

SOCIAL SECURITY STATISTICS

2011 – 2015

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 January 2011 to June 2015. 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 payable only to, or on behalf of, those persons who have contributed to the National Pensions Fund (NPF)

Social Security Statistics was reported on a calendar (January to December) year basis instead of the financial (July to June) year basis from year 2010 to year 2014. This followed Government decision taken in July 2008 to change reporting period of Government account from year ending 30th June to year ending 31st December. Then in 2015, following Government decision, reporting period reverted back to the financial year basis (July to June). Consequently this publication presents main summary statistics on Social Security for the period January 2015 to June 2015. However it is to be noted that due to the changes in reporting period, direct comparison with previous year is not always relevant.

Thus for 2015 the number of beneficiaries relates to June 2015 while the amount paid refers to half-year, January to June 2015. Figures for 2015 are also subject to revision in future issues as additional information becomes available.

Detailed explanatory notes on the different benefits are given at section 9.

2. HIGHLIGHTS – REPUBLIC OF MAURITIUS

- a. Expenditure on **Social Security and Welfare** amounted to Rs. 28,060 million in 2014, representing 28% of total government expenditure and 7.3% of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) at market prices.
- b. As at June 2015, the number of beneficiaries of **Basic Retirement Pension** reached 188,470, 2.2% more compared to December 2014. The cost to Government was Rs. 6,179 million during the period January to June 2015.
- c. There were 20,291 **Basic Widow's Pensioners** in June 2015, almost same as 20,302 six months earlier. Amount disbursed was Rs. 670 million from January to June 2015.
- d. The number of **Basic Invalid's Pensioners** as at June 2015 was 30,412, compared to 30,715 six months earlier. The total amount disbursed reached Rs. 1,066 million for the first six months of 2015.
- e. At June 2015, the number of beneficiaries of **Basic Orphan's Pension** stood at 376 compared to 372 at end 2014, and expenditure amounted to Rs. 15 million for the period January to June 2015.
- f. **Social Aid** benefits were paid to 20,369 families in June 2015, i.e., a decrease of 4.1% over the figure for December 2014. Amount paid reached Rs. 326 million in half-year period January to June 2015.

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

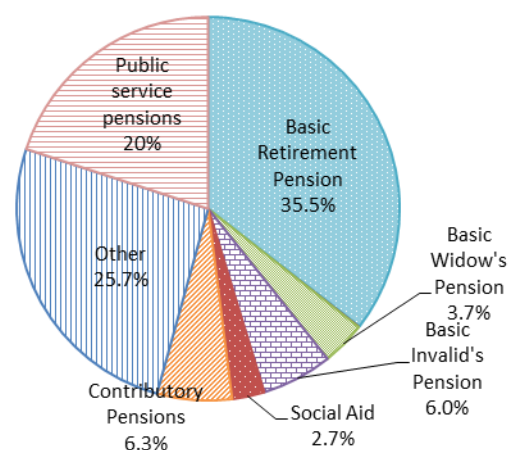
Overall expenditure exceeds Rs 28 billion in 2014

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.

Figure 1 - Components of government expenditure on social security and welfare, Year 2014

Expenditure on Social Security and Welfare increased by 7.8% from Rs. 26,028 million in 2013 to Rs. 28,060 million in 2014. In 2014, it represented 28% of total government expenditure and 7.3% of the Gross Domestic Products (GDP) at market prices.

The main components were the Basic Retirement Pension with a share of 35.5%, followed by Public Service Pensions, 20%.



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 9.

4.1 BASIC PENSIONS

4.1.1 Basic Retirement Pension – BRP (Table 2.1)

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 184,487 as at end 2014 increased by 2.2% to reach 188,470 as at June 2015. The old-age pension cost government Rs. 6,178.5 million during period January to June 2015.

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

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. There were 20,291 Basic Widow's Pensioners in June 2015, almost same as 20,302 six months earlier.

Government expenditure on such Pension was Rs. 669.6 million during the first half of year 2015.

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

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 decreased from 30,715 as at December 2014 to 30,412 as at June 2015, showing a decrease of 1%.

The total amount spent on Basic Invalid's Pension reached Rs. 1,065.6 million during the first six months of 2015.

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

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 increased from 372 in December 2014 to 376 in June 2015. Its cost amounted to Rs. 15 million from January to June 2015.

