



REPUBLIC OF MAURITIUS

Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade

WORLD HUMANITARIAN DAY 2025

**Message of Honourable Dhananjay RAMFUL, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Regional
Integration and International Trade.**

1. The World Humanitarian Day is observed every year on the 19th of August to remember and call for protecting and upholding the dignity of people affected by crises.
2. This day also serves as a testimony of the courage and unwavering commitment of humanitarian workers who in the face of adversity and danger provide help and life-saving assistance to people in need and distress.
3. The United Nations is relaunching the theme of 2024, #ActForHumanity, for this year's commemoration with sharper urgency, demanding protection, accountability, and action. There is need to "*protect humanitarian workers and the civilians they serve, uphold international humanitarian law, and fund the lifelines we claim to support*". There is the "*call to rally public pressure on those in power to uphold the laws that safeguard humanity, and to protect civilians and humanitarian workers in conflict zones. Aid workers keep going into danger, through checkpoints, under fire. They show up. So must we*".
4. Over the past years, the world has been affected by a record number of armed conflicts claiming the lives of countless civilians and aid workers. This is in total breach of humanitarian laws and violations of these laws must end with security of humanitarian workers and civilians safeguarded.

5. The Government remains at the forefront in its fight to address the impacts of climate-related natural disasters such as cyclones, flash floods and droughts and provides adequate assistance in terms of shelters and financial allowance to victims.
6. The Government also remains at the disposal of all Mauritian nationals who are abroad and find themselves in distress following climate related incidents such as tsunami alerts and earthquakes by providing consular assistance.
7. To mark the World Humanitarian Day 2025, an awareness raising campaign will be organised by the Human Rights Division of my Ministry, for officers of the Mauritius Police Force, Mauritius Prison Service, Mauritius Fire and Rescue Service and National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council, to equip themselves with the right tools to assist victims during emergencies.
8. A Blood Donation Programme in collaboration with National Blood Transfusion Service will also be organised at Mahébourg Social Welfare Centre. I call for each and every one from every local community to show solidarity in this noble cause for donating blood and help saving lives.
9. I invite you all to take a stand in strengthening and empowering everyone within the local community to build a resilient society by upholding values of humanity and kindness.



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