

# SOCIAL SECURITY STATISTICS

2012 – 2016

## 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 2012 to June 2016. 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 30<sup>th</sup> June to year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December. Then in 2015, following Government decision, reporting period reverted to the financial year basis (July to June). This publication presents main summary statistics on Social Security for the period July 2015 to June 2016. 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 2016, the number of beneficiaries relates to June 2016 while the amount paid refers to financial year, July 2015 to June 2016. Figures for 2016 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. As at June 2016, the number of beneficiaries of **Basic Retirement Pension** reached 197,037, 4.5% more compared to June 2015. The cost to Government was Rs. 14,096 million during the period July 2015 to June 2016.
- b. There were 19,890 **Basic Widow's Pensioners** in June 2016 compared to 20,291 one year earlier, showing a decrease of 2.0%. Amount disbursed was Rs. 1,454 million from July 2015 to June 2016.
- c. The number of **Basic Invalid's Pensioners** as at June 2016 was 29,287, i.e., a decrease of 3.7% compared to 30,412 a year earlier. The total amount disbursed reached Rs. 2,322 million from July 2015 to June 2016.
- d. At June 2016, the number of beneficiaries of **Basic Orphan's Pension** stood at 370 compared to 376 at June 2015 and expenditure amounted to Rs. 36 million for the period July 2015 to June 2016.
- e. **Social Aid** benefits were paid to 20,319 families in June 2016, i.e., a decrease of 0.2% over the figure for June 2015. Amount paid reached Rs. 733 million during period July 2015 to June 2016.

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

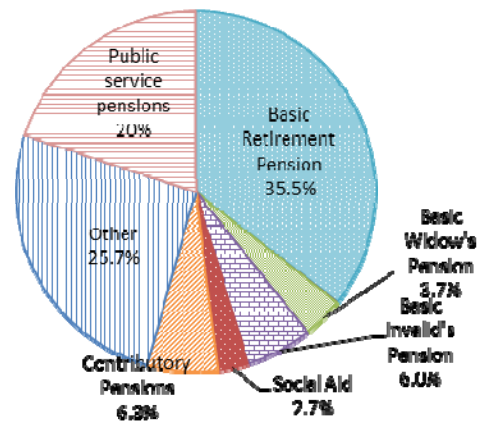
#### **Overall expenditure exceeds Rs 28 billion in 2014**

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.

Due to the shift in the Government Accounting Period from calendar to financial year, Government expenditure on Social Security and Welfare is not yet available for the period July 2015 to June 2016. Latest available figures indicate that Government spent Rs. 28,060 million on Social Security and Welfare in 2014, representing 28% of total government expenditure and 7.2% of the Gross Domestic Products (GD) at market prices.

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

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



### 4. NON-CONTRIBUTORY BENEFITS

These benefits include:

- ❖ Basic pensions which cater for elderly, invalids, widows and 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 188,470 as at June 2015 increased by 4.5% to reach 197,037 as at June 2016. The old-age pension cost government Rs. 14,096.1 million during period July 2015 to June 2016.

#### **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 19,890 Basic Widow's Pensioners in June 2016 compared to 20,291 one year earlier, showing a decrease of 2.0%.

Government expenditure on such Pension was Rs. 1,454.1 million from July 2015 to June 2016.

#### **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 30,412 in June 2015 to 29,287 in June 2016, down by 3.7%.

The total amount spent on Basic Invalid's Pension reached Rs. 2,322 million during the period July 2015 to June 2016.

#### **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 decreased from 376 in June 2015 to 370 in June 2016. Its cost amounted to Rs. 35.5 million from July 2015 to June 2016.

#### **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 7.5% from 16,612 in June 2015 to 15,368 in June 2016. 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 0.2% from 20,369 in June 2015 to 20,319 in June 2016. The total amount paid to beneficiaries was Rs. 733.2 million for period July 2015 to June 2016.

#### **4.2.2 Income Support for 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 were 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 95,835 in June 2016 and the total amount paid from July 2015 to June 2016 was Rs. 327.6 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 decreased from 677 in June 2015 to 644 in June 2016, showing a decline of 4.9%. The amount paid under this scheme was Rs 60 million for the period July 2015 to June 2016.

#### **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 2016, some 548 persons received such allowance as compared to 788 in June 2015, representing a decrease of 30.5%. The amount spent under this item was Rs. 6.7 million during period July 2015 to June 2016.