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 increased by 1.8% from 16,311 in December 2014 to 16,612 in June 2015. Out of this total, 60% were children of Basic Invalid's pensioners followed by those of Basic Widow's Pensioners (36%).

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

4.2.1 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. The total number of families benefiting from such assistance decreased by 4.1% from 21,246 in December 2014 to 20,369 in June 2015. The total amount paid to beneficiaries was Rs. 326.4 million for period January to June 2015.

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 95,625 in June 2015 and the total amount paid from January to June 2015 was Rs. 148.2 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 did not change, i.e. 677 both in December 2014 and June 2015. The amount paid under this scheme was Rs 29.5 million for the first six months of 2015.

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 June 2015, 788 persons received such allowance as compared to 809 in December 2014, representing a decrease of 2.6%. The amount spent under this item was Rs. 4.4 million for the first six months of 2015.

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 15.6%, from 882 in December 2014 to 1,020 in June 2015 and the amount paid for period January to June 2015 was Rs.12.3 million.

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 stood at 1,642 during January to June 2015. The amount disbursed was Rs. 8.2 million during that same period.

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

5.1 THE NATIONAL PENSIONS FUND – (TABLE 5)

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).

From January to June 2015, there were around 307,500 employees who have contributed to the NPF while contributions received from both employees and employers amounted to Rs. 1,637.4 million.

5.2 THE NATIONAL SAVINGS FUND – (TABLE 6)

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 covered by the Fund was 374,600 during period January to June 2015. For the same period, the total contribution received, exclusive of surcharge, amounted to Rs. 805.5 million.

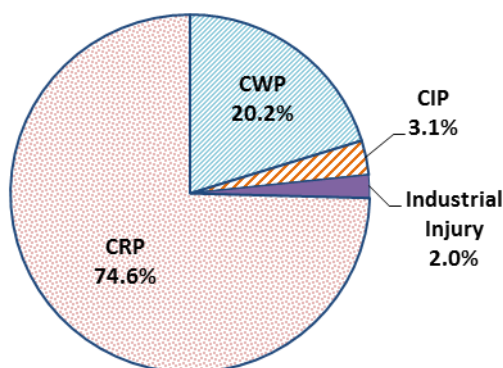
5.3 CONTRIBUTORY BENEFITS

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.

During January to June 2015, amount disbursed on Contributory Retirement Pension (CRP) represented the main component with 74.6% of the total, followed by Contributory Widows Pension (CWP) with 20.2% (Table 7(b) and Figure 2).

Figure 2 : Percentage distribution of amount disbursed by contributory benefits, Jan to Jun 2015



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 78,185 in December 2014 to reach 81,104 in June 2015, showing a rise of 3.7%. The amount disbursed on CRP stood at Rs. 741.2 million for period January to June 2015.

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 3%, from 24,512 in December 2014 to 25,239 in June 2015. The amount paid for period January to June 2015 was Rs. 201.1 million.

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 decreased by 0.8%, from 9,799 in December 2014 to 9,721 in June 2015. The amount paid on this item was Rs. 30.7 million for the first six months of 2015.

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. At June 2015, the number of orphans benefiting from this pension was 185 against 173 in December 2014, representing an increase of 6.9%. The amount disbursed for period January to June 2015 was Rs. 0.2 million.

5.3.1.5 Industrial Injury Benefits

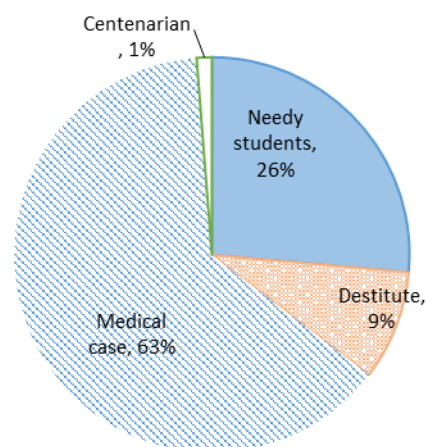
This comprises only those cases who, being insured under the NPF, have been awarded Industrial Injury Allowance in respect of work accidents. The number of cases of Industrial Injury decreased from 797 in December 2014 to 750 in June 2015. The total amount paid to beneficiaries during period January to June 2015 was Rs. 20.4 million.

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.

Figure 3: Distribution of amount disbursed by hardship category, Jan to Jun 2015



During the first half of year 2015, the National Solidarity Fund assisted 1,311 cases and during that period, the amount spent reached Rs. 18.6 million.

