

SOCIAL SECURITY STATISTICS

2008 – 2012

1. INTRODUCTION

This issue of the 'Economic and Social Indicators' presents statistics on the main social security benefits provided by the Ministry of Social Security, National Solidarity and Reform Institutions for the period July 2007 to December 2012. Social Security benefits are classified as:

- ❖ Non-contributory benefits financed by government and are payable to every Mauritian citizen under certain conditions and
- ❖ Contributory benefits are payable only to, or on behalf of, those persons who have contributed to the National Pensions Fund (NPF)

Social Security Statistics are reported on a calendar (January to December) year basis instead of the financial (July to June) year basis as from year 2010. This follows Government decision taken in July 2008 to change reporting period of Government account from year ending 30th June to year ending 31st December.

Thus for 2012 the number of beneficiaries relates to December 2012 while the amount paid refers to calendar year, January to December 2012. Figures for 2012 are also subject to revision in future issues as additional information becomes available.

Detailed explanatory notes on the different benefits are given at section 10.

2. HIGHLIGHTS – REPUBLIC OF MAURITIUS

- a. Expenditure on **Social Security and Welfare** amounted to Rs. 21,715 million in 2011, representing 27.3% of total government expenditure and 6.7% of the Gross Domestic Products (GDP).
- b. At end 2012, the number of beneficiaries of **Basic Retirement Pension** increased by 5.4% compared to end 2011 to reach 169,847 and the cost to Government increased by 11.3% to reach Rs. 7,981 million during year 2012.
- c. There were 21,000 **Basic Widow's Pensioners** at end 2012 compared to 21,503 one year ago, showing a decrease of 2.3%. However, due to increases in the rates payable, the amount disbursed increased by 4.5% to reach Rs. 934 million during year 2012.
- d. The number of **Basic Invalid's Pensioners** at end 2012 was 30,564, i.e., an increase of 13.5% over 2011. The total amount disbursed in 2012 rose by 7.2% to reach Rs. 1,431 million.
- e. At end 2012, the number of beneficiaries of **Basic Orphan's Pension** stood at 371 compared to 368 at end 2011 and expenditure increased to Rs. 24.7 million from Rs 24.3 million in 2011.
- f. **Social Aid** benefits were paid to 20,855 families as at December 2012, i.e., an increase of 3.3% over 2011. Amount paid registered a 6.6% increase to reach Rs. 702 million in 2012.
- g. A **forty years' projection** indicates that Basic Retirement Pensioners would more than double to reach around 368,000 in 2052 from 169,847 in 2012 and the amount disbursed is expected to increase from Rs. 8.0 billion to Rs. 18.1 billion.

3. EXPENDITURE ON SOCIAL SECURITY AND WELFARE – (TABLE 1)

Overall expenditure exceeds Rs 21 billion in 2011

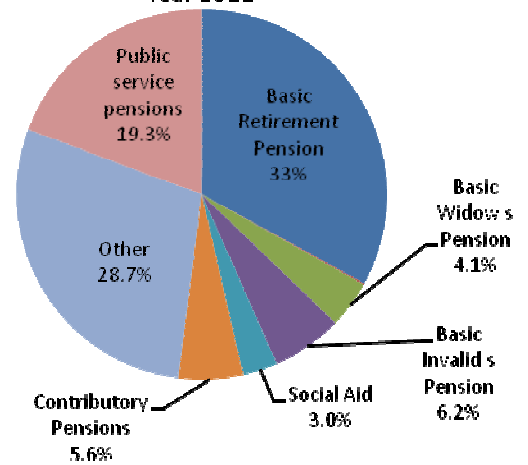
Government expenditure on Social Security and Welfare consists of expenditure and transfers made by government for the social welfare of the community, in line with the recommendations of the Government Finance Statistics Manual 2001 of the International Monetary Fund. It covers all expenses made by the Ministry of Social Security, National Solidarity & Reform Institutions and the Ministry of Gender Equality, Child Development & Family Welfare together with components of social

welfare of all government organizations as well as Local Government.

Expenditure on Social Security and Welfare increased by 5.3% from Rs. 20,614 million in 2010 to Rs. 21,715 million in 2011. In 2011, it represents 27.3% of total government expenditure and 6.7% of the Gross Domestic Products (GDP).

The main components were the Basic Retirement Pension with a share of 33%, followed by Public Service Pensions, 19.3 %.

Figure 1 - Components of government expenditure on social security and welfare, Year 2011



4. NON-CONTRIBUTORY BENEFITS

These benefits include:

- ❖ Basic pensions which cater for the elderly, the invalids, the widows and the orphans irrespective of their economic status;
- ❖ Allowances such as Social Aid, Food Aid, Unemployment Hardship Relief and Funeral Grant which are payable to the low-income group of the population; and
- ❖ Inmates allowance and indoor relief payable to, or on behalf of, those Mauritian residing in government-subsidized institutions such as old-people homes, infirmaries and orphanages.

The pension rates payable for non-contributory benefits are given at table 11.

4.1 BASIC PENSIONS

4.1.1 Basic Retirement Pension – BRP (Table 2.1)

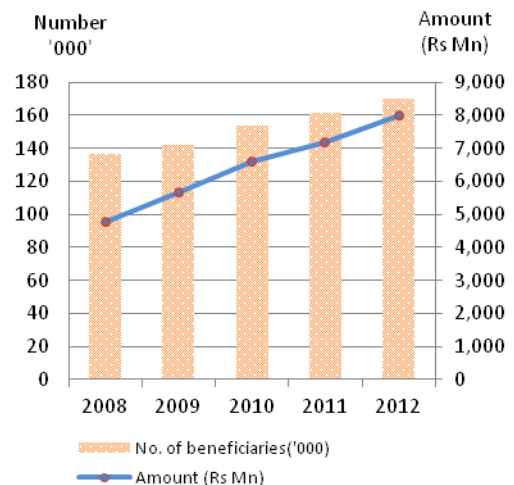
An average increase of 7,300 beneficiaries every year

Basic Retirement Pension, also known as old-age pension, is payable to every Mauritian citizen aged 60 years and above, subject to certain residency conditions.

The number of old-age pensioners, which stood at 161,219 as at end 2011 increased by 5.4% to reach 169,847 as at end 2012. The old-age pension cost government Rs. 7,980.9 million during 2012 representing an increase of 11.3% over 2011.

A forty years' projection indicates that Basic Retirement Pensioners would more than double to reach around 368,000 in 2052 and the amount disbursed is expected to increase to Rs. 18.1 billion.

Figure 2 - BRP beneficiaries and amount paid, Republic of Mauritius, 2008 - 2012



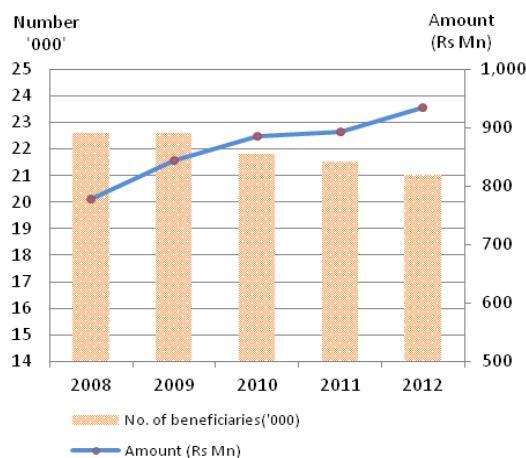
4.1.2 Basic Widow's Pension – BWP (Table 2.1)

Expenditure on the increase despite fewer beneficiaries

Basic Widow's Pension is payable to widows aged 15 to 59 years who were either civilly and/or religiously married to their late husband. The number of beneficiaries of Widow's pension decreased by 2.3%, from 21,503 as at December 2011 to 21,000 as at December 2012.