#### **4.2.5 Unemployment Hardship Relief**

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 decreased by 11.2%, from 1,020 in June 2015 to 906 in June 2016 and the amount paid for period July 2015 to June 2016 was Rs. 20.5 million.

#### **4.2.6 Funeral Grant**

Funeral grant is meant to cover funeral expenses of persons from low-income families. The number of payments for funeral expenses stood at 3,468 during July 2015 to June 2016. The amount disbursed was Rs. 17.5 million during that same period.

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

#### **5.1 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 July 2015 to June 2016, there were around 344,700 employees who have contributed to the NPF while contributions received from both employees and employers amounted to Rs. 3,373.8 million.

## 5.2 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 395,800 during period July 2015 to June 2016. For the same period, the total contribution received, exclusive of surcharge, amounted to Rs. 1648.7 million.

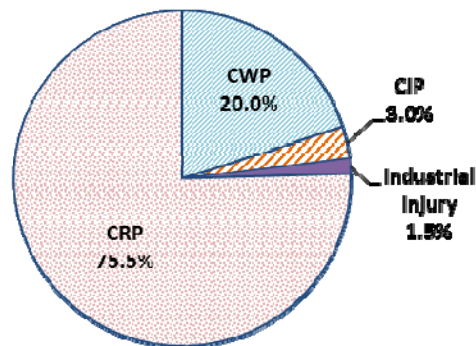
## 5.3 CONTRIBUTORY BENEFITS

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 NPF by the insured worker. For those persons whose contributions were marginal, government guarantees a minimum contributory pension.

During July 2015 to June 2016, amount disbursed on Contributory Retirement Pension (CRP) represented the main component with 75.5% of the total, followed by Contributory Widows Pension (CWP) with 20.0% [Table 7(b) and Figure 2].

**Figure 2: Percentage distribution of amount disbursed by contributory benefits, Jul 2015 to Jun 2016**



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

#### 5.3.1.1 Contributory Retirement Pension (CRP)

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 81,104 in June 2015 to reach 87,721 in June 2016, showing a rise of 8.2%. The amount disbursed on CRP stood at Rs. 1,575.1 million for period July 2015 to June 2016.

### 5.3.1.2 Contributory Widow's Pension (CWP)

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 4.4%, from 25,239 in June 2015 to 26,348 in June 2016. The amount paid for period July 2015 to June 2016 was Rs. 417.4 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 registered a decrease of 0.9%, from 9,721 in June 2015 to 9,634 in June 2016. The amount paid on this item was Rs. 63.3 million during period July 2015 to June 2016.

### 5.3.1.4 Contributory Orphan's Pension (COP)

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 National Pension Fund. At June 2016, the number of orphans benefiting from this pension was 188 against 185 in June 2015, representing an increase of 1.6%. The amount disbursed for period July 2015 to June 2016 was Rs. 0.4 million.

### 5.3.1.5 Industrial Injury Benefits

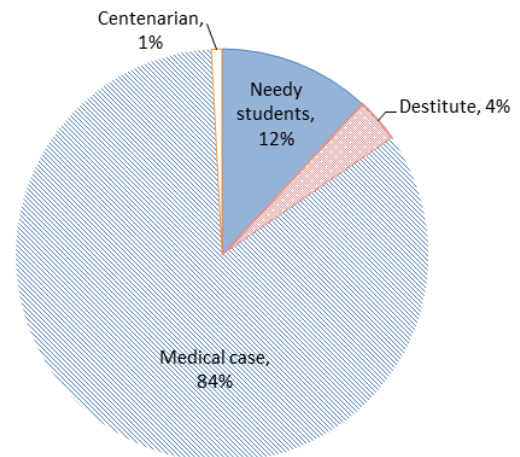
This comprises only those cases who, being insured under NPF, have been awarded Industrial Injury Allowance in respect of work accidents. The number of cases of Industrial Injury decreased from 750 in June 2015 to 643 in June 2016. The total amount paid to beneficiaries during period July 2015 to June 2016 was Rs. 30.9 million.

## 6. 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, Jul 2015 to Jun 2016



During the period July 2015 to June 2016, the National Solidarity Fund assisted 2,974 cases and during that period, the amount spent reached Rs. 55.6 million.

## **7. LIST OF TABLES**

The following tables together with the web version of this publication can be downloaded from Statistics Mauritius website at <http://statsmauritius.govmu.org>. 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'.