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8.1 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.govmu.org>). The next issue is scheduled for February 2017. This indicator will also be followed by a more comprehensive report on the same subject and period, with release scheduled for September 2017.

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9 EXPLANATORY NOTES

9.1 NON – CONTRIBUTORY BENEFITS

9.1.1 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

9.1.2 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.

9.1.3 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.

9.1.4 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).

9.1.5 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.

9.1.6 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.

9.1.7 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.

9.1.8 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.

9.1.9 Funeral Grant

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

9.2 CONTRIBUTORY BENEFITS

9.2.1 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.

9.2.2 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.

9.2.3 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.

9.3 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.

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

2011 - 2014

Government expenditure on Social Security & Welfare	Jan to Dec 2011	Jan to Dec 2012	Jan to Dec 2013	Jan to Dec 2014
Amount (Rs. Mn) ^{1/}	21,715.0	22,691.1	26,028.3	28,060.4
% of total government expenditure	27.3	26.9	26.7	28.0
% of GDP at market prices	6.7	6.6	7.1	7.3

^{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 December 2011-2014 and June 2015

Pension type	No. of beneficiaries				
	December 2011	December 2012	December 2013	December 2014	June 2015 ^{1/}
Basic Retirement Pension (Old age pension)	161,219	169,847	177,721	184,487	188,470
<i>of whom</i>					
<i>Severely handicapped</i> ^{2/}	16,527	16,663	16,810	16,812	16,586
Basic Widow's Pension	21,503	21,000	20,511	20,302	20,291
Basic Invalid's Pension	26,928	27,361	30,930	30,715	30,412
<i>of whom</i>					
<i>Severely handicapped</i> ^{3/}	6,669	6,687	6,588	6,485	6,531
Basic Orphan's Pension	371	368	374	372	376
Guardian's Allowance	318	317	323	321	329
Child's Allowance	18,590	18,255	18,022	16,311	16,612
<i>of whom children of beneficiaries of:</i>					
<i>Basic Retirement Pension</i>	245	244	268	255	241
<i>Basic Widow's Pension</i>	7,023	6,687	6,401	5,809	5,968
<i>Basic Invalid's Pension</i>	10,781	10,810	10,851	9,775	9,927
<i>Other</i> ^{4/}	541	514	502	472	476

^{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, calendar years 2011-2014 and Jan to Jun 2015

Pension type	Amount paid (Rs million)				
	Jan to Dec 2011	Jan to Dec 2012	Jan to Dec 2013	Jan to Dec 2014	Jan to Jun 2015 ^{2/}
Basic Retirement Pension (including Enhanced Basic Retirement Pension and Child's Allowance)	7,170.8	7,979.7	8,736.6	9,959.6	6,178.5
Basic Widow's Pension (including Child's Allowance)	893.8	935.5	952.6	1,039.6	669.6
Basic Invalid's Pension (including Carer's Allowance and Child's Allowance)	1,335.5	1,431.4	1,517.4	1,678.7	1,065.6
Basic Orphan's Pension ^{1/} (including Guardian's Allowance)	24.3	24.7	26.5	27.7	15.0

^{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 December 2011-2014 and June 2015

Pension type	Number of beneficiaries				
	December 2011	December 2012	December 2013	December 2014	June 2015 ^{1/}
Basic Retirement Pension (Old age pension)	157,144	165,684	173,462	180,136	184,034
<i>of whom</i>					
<i>Severely handicapped</i> ^{2/}	15,817	15,991	16,198	16,158	15,892
Basic Widow's Pension	21,086	20,572	20,088	19,878	19,861
Basic Invalid's Pension	26,158	26,607	30,250	29,980	29,623
<i>of whom</i>					
<i>Severely handicapped</i> ^{3/}	6,448	6,424	6,321	6,163	6,146
Basic Orphan's Pension	324	322	327	326	337
Guardian's Allowance	280	278	282	279	293
Child's Allowance	17,902	17,607	17,431	15,715	15,990
<i>of whom children of beneficiaries of:</i>					
<i>Basic Retirement Pension</i>	234	234	256	242	231
<i>Basic Widow's Pension</i>	6,811	6,485	6,188	5,600	5,759
<i>Basic Invalid's Pension</i>	10,344	10,404	10,509	9,429	9,554
<i>Other</i> ^{4/}	513	484	478	444	446