On the other hand, government expenditure on such Pension, which was Rs. 893.8 million during 2011, rose by 4.5% to reach Rs. 934.2 million during 2012 due to higher rate of pension in 2012.

Figure 3 - BWP beneficiaries and amount disbursed, Republic of Mauritius, 2008 - 2012



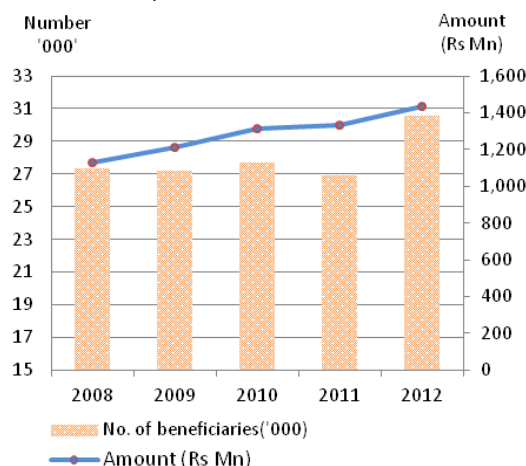
4.1.3 Basic Invalid's Pension – BIP – (Table 2.1)

Increasing number of invalid pensioners

The Basic Invalid's Pension is payable to any person aged 15 to 59 years if certified by a Medical Board that the person is either permanently or substantially incapacitated to work to a degree of 60% or more for at least 12 months. The number of such beneficiaries increased from 26,928 as at December 2011 to 30,564 as at December 2012, showing an increase of 13.5%.

The total amount spent on Basic Invalid's Pension rose by 7.2% from Rs. 1,335.5 million in 2011 to Rs. 1,431.4 million in 2012.

Figure 4 - BIP beneficiaries and amount disbursed, Republic of Mauritius, 2008 - 2012



4.1.4 Basic Orphan's Pension (BOP) – (Table 2.1)

Around 370 orphans for last 3 years

Basic Orphan's Pension is payable to all orphans under the age of 15, or under 20 years, if they are in full-time education.

The number of beneficiaries of Basic Orphan's Pension in the Republic of Mauritius decreased from 371 in December 2011 to 368 in December 2012. Its cost amounted to Rs. 24.7 million in 2012 representing a 1.6% increase over 2011.

4.1.5 Child's Allowance – (Table 2.1)

Child's allowance is payable to children of beneficiaries of Basic Retirement Pension, Basic Widow's Pension and Basic Invalid's Pension in respect of a child below 15 years, or below 20 years, if in full-time education. The total number of children benefiting from Child's allowance decreased by 1.8% from 18,590 in December 2011 to 18,255 in December 2012. Out of this total, 59% were children of Basic Invalid's pensioners followed by those of Basic Widow's Pensioners (37%).

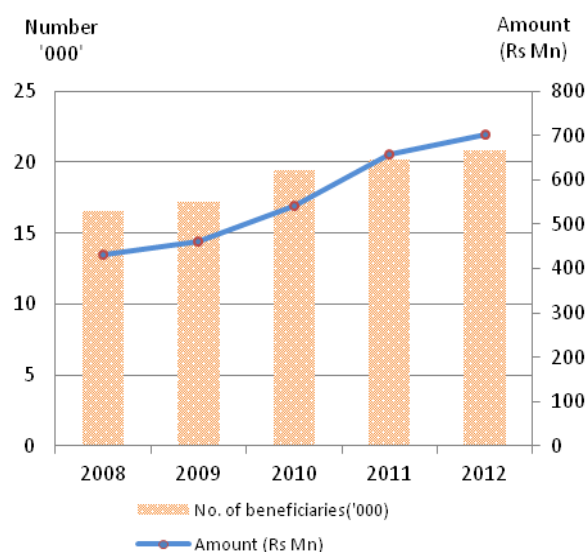
4.2 OTHER NON - CONTRIBUTORY SOCIAL BENEFITS – (TABLES 3 & 4)

4.2.1 Social Aid

Over 20,000 beneficiaries

Social Aid is an income-tested scheme. It is payable to the head of a family who is incapable of earning his living adequately and who has insufficient means to support himself and his dependents. The total number of families benefiting from such assistance increased by 3.3% from 20,191 in December 2011 to 20,855 in December 2012. Consequently, the total amount paid to beneficiaries increased by 6.6% to reach Rs. 702.2 million in 2012.

Figure 5 - Social Aid beneficiaries and amount paid, Republic of Mauritius, 2008 - 2012



4.2.2 Income Support for the purchase of rice and flour

In order to support needy Mauritians for the purchase of rice and flour, a Food Aid Scheme and an Income Support Scheme was introduced when government subsidy on rice and flour was discontinued.

The number of persons who were benefiting from Food Aid scheme or Income Support Scheme was 87,200 in December 2012 and the total amount paid in 2012 was Rs. 267.9 million.

4.2.3 Indoor Relief

Indoor relief is the grant paid to an institution in respect of every person residing in the institution, if that person would have otherwise benefited from a basic pension or from Social Aid. The number of beneficiaries registered a slight decrease from 669 in December 2011 to 662 in December 2012. However, the amount paid under that scheme increased by 9.4% from Rs. 46.6 million in 2011 to Rs. 51 million in 2012 due to higher allowance paid in 2012.

4.2.4 Inmate's Allowance

Inmate's Allowance refers to the pocket money given to certain residents of government-subsidized institutions and of the government psychiatric hospital, Brown Sequard Hospital. In December 2012, 728 persons received such allowance as compared to 724 in December 2011 representing an increase of 0.6%. The amount spent under this item increased by 14.7% from Rs 5.9 million in 2011 to Rs 6.8 million in 2012.

4.2.5 Unemployment Hardship Relief

The Unemployment Hardship Relief (UHR) is payable to unemployed heads of families whose family income is not sufficient to meet the needs of the members. The number of beneficiaries of UHR increased by 6.5%, from 589 in December 2011 to 627 in December 2012 and the amount paid to these beneficiaries rose from Rs 13.8 million in 2011 to Rs 16.3 million in 2012 showing an increase of 18.4%.

4.2.6 Funeral Grant

A funeral grant is meant to cover funeral expenses of persons from low-income families. The number of payments for funeral expenses rose from 3,044 during 2011 to 3,133 during 2012. At the same time, the amount disbursed increased from Rs 12.8 million to Rs 13.5 million.

5. NATIONAL PENSION FUND, NATIONAL SAVINGS FUND AND CONTRIBUTORY BENEFITS

5.1 THE NATIONAL PENSIONS FUND – (TABLE 5)

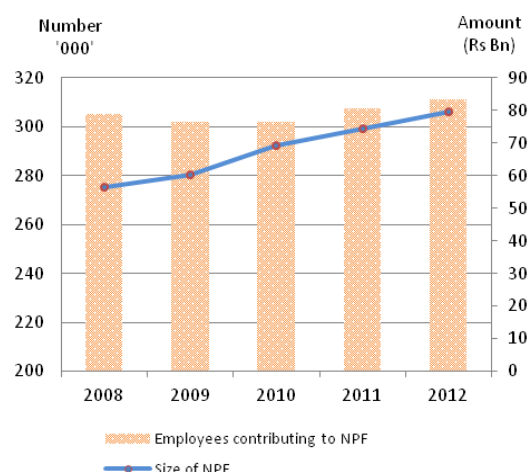
Size of NPF nearing Rs 80 billion in 2012 compared to Rs 58 billion in 2008

The National Pension Scheme, introduced in April 1976, provides for the payment of contributory pensions to those employees of the private sector who have contributed to the National Pensions Fund (NPF).