*Table 1 – Government Expenditure on Social Security & Welfare,  
Republic of Mauritius, 2011 - 2014*

*Table 2.1 - 2.3 – No. of beneficiaries of basic pensions and amount paid  
by island, 2012 - 2016*

*Table 3 – Number of beneficiaries of other non-contributory social benefits  
and amount paid, Republic of Mauritius, 2012 - 2016*

*Table 4 – Number of cases of Social Aid paid by district, 2012 - 2016*

*Table 5 – Contribution to the National Pensions Fund (NPF), 2012 - 2016*

*Table 6 – Contribution to the National Savings Fund (NSF), 2012 - 2016*

*Table 7 – Number of beneficiaries of contributory pensions and amount paid  
2012 - 2016, Republic of Mauritius*

*Table 8 – No. of cases receiving assistance from the National Solidarity Fund (NSF) by type  
and amount disbursed 2012 - 2016, Republic of Mauritius*

*Table 9 – Non-contributory benefits by type and rate payable, 2012 - 2016*

## **8. NOTES**

### **8.1 RELEASE OF DATA ON SOCIAL SECURITY**

This publication is a yearly issue to be released by end of February according to an advance calendar posted on Statistics Mauritius website (<http://statsmauritius.govmu.org>). The next issue is scheduled for February 2018. This indicator will also be followed by a more comprehensive report on the same subject and period, with release scheduled for September 2017.

## **8.2 INQUIRIES**

For further information regarding the indicators presented in this ESI and other statistics on social security please contact:

Mr. A. RAMASAMY, Statistician

Statistical Unit,  
Ministry of Social Security,  
National Solidarity and Reform Institutions  
8<sup>th</sup> floor, Social Security House,  
Rose Hill  
Tel: 465 4119, 403 2700 (Ext. 1254)  
Fax: 465 4119, 465 4665  
E-mail : [aramasamy@govmu.org](mailto:aramasamy@govmu.org)

## **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 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 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 1,515 for household employees and Rs 2,405 for other employees during the financial year 2015/2016. During that period, as from a monthly remuneration of Rs 15,710 a flat contribution is applicable for both categories.

### **9.2.2 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 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.

#### **Statistics Mauritius**

Ministry of Finance and Economic Development  
Port Louis  
February 2017

**Table 1 - Government Expenditure on Social Security & Welfare <sup>1/</sup> - 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) <sup>2/</sup>	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

<sup>1/</sup> Data for periods January to June 2015 and July 2015 to June 2016 are not yet available due to shift of Government Accounting Period from calendar to financial year

<sup>2/</sup> 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 2012-2014 and June 2015-2016*

Pension type	No. of beneficiaries				
	December 2012	December 2013	December 2014	June 2015	June 2016 <sup>1/</sup>
Basic Retirement Pension (Old age pension) <i>of whom</i>	169,847	177,721	184,487	188,470	197,037
<i>Severely handicapped</i> <sup>2/</sup>	16,663	16,810	16,812	16,586	16,010
Basic Widow's Pension	21,000	20,511	20,302	20,291	19,890
Basic Invalid's Pension <i>of whom</i>	27,361	30,930	30,715	30,412	29,287
<i>Severely handicapped</i> <sup>3/</sup>	6,687	6,588	6,485	6,531	6,244
Basic Orphan's Pension	368	374	372	376	370
Guardian's Allowance	317	323	321	329	322
Child's Allowance <i>of whom children of beneficiaries of:</i>	18,255	18,022	16,311	16,612	15,368
<i>Basic Retirement Pension</i>	244	268	255	241	224
<i>Basic Widow's Pension</i>	6,687	6,401	5,809	5,968	5,542
<i>Basic Invalid's Pension</i>	10,810	10,851	9,775	9,927	9,147
<i>Other</i> <sup>4/</sup>	514	502	472	476	455

<sup>1/</sup> provisional

<sup>2/</sup> drawing the Enhanced Basic Retirement Pension (Carer's Allowance)

<sup>3/</sup> drawing Additional Basic Invalid's Pension (Carer's Allowance)

<sup>4/</sup> 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 2012-2014, Jan to Jun 2015 and July 2015 to June 2016*