^{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, calendar years 2011-2014 and Jan to Jun 2015

Pension type	Amount paid (Rs million)				
	Jan to Dec 2011	Jan to Dec 2012	Jan to Dec 2013	Jan to Dec 2014	Jan to Jun 2015 ^{2/}
Basic Retirement Pension (including Enhanced Basic Retirement Pension and Child's Allowance)	6,978.6	7,772.1	8,518.0	9,727.3	6,027.7
Basic Widow's Pension (including Child's Allowance)	875.8	916.0	932.3	1,018.5	654.8
Basic Invalid's Pension (including Carer's Allowance and Child's Allowance)	1,297.1	1,387.1	1,478.2	1,634.2	1,032.9
Basic Orphan's Pension ^{1/} (including Guardian's Allowance)	21.9	22.5	23.8	25.0	13.6

^{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 December 2011-2014 and June 2015

Pension type	Number of beneficiaries				
	December 2011	December 2012	December 2013	December 2014	June 2015 ^{1/}
Basic Retirement Pension (Old age pension) <i>of whom</i>	4,075	4,163	4,259	4,351	4,436
<i>Severely handicapped</i> ^{2/}	710	672	612	654	694
Basic Widow's Pension	417	428	423	424	430
Basic Invalid's Pension <i>of whom</i>	770	754	680	735	789
<i>Severely handicapped</i> ^{3/}	221	263	267	322	385
Basic Orphan's Pension	47	46	47	46	39
Guardian's Allowance	38	39	41	42	36
Child's Allowance	688	648	591	596	622
<i>of whom children of beneficiaries of:</i>					
<i>Basic Retirement Pension</i>	11	10	12	13	10
<i>Basic Widow's Pension</i>	212	202	213	209	209
<i>Basic Invalid's Pension</i>	437	406	342	346	373
<i>Other</i> ^{4/}	28	30	24	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, calendar years 2011-2014 and Jan to Jun 2015

Pension type	Amount paid (Rs million)				
	Jan to Dec 2011	Jan to Dec 2012	Jan to Dec 2013	Jan to Dec 2014	Jan to Jun 2015 ^{2/}
Basic Retirement Pension (including Enhanced Basic Retirement Pension and Child's Allowance)	192.2	207.5	218.6	232.3	150.9
Basic Widow's Pension (including Child's Allowance)	18.0	19.5	20.3	21.1	14.8
Basic Invalid's Pension (including Carer's Allowance and Child's Allowance)	38.4	44.3	39.2	44.4	32.7
Basic Orphan's Pension ^{1/} (including Guardian's Allowance)	2.4	2.2	2.7	2.7	1.4

^{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 December 2011 - 2014 and June 2015

Type of benefit	Number of beneficiaries				
	December 2011	December 2012	December 2013	December 2014	June 2015 ^{3/}
Social Aid ^{1/}	20,191	20,447	20,570	21,246	20,369
Food aid (inclu. Income support)	76,200	87,200	96,100	93,150	95,625
Indoor Relief (Capitation Grant)	669	662	690	677	677
Inmate's Allowance	724	728	828	809	788
Unemployment Hardship Relief	589	611	816	882	1,020
Funeral Grant ^{2/}	3,044	3,133	3,091	3,218	1,642

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

^{2/} refers to the number of payments during the calendar year

^{3/} provisional

(b) Amount paid by type of benefit for calendar years 2011 - 2014 and Jan to Jun 2015

Type of benefit	Amount paid (Rs million)				
	Jan to Dec 2011	Jan to Dec 2012	Jan to Dec 2013	Jan to Dec 2014	Jan to Jun 2015 ^{3/}
Social Aid ^{1/}	658.9	702.2	736.8	764.2	326.4
Food aid ^{2/} (inclu. Income support)	235.2	267.9	295.3	292.2	148.2
Indoor Relief (Capitation Grant)	46.6	51.0	54.6	63.2	29.5
Inmate's Allowance	5.9	6.8	8.1	8.9	4.4
Unemployment Hardship Relief	13.8	16.3	22.5	26.5	12.3
Funeral Grant	12.8	13.5	13.9	14.6	8.2

^{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/} provisional

Table 4 - Number of cases of Social Aid paid by district as at December 2011-2014 and June 2015