In 2012, there were more than 311,000 employees who have contributed to the NPF while contributions received from both employees and employers amounted to Rs. 2,477.7 million.

As at 31st December 2012, total net assets (size of fund) of the National Pension Fund rose by 7% to attain Rs. 79.5 billion.

Figure 6 - No. of employees contributing to NPF and size of fund, Republic of Mauritius, 2008 - 2012



5.2 THE NATIONAL SAVINGS FUND – (TABLE 6)

More than 378,000 employees representing 87% of the total contribute to the NSF

The National Savings Fund (NSF) has been set up in 1995 to replace the Employees Welfare Fund. The objectives of the National Savings Fund are:

- ❖ To provide for the payment of a lump sum to every employee on his retirement at the age of 60 or earlier, or to the beneficiary on his death; and
- ❖ To set up and operate for the benefit of employees, such schemes, including loan schemes, as may be prescribed.

The number of employees belonging to the Fund rose from around 375,400 in 2011 to 378,200 in 2012, showing an increase of 0.7%. At the same time, the total contribution received, exclusive of surcharge, rose by 7.5%, from Rs. 1,137.1 million in 2011 to Rs. 1,222.3 million in 2012.

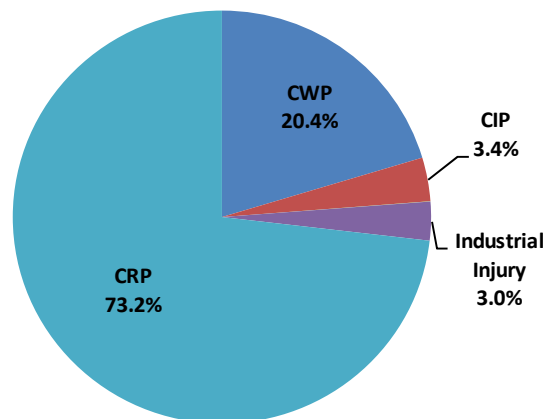
5.3 CONTRIBUTORY BENEFITS

Contributory benefits are payable only to, or on behalf of, those persons who have contributed to the National Pensions Fund (NPF). The contributory pensions include old age, invalidity, widows and orphans pensions in addition to industrial injury allowances.

In the case of contributory benefits, the allowances payable vary according to the amount contributed to the NPF by the insured worker. For those persons whose contributions were marginal, government guarantees a minimum contributory pension.

In 2012, beneficiaries of Contributory Retirement Pension (CRP) represented the main component with 73.2% of the total and numbered 66,069 followed by Contributory Widows Pension (CWP) with 21,940 beneficiaries (20.4%).

Figure 7 : Percentage distribution of beneficiaries of contributory benefits, Year 2012



5.3.1 Contributory Pensions – (Tables 7(a) - (b))

5.3.1.1 Contributory Retirement Pension (CRP)

The Contributory Retirement Pension is payable to a person on reaching the age of 60 years, if that person has contributed to the National Pension Fund. The number of beneficiaries of this type of pension rose from 60,000 in December 2011 to reach 66,069 in December 2012, showing a rise of 10.1%. Consequently, an increase of 16% was noted in the amount disbursed, from Rs. 885.7 million to Rs. 1027.3 million.

5.3.1.2 Contributory Widow's Pension (CWP)

The Contributory Widow's Pension is payable to a widow whose late husband had contributed to the National Pensions Fund. The total number of widows who benefited from such a pension increased by 5.2%, from 20,851 in December 2011 to 21,940 in December 2012. The amount paid thus went up from Rs. 248.6 million in 2011 to Rs. 285.8 million in 2012, showing an increase of 15%.

5.3.1.3 Contributory Invalid's Pension (CIP)

A person is entitled to a Contributory Invalid's Pension if he/she has previously contributed to the National Pension Fund and suffers from a permanent incapacity of at least 60%. The number of such beneficiaries rose by 8%, from 7,688 in December 2011 to 8,305 in December 2012. The amount paid increased by 15.9% from Rs. 41.4 million in 2011 to Rs. 48 million in 2012.

5.3.1.4 Contributory Orphan's Pension (COP)

The Contributory Orphan's pension is payable to orphans under the age of 15 years (or 18 years if the child is at school), if any of the deceased parents had contributed to the National Pension Fund. During 2012 the number of orphans benefiting from this pension was 155 against 139 in 2011, whilst the amount disbursed was Rs 0.3 million, slightly higher than the amount of Rs. 0.2 million in the previous year.

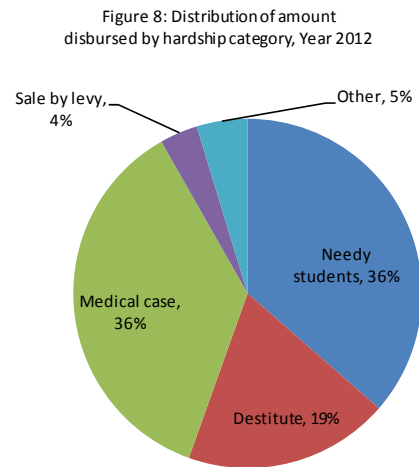
5.3.1.5 Industrial Injury Benefits

This comprises only those cases who, being insured under the NPF, have been awarded Industrial Injury Allowance in respect of work accidents. The number of cases of Industrial Injury decreased from 866 in December 2011 to 841 in December 2012 whereas the total amount paid rose by 19.7% from Rs 35.5 million in 2011 to Rs 42.5 million in 2012.

6. THE NATIONAL SOLIDARITY FUND – (TABLE 8(a) – (b))

The National Solidarity Fund started operating on 1 June 1991 with the objective to provide financial assistance to:

- ❖ Mauritian citizens residing in Mauritius who require surgical operations that can only be performed abroad.
- ❖ Those undergoing Severe Personal Hardships such as tragic accidents, needy students, victims of natural calamities, multiple births, medical cases, etc.



During the year 2012, the National Solidarity Fund assisted 1,912 cases compared to 1,602 in 2011. During that period, the amount spent increased by 14.6%, from Rs. 15.3 million to Rs. 17.6 million.

7. PROJECTED NUMBER OF BASIC PENSION BENEFICIARIES AND THEIR RELATED FUTURE COSTS (TABLES 9 – 10)

Assumptions used in the projections of the number of beneficiaries of basic pensions and their eventual costs are given at section 11.

The ***pensioner support ratio***, defined as the number of persons of working age (15-59 years) per old age pensioner (aged 60 years and over), which stood at 5.5 in 2012 is expected to fall to about 1.9 by 2052.

The ***index of ageing*** defined as the number of persons aged 60 years and over per 100 children aged less than 15 years would increase to 219.2 in 2052 compared to 59.6 in 2012.

