehensive programme of improvements on main and secondary roads on all our main islands will provide pavements, lights, crash barriers, bus shelters and bin sites of higher standard to facilitate vehicle users as well as pedestrians. We will make our roads safer and more comfortable for our citizens and visitors. Routes which are presently prone to traffic congestion at peak hours will be improved with enlargement and better management of traffic.

Arts and Culture

Enjoying Our Way of Life; Strengthening National Identity

Arts and Culture play an immense part in the quality of life which our people can enjoy. They sustain our national identity while also keeping us connected with the world. Thus, they are the expression of our shared humanity while also being sources of emotional and spiritual enrichment.

Our Government has been committed to supporting arts and culture over the past five years and this will continue in the future. Activities in this area will be a central part of national life through inclusion in ceremonial events but also nurtured as the occupation of a significant number of our people who have this field as their vocation.

We have also become more aware of the economic contribution that arts and culture can make while it enriches the lives of people over and above any commercial potential.

1

Expanding Opportunities in Training and Participation

Resources for young people to engage in education and training in the form of art of their choice will be expanded, as well as opportunities to practice their vocation. We will nurture creative talent through financial support and inclusion in national events. We will reinforce measures to better protect Seychellois artistes in entertainment by more vigilant control on employment of foreign entertainers.

2

Maximising the Potential of Cultural Tourism

The Government ministries and enterprises concerned will expand the promotion of cultural tourism as a viable aspect of what we can offer to visitors. We will guide and support activities in this area. We will advance long awaited projects for a National Art Gallery, a Marine Museum and a centre featuring Aldabra (Aldabra House).

3

Restoring Cultural Properties

We have begun to reverse the neglect and decline of our cultural properties. The renovation of our National Library early in our mandate was a milestone achievement and the rapid restoration of the Morne Blanc Visitor Centre after it was destroyed by arson further showed our resolve in this area. We will allocate necessary resources towards other cultural sites such as the Creole Institute to allow them to make valuable contributions to artistic and cultural endeavours.



A Harmonious Society

Security. Respect. Common Purpose

The strength of our nation will rest not only on our economic prosperity but also the kind of society we can foster. It is only a harmonious society based on respect and engaged in common purpose which will ensure the quality of life that we want for our people.

Government has a role to play to ensure that laws and regulations based on shared values are applied and that no one is left behind or marginalised. Assuring equal opportunity and social protection are vital functions which our Government will honour. Our first mandate laid the basis for responsibility and the engagement of each person in assuring the welfare of his or her family. It is a principle that we will pursue while we bring solutions to the challenges that we face in shaping the society that we want.

1 Intensifying the War on Drugs

Drug use and addiction remain our most pressing social challenge. We cannot stop at what we have achieved. We must renew the engagement of our law enforcement and security forces to limit the entry of dangerous drugs and to break trafficking networks.

Our rehabilitation programmes will be enhanced with new facilities as we partner with religious and social organisations to achieve a greater level of success in this area.



2 Education and Assistance in Combating Social ills

Our Government recognises that a strong family unit forms the basis of a peaceful and stable society. The Government entities principally concerned with Education, Health, Social Services, Youth and Family, will pursue closer collaboration and stronger actions to counter teenage pregnancy, domestic violence and anti-social behaviour. We will continue to seek the participation of all sectors of society in this effort.

3 Supporting Vulnerable Individuals and Groups

Welfare assistance and other support mechanisms for the elderly, for families and for the vulnerable will be increased at the same time as any income adjustment measures for workers. We will further streamline procedures to eliminate obstacles or delay in processing eligible assistance. This will also apply to available schemes such as part rental assistance for lower income earners.

4 Recreational and Social Activities in the Community

Support for sports, volunteerism, artistic and cultural activities will be encouraged and supported through the appropriate government entities to build strong values amongst the community, especially the youth.

NO TURNING BACK!

We are now writing a new chapter in the history of our country. It is one of great promise founded on good governance, with brave, honest and decisive leadership.

We have turned away from the authoritarian and corrupt practices of the past. We will safeguard freedom and democracy so that we never return to that past.

Our commitment to good governance will continue to achieve the highest standards and to rank among the best in the world.

We will remain committed to National Unity, working to bridge political divides from our past political history by extending the offer of dialogue and seeking common understanding with other political parties. We will enhance consultation with the public and interest groups to build consensus on issues of national concern.

Our Government has set an example of zero corruption. We will hold ourselves to the highest standards of transparency and accountability. We will meet resolutely any need to reinforce our legal framework, administrative procedures and ethics to ensure integrity in Government and in public affairs.

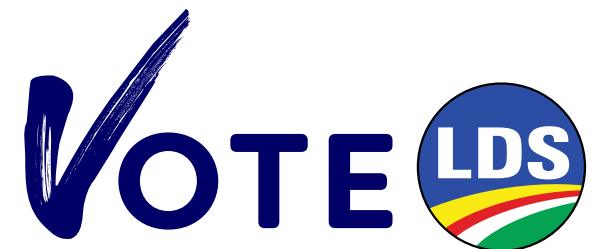
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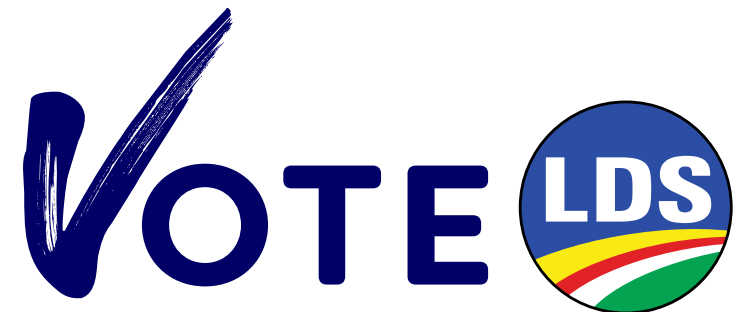
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