District/ Island	Dec 2011	Dec 2012	Dec 2013	Dec 2014	Jun 2015 ^{1/}
Port-Louis	3,980	4,100	4,125	3,888	3,728
Pamplemousses	2,273	2,481	2,496	2,411	2,312
Riviere du Rempart	1,143	1,047	1,053	1,347	1,291
Flacq	1,920	1,595	1,605	1,888	1,810
Grand-Port	1,286	1,223	1,230	1,134	1,087
Savanne	987	1,010	1,016	1,095	1,050
Plaine Wilhems	4,408	4,400	4,426	4,538	4,351
Moka	839	871	876	915	877
Black River	866	895	900	959	919
Island of Mauritius	17,702	17,622	17,728	18,175	17,425
Island of Rodrigues	2,489	2,825	2,842	3,071	2,944
Republic of Mauritius	20,191	20,447	20,570	21,246	20,369

^{1/} Provisional

Table 5 - Contribution to the National Pensions Fund (NPF), 2011 - 2014 and Jan to Jun 2015

	Jan to Dec 2011	Jan to Dec 2012	Jan to Dec 2013	Jan to Dec 2014	Jan to Jun 2015 ^{2/}
No. of employers ^{1/} contributing to the Fund (000)	19.5	20.0	19.9	20.0	19.2
No. of employees contributing to the Fund (000)	307.4	311.4	318.7	328.6	307.5
Amount contributed by employers and employees (Rs Mn)	2,317.8	2,477.7	2,696.5	3,012.1	1,637.4
Surcharge paid by employers (Rs Mn)	5.2	4.7	5.5	6.4	3.9
Size of the NPF (Rs Mn) as at end of financial year	74,142.0	80,414.4	87,890.9	93,696.8	n.a

^{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), 2011 -2014 and Jan to Jun 2015

	Jan to Dec 2011	Jan to Dec 2012	Jan to Dec 2013	Jan to Dec 2014	Jan to Jun 2015 ^{1/}
No. of employers contributing to Fund ('000)	19.2	19.7	19.6	19.8	19.0
No. of employees belonging to the Fund ('000)	375.4	378.2	378.8	402.2	374.6
Amount contributed by employers (RsMn) ^{2/}	1,137.1	1,222.3	1,314.9	1,485.4	805.5
Surcharge paid by employers (RsMn)	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.9	0.7
No. of beneficiaries of Lump Sum:	7,581	8,099	7,697	7,915	5,077
of which Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS)	136	681	63	152	16
Total Lump Sum paid (RsMn)	278.1	316.3	369.7	396.3	250.9
of which VRS (RsMn)	7.1	38.0	4.2	11.8	1.0
Size of Fund (RsMn) as at end of financial year	14,273.5	16,130.3	17,640.0	19,598.7	n.a

^{1/} provisional

Table 7(a) - Number of beneficiaries of contributory pensions as at December 2010 - 2014 and June 2015, Republic of Mauritius

Pension type	December 2011	December 2012	December 2013	December 2014	June 2015 ^{1/}
Contributory Retirement Pension	60,000	66,069	72,221	78,185	81,104
Contributory Widow's Pension ^{2/}	20,851	21,940	23,263	24,512	25,239
Contributory Invalid's Pension	7,688	8,305	9,469	9,799	9,721
Contributory Orphan's Pension	139	155	168	173	185
Industrial Injury Benefits	866	841	822	797	750

^{1/} provisional

Table 7(b) - Amount paid to beneficiaries of contributory pensions 2010 - 2014 and Jan to Jun 2015, Republic of Mauritius

Pension type	Amount paid (Rs million)				
	Jan to Dec 2011	Jan to Dec 2012	Jan to Dec 2013	Jan to Dec 2014	Jan to Jun 2015 ^{1/}
Contributory Retirement Pension	885.7	1,027.3	1,176.0	1,316.1	741.2
Contributory Widow's Pension	248.6	285.8	322.1	358.4	201.1
Contributory Invalid's Pension	41.4	48.0	54.7	58.8	30.7
Contributory Orphan's Pension	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.2
Industrial Injury Benefits	35.5	42.5	39.4	38.2	20.4

^{1/} provisional

Table 8(a) - No. of cases receiving assistance from the National Solidarity Fund (NSF) by type, 2011-2014 and Jan to Jun 2015, Republic of Mauritius