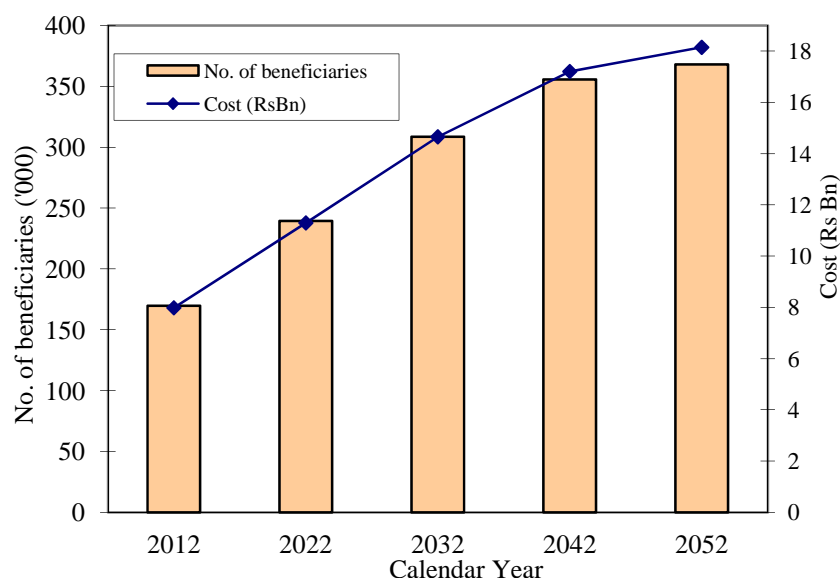
The number of beneficiaries of Basic Retirement Pension is expected to reach 368,000 in 2052, i.e. more than double the number as at December 2012 (169,847).

There were 21,000 beneficiaries of Basic Widow's Pension in December 2012. This is expected to increase to about 21,900 in the next four decades. During that time, the number of beneficiaries of Basic Invalid's Pension would decrease from 30,564 to around 27,400.

Based on rates applicable in 2012, the amount to be disbursed by government on Basic Retirement pension (including Enhanced Basic Retirement Pension and Child's Allowance) is expected to increase by 127%, from Rs 7,980.9 million in 2012 to Rs 18,148 million in some forty years due to the ageing of the population.

Figure 9 shows the evolution in the number of beneficiaries and the future cost of the Basic Retirement Pension.

Figure 9 - Actual and projected number of Retirement Pension beneficiaries and cost, 2012 - 2052



As for the other pensions, namely, Basic Widow's pensions, Basic Invalid's pensions and Basic Orphan's pensions, the future costs are expected to amount to Rs 2,237 million within the next forty years compared to Rs 2,389 million in 2012.

8. LIST OF TABLES

The following tables together with the web version of this publication can be downloaded from Statistics Mauritius website at <http://statsmauritius.gov.mu>. From the homepage click on 'Statistics by subject' followed by 'Social security', then select the appropriate publication under the heading 'Publications – Economic and Social Indicators'.

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9. NOTES

9.1 RELEASE OF DATA ON SOCIAL SECURITY

This publication is a yearly issue to be released by end of August according to an advance calendar posted on Statistics Mauritius website (<http://statsmauritius.gov.mu>). The next issue is scheduled for August 2014. This indicator will also be followed by a more comprehensive report on the same subject and period with release scheduled for February 2014.

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10 EXPLANATORY NOTES

10.1 NON – CONTRIBUTORY BENEFITS

10.1.1 Enhanced Basic Retirement Pension

The Enhanced Basic Retirement Pension is an additional allowance payable to old-age pensioners who are either

- ❖ totally blind, or
- ❖ suffer from total paralysis, or
- ❖ need the constant care of another person

10.1.2 Additional Basic Invalid Pension

Basic Invalid Pensioners, who need the constant care and attention of another person, benefit from an additional allowance known as the Carer's Allowance.

10.1.3 Guardian Allowance (GA)

A Guardian's allowance is also paid to the person looking after one or more orphans. However, only one allowance is payable per guardian irrespective of the number of orphans under his/her care.

10.1.4 Child's Allowance

Child's allowance is payable to children of beneficiaries of Basic Retirement Pension, Basic Widow's Pension and Basic Invalid's Pension in respect of a child below 15 years, or below 20 years, if in full-time education. Child's allowance is payable for up to three dependent children. It is to be noted that child allowance is payable even after discontinuation of pensions to the parents for some reasons (e.g. when the widowed mother got married).

10.1.5 Social Aid

Social Aid is an income-tested scheme. It is payable to the head of a family who is incapable of

earning his living adequately and who has insufficient means to support himself and his dependents. Social Aid is payable to the poorer section of the population, including the dependents of prisoners and abandoned spouses, especially those with dependent children. The allowance payable is calculated as the difference between the total income and the expected overall expenditure of the family.

10.1.6 Income Support for the purchase of rice and flour

In order to support needy Mauritians for the purchase of rice and flour, the Food Aid Scheme was introduced in May 1993 when government subsidy on rice and flour was temporarily discontinued. Under the Food Aid Scheme, a monthly stipend is given to every needy Mauritian for the purchase of rice and flour. The beneficiaries are:

- ❖ All recipients of Social Aid and their dependents
- ❖ All those receiving the Unemployment Hardship Relief
- ❖ All needy beneficiaries of a basic pension under the National Pensions Act, i.e. beneficiaries of Basic Retirement Pension, Basic Widow's Pension, Basic Invalid's Pension and Basic Orphan's Pensions, who would have qualified to receive social aid if the basic pensions were not payable

The monthly stipend increased from Rs 30 in May 1993 to Rs 50 in October 2004, then to Rs 85 as from 1 July 2006 and later to Rs100 as from 1 July 2008.

In addition, as from 1 July 2006 with the government discontinuation of subsidy on rice and flour, an Income Support Scheme was introduced whereby a monthly allowance of Rs 40 is given to:

- ❖ Any head of household and his/her dependents whose average monthly electricity consumption does not exceed 75 KWh and who are not in receipt of Food Aid.
- ❖ Any beneficiary of basic pension and his/her dependents (under the National Pensions Act) and who would have been eligible to receive social aid if he/she was not in receipt of that basic pension.

This allowance also increased to Rs 100 as from 1 July 2008.

10.1.7 Inmate's Allowance

Inmate's Allowance refers to the pocket money given to certain residents of government-subsidized institutions and of the government psychiatric hospital, Brown Sequard Hospital.

10.1.8 Unemployment Hardship Relief

The Unemployment Hardship Relief (UHR) is payable to unemployed heads of families whose family income is not sufficient to meet the needs of the members. The head should be

- (i) Registered as unemployed at the Employment Exchange
- (ii) Be willing and able to take up employment and
- (iii) Be actively looking for work

A disabled person, who can work but has not been able to find a job, receives an Unemployment Hardship Relief in addition to his Basic Invalid's Pension.

10.1.9 Funeral Grant

A funeral grant is meant to cover funeral expenses of persons from low-income families.

10.2 CONTRIBUTORY BENEFITS

10.2.1 The National Pension Scheme

The National Pension Scheme was introduced in April 1976. It provides for the payment of contributory pensions to those employees of the private sector who have contributed to the National Pensions Fund (NPF). All employees working for employers with more than 10 employees had to join the Scheme as from July 1978. Other employees joined the Scheme as from January 1980, except

household workers for whom the operative date was July 1980. The self-employed were also eligible to join the Scheme as from July 1980 on a voluntary basis.

Contributions to the Scheme are payable at the rate of 10.5% by millers and large employers of the Sugar Industry (those having at least 100 arpents under sugar cane cultivation); other employers pay contribution at the rate of 6%. For all employees, the contribution rate is 3 %. Contributions are not payable on bonus, overtime pay and allowances. The minimum monthly remuneration on which contributions are payable was Rs 900 for household employees and Rs 1,440 for other employees during the financial year 2008/2009. During that period, as from a monthly remuneration of Rs 9,435 a flat contribution is applicable for both categories.