Contingency	Number of cases				
	Jan to Dec 2011	Jan to Dec 2012	Jan to Dec 2013	Jan to Dec 2014	Jan to Jun 2015
Medical treatment abroad (Air ticket only)	-	-	-	-	-
Personal Hardship Scheme :	1,602	1,912	1,775	2,987	1,311
- Multiple births	1	-	-	1	-
- Fire victims	-	-	-	-	-
- Natural calamities	-	-	115	18	-
- Tragic accidents	17	14	13	10	-
- Needy students	543	718	658	937	458
- Repatriation of mortal remains	3	6	1	8	-
- Destitute	608	654	499	965	254
- Medical case	387	484	444	1,005	576
- Centenarian	40	34	45	43	23
- Sale by levy (Hardship case)	3	2	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-
Total	1,602	1,912	1,775	2,987	1,311

Table 8(b) - Amount disbursed by the National Solidarity Fund (NSF) by type, 2011-2014 and Jan to Jun 2015, Republic of Mauritius

Contingency	Amount paid (Rs 000)				
	Jan to Dec 2011	Jan to Dec 2012	Jan to Dec 2013	Jan to Dec 2014	Jan to Jun 2015
Medical treatment abroad (Air ticket only)	-	-	-	-	-
Personal Hardship Scheme:	15,336	17,577	14,730	34,234	18,592
- Multiple births	30	-	30	30	-
- Fire victims	-	-	-	-	-
- Natural calamities	-	-	314	101	-
- Tragic accidents	425	340	325	350	-
- Needy students	4,698	6,401	5,611	8,837	4,908
- Repatriation of mortal remains	85	150	50	333	-
- Destitute	3,402	3,350	2,510	6,870	1,666
- Medical case	5,696	6,378	5,408	17,263	11,788
- Centenarian	400	340	450	430	230
- Sale by levy (Hardship case)	600	618	32	20	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-
Total	15,336	17,577	14,730	34,234	18,592

Table 9 - Non-contributory benefits by type and rate payable, 2011-2015

Pension type	Monthly amount payable (Rs)				
	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Basic Retirement Pension (BRP) :					
(60-69) years	3,146	3,350	3,494	3,623	5,000
(70-89) years	3,146	3,350	3,494	3,623	5,000
(90-99) years	9,357	9,975	10,404	10,789	15,000
100 years and over	10,621	11,320	11,807	12,300	20,000
Basic Widow's Pension (BWP)	2,833	3,020	3,150	3,267	5,000
Basic Invalid's Pension (BIP)	2,833	3,020	3,150	3,267	5,000
Basic Orphan's Pension (BOP)					
(i) Under 15 years and not in full time education	1,569	1,673	1,745	1,810	2,500
(ii) 3 years and up to 20 years and in full time education	2,888	3,079	3,211	3,330	4,000
Guardian's Allowance:(Under the National Pensions Act)	691	737	769	798	1,000
Child's Allowance:(Under the National Pensions Act)					
(0 - 9) years	918	979	1,021	1,059	1,400
(10-19) years	983	1,048	1,093	1,133	1,500
Enhanced Basic Retirement Pension ^{1/} :					
(60-69) years	5,128	5,463	5,698	5,909	8,000
(70-89) years	5,128	5,463	5,698	5,909	8,000
(90-99) years	11,339	12,088	12,608	13,075	18,000
100 years and over	12,603	13,433	14,011	14,586	23,000
Additional Basic Invalid's Pension (Carer's Allowance)	1,715	1,828	1,907	1,978	2,500
Social Aid (minimum amount payable)	765	815	850	882	935
Food Aid	246	246	257	267	285
Income Support (as from 1 July 2006)	246	246	257	267	285
Inmate's Allowance : (a) Charitable Institutions	486	518	540	560	700
(b) Brown Sequard Hospital:					
Under 60 years	708	755	788	817	1,250
(60-69) years	786	838	874	906	1,250
(70-89) years	786	838	874	906	1,250
(90-99) years	2,339	2,494	2,601	2,697	3,750
Unemployment Hardship Relief (Minimum)	200	213	222	230	245
Minimum Contributory Retirement Pension	425	453	472	490	520
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Indoor Relief :					
Under 60 years	173	184	192	199	210
(60-89) years	190	203	212	220	235
(90-99) years	490	522	544	564	600
100 years and over	506	539	562	583	620

^{1/} Inclusive of Basic Retirement Pension