10.2.2 The National Savings Fund

The National Savings Fund has been set up in 1995 to replace the Employees Welfare Fund. The objectives of the National Savings Fund are:

- ❖ To provide for the payment of a lump sum to every employee on his retirement at the age of 60 or earlier, or to the beneficiary on his death; and
- ❖ To set up and operate for the benefit of employees, such schemes, including loan schemes, as may be prescribed.

This Fund is compulsory in respect to all employees, except non-citizens, of both public and private sector. Contributions to the Fund were payable at the rate of 2.5 % by employers. As from February 2009, following the proclamation of the Employment Rights Act, the contribution increased to 3.5%, comprising of 2.5% from employers and 1% from employees of the Private Sector and those of parastatal bodies. This additional 1% contribution is being used to pay part of the Transitory Unemployment Benefit (TUB) to laid-off workers.

10.2.3 Industrial Injury Benefits

The different types of allowances payable in respect of a work accident affecting an employee insured under the National Pension Scheme are:

- ❖ Industrial Injury allowance as a result of a total temporary incapacity, subject to medical evidence.
- ❖ Disablement pension due to a permanent incapacity (partial or total).
- ❖ Survivor's Pension as a result of the death.
- ❖ Constant attendance allowance resulting in a total temporary incapacity or a 100% disability and requiring the constant attendance of another person.
- ❖ Dependent's pension, orphan's pension, child allowance, clinical expenses, clothing expenses, hospital expenses, artificial aid.

10.3 THE NATIONAL SOLIDARITY FUND

The National Solidarity Fund started operating under the aegis of the Ministry of Social Security and National Solidarity on 1 June 1991. Initially, its objectives were to provide financial assistance to:

- ❖ Mauritian citizens residing in Mauritius who require surgical operations that can only be performed abroad.
- ❖ Those undergoing Severe Personal Hardships.

Since November 1999, with the creation of the "Trust Fund for Overseas Treatment" operating under the aegis of the Ministry of Health, all surgical operations cases are referred there. The National Solidarity Fund has then widened the scope of its activities under the "Severe Personal Hardship Scheme" to cover also tragic accidents, needy students, victims of natural calamities, multiple births, medical cases, etc.

The sources of revenue of the Fund are manifold. These include:

- ❖ Contribution from the General Public
- ❖ Contribution from Ministries and Departments
- ❖ Interests on investment
- ❖ Unclaimed prizes and unclaimed winning tickets from e.g. Automatics Systems Ltd., Mauritius Turf Club and commercial promotions.

11. ASSUMPTIONS USED IN THE PROJECTIONS OF BASIC PENSIONS AND THEIR FUTURE COSTS

The future costs of basic pensions are calculated on the basis of the pension rates of 2012 (flat rate) and the latest population projection based on the estimated population as at June 2012, which was worked out by Statistics Mauritius.

11.1 Basic Retirement Pension (including Severely Handicapped Pension and Child's Allowance)

- ❖ The beneficiaries of Basic Retirement Pension (BRP) are assumed to be the projected population aged 60 years and over based on estimated population as at 30 June 2012.
- ❖ The proportion of beneficiaries of BRP who were severely handicapped (BRP/SH) by age group and sex in December 2012 has been assumed to remain constant in the future.
- ❖ The proportion of children receiving Child's Allowance (BRP cases) by age group and sex in December 2012 has been assumed to remain constant in the future.

11.2 Basic Widow's Pension (including Child's Allowance)

- ❖ The proportion of women receiving Basic Widow's Pension (BWP) by age group in December 2012 has been assumed to remain constant in the future.
- ❖ The proportion of children receiving Child's Allowance (BWP cases) by age group and sex in December 2012 has been assumed to be the same for the next 40 years.

11.3 Basic Invalid's Pension (including Carer's Allowance and Child's Allowance)

- ❖ The proportion of pensioners receiving Basic Invalid's Pension (BIP) by age group and sex in December 2012 has been assumed to remain constant in the future.
- ❖ It has been assumed that the proportion of BIP beneficiaries who obtain an additional pension (Carer's Allowance) by age group and sex remains the same as in December 2012.
- ❖ The proportion of children receiving Child's Allowance (BIP cases) by age group and sex in December 2012 has been assumed to remain constant in the future.

11.4 Basic Orphan's Pension (including Guardian's Allowance)

- ❖ The proportion of children receiving Basic Orphan's Pension (BOP) by age group and sex in December 2012 has been assumed to remain constant in the future.
- ❖ The proportions of children receiving Basic Orphan's Pension (BOP) who attended full time education and those not attending full time education by age group and sex have been assumed to be the same as in December 2012
- ❖ The proportion of Basic Orphan's Pension beneficiaries per guardian has been assumed to remain the same as in December 2012.

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Table 1 - Government Expenditure on Social Security & Welfare - Republic of Mauritius,

2007 - 2011

Government expenditure on Social Security & Welfare	2007/08	2008/09	Jan to Dec 2010	Jan to Dec 2011
Amount (Rs. Mn) ^{1/}	12,826.7	17,812.2	20,614.0	21,715.0
% of total government expenditure	22.8	26.0	26.4	27.3
% of GDP at market prices	5.1	6.3	6.9	6.7

^{1/} Including amount spent under "Welfare" and paid by other Ministries

Table 2.1 - No. of beneficiaries of basic pensions and amount paid, Republic of Mauritius

(a) No. of beneficiaries by pension type as at 30 June, 2008-2009 and December 2010-2012

Pension type	No. of beneficiaries				
	June 08	June 09	December 2010	December 2011	December 2012 ^{1/}
Basic Retirement Pension (Old age pension)	136,408	141,582	153,870	161,219	169,847
<i>of whom</i>					
<i>Severely handicapped</i> ^{2/}	16,981	16,463	16,881	16,527	16,663
Basic Widow's Pension	22,611	22,596	21,815	21,503	21,000
Basic Invalid's Pension	27,363	27,169	27,679	26,928	30,564
<i>of whom</i>					
<i>Severely handicapped</i> ^{3/}	7,787	7,517	7,374	6,669	6,687
Basic Orphan's Pension	396	353	369	371	368
Guardian's Allowance	324	299	313	318	317
Child's Allowance	18,451	18,144	18,556	18,590	18,255
<i>of whom children of beneficiaries of:</i>					
<i>Basic Retirement Pension</i>	199	214	251	245	244
<i>Basic Widow's Pension</i>	7,275	7,110	7,208	7,023	6,687
<i>Basic Invalid's Pension</i>	10,441	10,310	10,546	10,781	10,810
<i>Other</i> ^{4/}	536	510	551	541	514

^{1/} provisional

^{2/} drawing the Enhanced Basic Retirement Pension

^{3/} drawing Additional Basic Invalid's Pension (Carer's Allowance)

^{4/} these are children who were previously children of beneficiaries of Basic Retirement Pension or Basic Widow's Pension or Basic Invalid's Pension

(b) Amount paid by pension type, 2007/08- 2008/09 and calendar years 2010-2012

Pension type	Amount paid (Rs million)				
	2007/08	2008/09	Jan to Dec 2010	Jan to Dec 2011	Jan to Dec 2012 ^{2/}
Basic Retirement Pension (including Enhanced Basic Retirement Pension and Child's Allowance)	4,761.8	5,685.0	6,612.3	7,170.8	7,980.9
Basic Widow's Pension (including Child's Allowance)	778.8	844.2	885.5	893.8	934.2
Basic Invalid's Pension (including Carer's Allowance and Child's Allowance)	1,125.9	1,214.2	1,312.3	1,335.5	1,431.4
Basic Orphan's Pension ^{1/} (including Guardian's Allowance)	20.7	22.1	23.4	24.3	24.7

^{1/} includes allowances to children who were previously children of beneficiaries of Basic Retirement Pension or Basic Widow's Pension or Basic Invalid's Pension

^{2/} provisional

Table 2.2 - No. of beneficiaries of basic pensions and amount paid, Island of Mauritius

(a) No. of beneficiaries by pension type as at 30 June, 2008-2009 and December 2010-2012

Pension type	Number of beneficiaries				
	June 08	June 09	December 2010	December 2011	December 2012 ^{1/}
Basic Retirement Pension (Old age pension)	132,632	137,762	149,908	157,144	165,684
<i>of whom</i>					
<i>Severely handicapped</i> ^{2/}	16,412	15,915	16,230	15,817	15,991
Basic Widow's Pension	22,213	22,183	21,380	21,086	20,572
Basic Invalid's Pension	26,541	26,324	26,818	26,158	29,809
<i>of whom</i>					
<i>Severely handicapped</i> ^{3/}	7,452	7,237	7,119	6,448	6,424
Basic Orphan's Pension	330	305	319	324	322
Guardian's Allowance	269	260	275	280	278
Child's Allowance	17,767	17,463	17,856	17,902	17,607
<i>of whom children of beneficiaries of:</i>					
<i>Basic Retirement Pension</i>	187	204	241	234	234
<i>Basic Widow's Pension</i>	7,069	6,923	6,981	6,811	6,485
<i>Basic Invalid's Pension</i>	10,003	9,854	10,112	10,344	10,404
<i>Other</i> ^{4/}	508	482	522	513	484

^{1/} provisional

^{2/} drawing the Enhanced Basic Retirement Pension

^{3/} drawing Additional Basic Invalid's Pension (Carer's Allowance)

^{4/} these are children who were previously children of beneficiaries of Basic Retirement Pension or Basic Widow's Pension or Basic Invalid's Pension

(b) Amount paid by pension type, 2007/08- 2008/09 and calendar years 2010-2012

Pension type	Amount paid (Rs million)				
	2007/08	2008/09	Jan to Dec 2010	Jan to Dec 2011	Jan to Dec 2012 ^{1/}
Basic Retirement Pension (including Enhanced Basic Retirement Pension and Child's Allowance)	4,620.2	5,525.4	6,431.7	6,978.6	7,772.1
Basic Widow's Pension (including Child's Allowance)	764.8	828.0	867.2	875.8	916.0
Basic Invalid's Pension (including Carer's Allowance and Child's Allowance)	1,092.6	1,172.7	1,270.9	1,297.1	1,387.1
Basic Orphan's Pension ^{1/} (including Guardian's Allowance)	18.0	19.6	21.0	21.9	22.5

^{1/} includes allowances to children who were previously children of beneficiaries of Basic Retirement Pension or Basic Widow's Pension or Basic Invalid's Pension

^{2/} provisional

Table 2.3 - No. of beneficiaries of basic pensions and amount paid, Island of Rodrigues

(a) No. of beneficiaries by pension type as at 30 June, 2008-2009 and December 2010-2012

Pension type	Number of beneficiaries				
	June 08	June 09	December 2010	December 2011	December 2012 ^{1/}
Basic Retirement Pension (Old age pension) <i>of whom</i>	3,776	3,820	3,962	4,075	4,163
<i>Severely handicapped</i> ^{2/}	569	548	651	710	672
Basic Widow's Pension	398	413	435	417	428
Basic Invalid's Pension <i>of whom</i>	822	845	861	770	755
<i>Severely handicapped</i> ^{3/}	335	280	255	221	263
Basic Orphan's Pension	66	48	50	47	46
Guardian's Allowance	55	39	38	38	39
Child's Allowance	684	681	700	688	648
<i>of whom children of beneficiaries of:</i>					
<i>Basic Retirement Pension</i>	12	10	10	11	10
<i>Basic Widow's Pension</i>	206	187	227	212	202
<i>Basic Invalid's Pension</i>	438	456	434	437	406
<i>Other</i> ^{4/}	28	28	29	28	30

^{1/} *provisional*

^{2/} *drawing the Enhanced Basic Retirement Pension*

^{3/} *drawing Additional Basic Invalid's Pension (Carer's Allowance)*

^{4/} *these are children who were previously children of beneficiaries of Basic Retirement Pension or Basic Widow's Pension or Basic Invalid's Pension*

(b) Amount paid by pension type, 2007/08 - 2008/09 and calendar years 2010-2012

Pension type	Amount paid (Rs million)				
	2007/08	2008/09	Jan to Dec 2010	Jan to Dec 2011	Jan to Dec 2012 ^{2/}
Basic Retirement Pension (including Enhanced Basic Retirement Pension and Child's Allowance)	141.6	159.6	180.6	192.2	208.8
Basic Widow's Pension (including Child's Allowance)	14.0	16.2	18.3	18.0	18.2
Basic Invalid's Pension (including Carer's Allowance and Child's Allowance)	33.3	41.5	41.4	38.4	44.3
Basic Orphan's Pension ^{1/} (including Guardian's Allowance)	2.7	2.5	2.4	2.4	2.2

^{1/} *includes allowances to children who were previously children of beneficiaries of Basic Retirement Pension or Basic Widow's Pension or Basic Invalid's Pension*

^{2/} *provisional*

**Table 3 - Number of beneficiaries of other non-contributory social benefits and amount paid,
Republic of Mauritius**

(a) No. of beneficiaries by type of benefit as at June 2008 - 2009 and December 2010 - 2012

Type of benefit	Number of beneficiaries				
	June 08	June 09	December 2010	December 2011	December 2012 ^{4/}
Social Aid ^{1/}	16,577	17,180	19,432	20,191	20,855
Food Aid ^{2/}	96,000	86,000	96,028	76,200	87,200
Indoor Relief (Capitation Grant)	651	677	662	669	662
Inmate's Allowance	775	679	720	724	728
Unemployment Hardship Relief	372	364	479	589	627
Funeral Grant ^{3/}	2,487	3,118	3,359	3,044	3,133

^{1/} refers to the number of cases who benefit from Social Aid for themselves and for members of their family

^{2/} including those paid under the Income Support Scheme effective as from 1 July 2006

^{3/} refers to the number of payments during the calendar year

^{4/} provisional

(b) Amount paid by type of benefit for 2007/08 - 2008/2009 and calendar years 2010 - 2012

Type of benefit	Amount paid (Rs million)				
	2007/08	2008/09	Jan to Dec 2010	Jan to Dec 2011	Jan to Dec 2012 ^{4/}
Social Aid ^{1/}	430.2	460.1	540.6	658.9	702.2
Food aid ^{2/}	69.4 ^{3/}	108.7 ^{3/}	130.6 ^{3/}	235.2 ^{3/}	267.9 ^{3/}
Indoor Relief (Capitation Grant)	34.6	41.1	44.1	46.6	51.0
Inmate's Allowance	5.3	4.5	5.6	5.9	6.8
Unemployment Hardship Relief	3.8	4.3	6.2	13.8	16.3
Funeral Grant	8.3	10.9	14.2	12.8	13.5

^{1/} includes amount paid on (i) subsidy on HSC and SC examination fees

(ii) assistance to professional fishermen and food aid in Rodrigues

^{2/} excludes amount spent for Rodrigues which is included in "Social aid"

^{3/} including amount paid under Income Support Scheme

^{4/} provisional

Table 4 - Number of cases of Social Aid paid by district as at June 2008-2009 and December 2010-2012

District/ Island	2008	2009	Dec 2010	Dec 2011	Dec 2012
Port-Louis	3,397	3,575	3,864	3,980	4,100
Pamplemousses	1,765	1,898	2,115	2,273	2,440
Riviere du Rempart	1,307	1,318	1,294	1,143	1,010
Flacq	1,632	1,690	1,870	1,920	1,970
Grand-Port	1,161	1,224	1,430	1,286	1,155
Savanne	814	789	830	987	1,175
Plaine Wilhems	3,476	3,555	4,124	4,408	4,710
Moka	669	699	802	839	880
Black River	775	862	910	866	825
Island of Mauritius	14,996	15,610	17,239	17,702	18,265
Island of Rodrigues	1,581	1,570	2,193	2,489	2,590
Republic of Mauritius	16,577	17,180	19,432	20,191	20,855

Table 5 - Contribution to the National Pensions Fund (NPF), 2007/08 - 2008/2009 and 2010 - 2012

	2007/08	2008/09	Jan to Dec 2010	Jan to Dec 2011	Jan to Dec 2012 ^{2/}
No. of employers ^{1/} contributing to the Fund (000)	17.6	18.1	19.1	19.5	20.0
No. of employees contributing to the Fund (000)	305.3	301.9	302.2	307.4	311.4
Amount contributed by employers and employees (Rs Mn)	1,712.1	1,842.1	2,108.2	2,317.8	2,477.7
Surcharge paid by employers (Rs Mn)	1.3	2.5	4.3	5.2	4.7
Size of the NPF (Rs Mn) as at end of financial year	56,574.3	60,132.5	69,392.8	74,275.6	79,500.7

^{1/} including the self employed and those who have contributed at least once during the financial year

^{2/} provisional

Table 6 - Contribution to the National Savings Fund (NSF), 2007/2008 - 2008/2009 and 2010 -2012

	2007/2008	2008/2009	Jan to Dec 2010	Jan to Dec 2011	Jan to Dec 2012 ^{1/}
No. of employers contributing to Fund ('000)	17.3	17.8	18.9	19.2	19.7
No. of employees belonging to the Fund ('000)	373.1	357.7	367.2	375.4	378.2
Amount contributed by employers (RsMn) ^{2/}	655.6	788.7	1,035.0	1,137.1	1,222.3
Surcharge paid by employers (RsMn)	0.3	0.8	1.9	0.7	0.6
No. of beneficiaries of Lump Sum:	15,221	12,792	5,990	7,581	8,099
of which Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS)	5,972	849	120	136	681
Total Lump Sum paid (RsMn)	379.8	210.7	206.8	278.1	316.3
of which VRS (RsMn)	182.5	28.3	4.7	7.1	38.0
Size of Fund (RsMn) as at end of financial year	9,643.3	10,500.0	11,500.0	14,175.4	16,107.5

^{1/} provisional

Table 7(a) - Number of beneficiaries of contributory pensions as at June 2008 - 2009 and December 2010 - 2012, Republic of Mauritius

Pension type	June 2008	June 2009	December 2010	December 2011	December 2012 ^{1/}
Contributory Retirement Pension	44,620	47,579	54,880	60,000	66,069
Contributory Widow's Pension ^{2/}	16,689	17,884	19,670	20,851	21,940
Contributory Invalid's Pension	6,509	6,731	7,363	7,688	8,305
Contributory Orphan's Pension	114	117	134	139	155
Industrial Injury Benefits	879	871	913	866	841

^{1/} provisional

^{2/} including widows of all ages

Table 7(b) -Amount paid to beneficiaries of contributory pensions 2007/08 - 2008/2009 and 2010 - 2012 Republic of Mauritius

Pension type	Amount paid (Rs million)				
	2007/08	2008/09	Jan to Dec 2010	Jan to Dec 2011	Jan to Dec 2012 ^{1/}
Contributory Retirement Pension	555.6	646.7	783.5	885.7	1,027.3
Contributory Widow's Pension	147.8	180.2	222.0	248.6	285.8
Contributory Invalid's Pension	30.9	32.3	37.5	41.4	48.0
Contributory Orphan's Pension	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3
Industrial Injury Benefits	29.6	31.7	34.7	35.5	42.5

^{1/} provisional

Table 8(a) - No. of cases receiving assistance from the National Solidarity Fund (NSF) by type, 2007/08 - 2008/09 and 2010-2012, Republic of Mauritius

Contingency	Number of cases				
	2007/08	2008/09	Jan to Dec 2010	Jan to Dec 2011	Jan to Dec 2012
Medical treatment abroad (Air ticket only)	-	-	-	-	-
Personal Hardship Scheme :	356	720	1,798	1,602	1,912
- <i>Multiple births</i>	2	2	-	1	-
- <i>Fire victims</i>	5	15	5	-	-
- <i>Natural calamities</i>	-	19	-	-	-
- <i>Tragic accidents</i>	5	19	16	17	14
- <i>Needy students</i>	116	252	804	543	718
- <i>Repatriation of mortal remains</i>	1	4	5	3	6
- <i>Destitute</i>	95	158	464	608	654
- <i>Medical case</i>	98	212	455	387	484
- <i>Centenarian</i>	28	29	39	40	34
- <i>Sale by levy (Hardship case)</i>	6	10	10	3	2
Other	1	2	19	-	-
Total	357	722	1,817	1,602	1,912

Table 8(b) - Amount disbursed by the National Solidarity Fund (NSF) by type, 2007/08 - 2008/09 and 2010-2012, Republic of Mauritius

Contingency	Amount paid (Rs 000)				
	2007/08	2008/09	Jan to Dec 2010	Jan to Dec 2011	Jan to Dec 2012
Medical treatment abroad (Air ticket only)	-	-	-	-	-
Personal Hardship Scheme:	5,610	12,748	20,573	15,336	17,577
- <i>Multiple births</i>	44	20	-	30	-
- <i>Fire victims</i>	22	106	29	-	-
- <i>Natural calamities</i>	-	84	-	-	-
- <i>Tragic accidents</i>	83	339	349	425	340
- <i>Needy students</i>	1,056	2,296	6,698	4,698	6,401
- <i>Repatriation of mortal remains</i>	50	145	150	85	150
- <i>Destitute</i>	661	1,097	3,293	3,402	3,350
- <i>Medical case</i>	1,757	3,951	7,055	5,696	6,378
- <i>Centenarian</i>	280	290	390	400	340
- <i>Sale by levy (Hardship case)</i>	1,657	4,420	2,609	600	618
Other	100	20	114	-	-
Total	5,710	12,768	20,687	15,336	17,577

Table 9 - Projected mid year population^{1/} by broad age group and sex, Republic of Mauritius, 2012- 2052

Age-group (years)	2012			2017			2022			2027			2032		
	Male	Female	Both sexes	Male	Female	Both sexes	Male	Female	Both sexes	Male	Female	Both sexes	Male	Female	Both sexes
Under 15	135.1	130.7	265.8	123.5	119.9	243.4	114.5	111.5	226.0	112.7	109.2	221.9	108.5	105.2	213.7
15 - 59	431.8	435.2	867.0	434.9	439.8	874.7	431.8	437.1	868.9	417.5	423.3	840.8	408.6	413.2	821.8
60 & over	68.9	89.5	158.4	87.2	110.1	197.3	106.5	132.8	239.3	126.0	156.3	282.3	136.9	171.7	308.6
Total	635.8	655.4	1,291.2	645.6	669.8	1,315.4	652.8	681.4	1,334.2	656.2	688.8	1,345.0	654.0	690.1	1,344.1
Pensioner support ratio ^{2/}	6.3	4.9	5.5	5.0	4.0	4.4	4.1	3.3	3.6	3.3	2.7	3.0	3.0	2.4	2.7
Index of ageing ^{3/}	51.0	68.5	59.6	70.6	91.8	81.1	93.0	119.1	105.9	111.8	143.1	127.2	126.2	163.2	144.4

Age-group (years)	2037			2042			2047			2052		
	Male	Female	Both sexes	Male	Female	Both sexes	Male	Female	Both sexes	Male	Female	Both sexes
Under 15	102.3	99.2	201.5	95.5	92.6	188.1	89.7	86.9	176.6	85.3	82.6	167.9
15 - 59	398.5	401.1	799.6	380.8	380.9	761.7	369.3	368.3	737.6	350.4	348.5	698.9
60 & over	145.1	184.0	329.1	156.7	199.0	355.7	158.0	200.8	358.8	163.0	205.0	368.0
Total	645.9	684.3	1,330.2	633.0	672.5	1,305.5	617.0	656.0	1,273.0	598.7	636.1	1,234.8
Pensioner support ratio ^{2/}	2.7	2.2	2.4	2.4	1.9	2.1	2.3	1.8	2.1	2.1	1.7	1.9
Index of ageing ^{3/}	141.8	185.5	163.3	164.1	214.9	189.1	176.1	231.1	203.2	191.1	248.2	219.2

^{1/} In thousands

^{2/} Number of persons of working age (15-59 years) per old-age pensioner (aged 60 years and over)

^{3/} Number of persons aged 60 years and over per 100 children below 15 years

**Table 10 - Projected number of beneficiaries and estimated future costs of basic pension,
Republic of Mauritius, 2012 - 2052**

(a) Actual & projected no. of beneficiaries^{1/} by pension type as at December, 2012 - 2052 ('000)

Pension type	Actual number Dec 2012	Projected number of beneficiaries							
		2017	2022	2027	2032	2037	2042	2047	2052
Basic Retirement Pension	169.8	197.3	239.3	282.3	308.6	329.1	355.7	358.8	368.0
<i>of whom</i>									
<i>Severely handicapped^{2/}</i>	16.7	18.0	21.7	26.3	31.2	35.8	40.1	43.0	45.0
Basic Widow's Pension	21.0	22.4	23.1	22.8	23.5	24.0	22.3	22.8	21.9
Basic Invalid's Pension	30.6	31.4	31.5	31.1	31.1	30.7	29.4	28.9	27.4
<i>of whom</i>									
<i>Severely handicapped^{3/}</i>	6.7	6.9	6.9	6.8	6.7	6.7	6.3	6.3	6.0
Basic Orphan's Pension	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2
Guardian's Allowance	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Child's Allowance	18.3	16.8	15.3	14.2	13.9	13.4	12.6	11.8	11.1
<i>of whom children of beneficiaries of:</i>									
<i>Basic Retirement Pension</i>	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1
<i>Basic Widow's Pension</i>	6.7	6.2	5.6	5.1	5.0	4.9	4.6	4.3	4.0
<i>Basic Invalid's Pension</i>	10.8	9.9	9.1	8.5	8.3	8.0	7.5	7.0	6.6
<i>Other^{4/}</i>	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3

^{1/} provisional

^{2/} drawing the Enhanced Basic Retirement Pension

^{3/} drawing Additional Basic Invalid's Pension (Carer's Allowance)

^{4/} children of previous beneficiaries of Basic Retirement Pension or Basic Widow's Pension or Basic Invalid's Pension

(b) Actual & estimated future costs (Rs Mn) by pension type, 2012-2052 (Rs Mn)

Pension type	Actual amount 2012 ^{1/}	Estimated future costs at 2010 pension rates							
		2017	2022	2027	2032	2037	2042	2047	2052
Basic Retirement Pension (including Enhanced Basic Retirement Pension and Child's Allowance)	7,980	9,343	11,294	13,346	14,655	15,754	17,205	17,570	18,148
Basic Widow's Pension (including Child's Allowance)	936	964	982	964	991	1,006	938	954	914
Basic Invalid's Pension (including Carer's Allowance and Child's Allowance)	1,429	1,527	1,522	1,494	1,489	1,470	1,405	1,378	1,308
Basic Orphan's Pension ^{2/} (including Guardian's Allowance)	24	23	20	19	18	18	17	16	15

^{1/} provisional

^{2/} includes also allowances to children of previous beneficiaries of Basic Retirement Pension or Basic Widow's Pension or Basic Invalid's Pension

Table 11 - Non-contributory benefits by type and rate payable, 2007/2008-2008/2009 and 2010-2012

Pension type	Monthly amount payable (Rs)				
	2007/08	2008/09	2010	2011	2012
Basic Retirement Pension (BRP) :					
(60-69) years	2,571	2,802	3,048	3,146	3,350
(70-89) years	2,571	2,802	3,048	3,146	3,350
(90-99) years	7,647	8,335	9,067	9,357	9,975
100 years and over	8,680	9,461	10,292	10,621	11,320
Basic Widow's Pension (BWP)	2,315	2,523	2,745	2,833	3,020
Basic Invalid's Pension (BIP)	2,315	2,523	2,745	2,833	3,020
Basic Orphan's Pension (BOP)					
(i) Under 15 years and not in full time education	1,283	1,398	1,520	1,569	1,673
(ii) 3 years and up to 20 years and in full time education	2,360	2,572	2,798	2,888	3,079
Guardian's Allowance:(Under the National Pensions Act)	565	616	670	691	737
Child's Allowance:(Under the National Pensions Act)					
(0 - 9) years	750	818	890	918	979
(10-19) years	804	876	953	983	1,048
Enhanced Basic Retirement Pension ^{1/} :					
(60-69) years	4,191	4,568	4,969	5,128	5,463
(70-89) years	4,191	4,568	4,969	5,128	5,463
(90-99) years	9,267	10,101	10,988	11,339	12,088
100 years and over	10,300	11,227	12,213	12,603	13,433
Additional Basic Invalid's Pension (Carer's Allowance)	1,402	1,528	1,662	1,715	1,828
Social Aid (minimum amount payable)	625	681	741	765	815
Food Aid	85	100	119	246	246
Income Support (as from 1 July 2006)	40	100	119	246	246
Inmate's Allowance : (a) Charitable Institutions	397	433	471	486	518
(b) Brown Sequard Hospital:					
Under 60 years	578	631	686	708	755
(60-69) years	643	701	762	786	838
(70-89) years	643	701	762	786	838
(90-99) years	1,912	2,084	2,267	2,339	2,494
Unemployment Hardship Relief (Minimum)	163	178	194	200	213
Minimum Contributory Retirement Pension	348	379	412	425	453
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Indoor Relief :					
(60-69) years	141	154 ^{2/}	168 ^{2/}	173 ^{2/}	184 ^{2/}
(70-89) years	141	169 ^{3/}	184 ^{3/}	190 ^{3/}	203 ^{3/}
(90-99) years	364	437	475	490	522
100 years and over	375	450	490	506	539

^{1/} Inclusive of Basic Retirement Pension^{2/} For ages (Under 60) years^{3/} For ages (60-89) years