Pension type	Amount paid (Rs million)				
	Jan to Dec 2012	Jan to Dec 2013	Jan to Dec 2014	Jan to Jun 2015	Jul 2015 to Jun 2016 <sup>2/</sup>
Basic Retirement Pension (including Enhanced Basic Retirement Pension and Child's Allowance)	7,979.7	8,736.6	9,959.6	6,178.5	14,096.1
Basic Widow's Pension (including Child's Allowance)	935.5	952.6	1,039.6	669.6	1,454.1
Basic Invalid's Pension (including Carer's Allowance and Child's Allowance)	1,431.4	1,517.4	1,678.7	1,065.6	2,322.0
Basic Orphan's Pension <sup>1/</sup> (including Guardian's Allowance)	24.7	26.5	27.7	15.0	35.5

<sup>1/</sup> includes allowances to children who were previously children of beneficiaries of Basic Retirement Pension or Basic Widow's Pension or Basic Invalid's Pension

<sup>2/</sup> 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 2012-2014 and June 2015-2016*

Pension type	Number of beneficiaries				
	December 2012	December 2013	December 2014	June 2015	June 2016 <sup>1/</sup>
Basic Retirement Pension (Old age pension)	165,684	173,462	180,136	184,034	192,442
<i>of whom</i>					
<i>Severely handicapped</i> <sup>2/</sup>	15,991	16,198	16,158	15,892	15,200
Basic Widow's Pension	20,572	20,088	19,878	19,861	19,466
Basic Invalid's Pension	26,607	30,250	29,980	29,623	28,457
<i>of whom</i>					
<i>Severely handicapped</i> <sup>3/</sup>	6,424	6,321	6,163	6,146	5,855
Basic Orphan's Pension	322	327	326	337	332
Guardian's Allowance	278	282	279	293	286
Child's Allowance	17,607	17,431	15,715	15,990	14,733
<i>of whom children of beneficiaries of:</i>					
<i>Basic Retirement Pension</i>	234	256	242	231	212
<i>Basic Widow's Pension</i>	6,485	6,188	5,600	5,759	5,339
<i>Basic Invalid's Pension</i>	10,404	10,509	9,429	9,554	8,756
<i>Other</i> <sup>4/</sup>	484	478	444	446	426

<sup>1/</sup> provisional

<sup>2/</sup> drawing the Enhanced Basic Retirement Pension (Carer's Allowance)

<sup>3/</sup> drawing Additional Basic Invalid's Pension (Carer's Allowance)

<sup>4/</sup> 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 2012-2014, Jan to Jun 2015 and July 2015 to June 2016*

Pension type	Amount paid (Rs million)				
	Jan to Dec 2012	Jan to Dec 2013	Jan to Dec 2014	Jan to Jun 2015	Jul 2015 to Jun 2016 <sup>2/</sup>
Basic Retirement Pension (including Enhanced Basic Retirement Pension and Child's Allowance)	7,772.1	8,518.0	9,727.3	6,027.7	13,745.6
Basic Widow's Pension (including Child's Allowance)	916.0	932.3	1,018.5	654.8	1,422.0
Basic Invalid's Pension (including Carer's Allowance and Child's Allowance)	1,387.1	1,478.2	1,634.2	1,032.9	2,246.8
Basic Orphan's Pension <sup>1/</sup> (including Guardian's Allowance)	22.5	23.8	25.0	13.6	32.5

<sup>1/</sup> includes allowances to children who were previously children of beneficiaries of Basic Retirement Pension or Basic Widow's Pension or Basic Invalid's Pension

<sup>2/</sup> 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 2012-2014 and June 2015-2016*

Pension type	Number of beneficiaries				
	December 2012	December 2013	December 2014	June 2015	June 2016 <sup>1/</sup>
Basic Retirement Pension (Old age pension) <i>of whom</i>	4,163	4,259	4,351	4,436	4,595
<i>Severely handicapped</i> <sup>2/</sup>	672	612	654	694	810
Basic Widow's Pension	428	423	424	430	424
Basic Invalid's Pension <i>of whom</i>	754	680	735	789	830
<i>Severely handicapped</i> <sup>3/</sup>	263	267	322	385	389
Basic Orphan's Pension	46	47	46	39	38
Guardian's Allowance	39	41	42	36	36
Child's Allowance <i>of whom children of beneficiaries of:</i>	648	591	596	622	635
<i>Basic Retirement Pension</i>	10	12	13	10	12
<i>Basic Widow's Pension</i>	202	213	209	209	203
<i>Basic Invalid's Pension</i>	406	342	346	373	391
<i>Other</i> <sup>4/</sup>	30	24	28	30	29

<sup>1/</sup> provisional

<sup>2/</sup> drawing the Enhanced Basic Retirement Pension (Carer's Allowance)

<sup>3/</sup> drawing Additional Basic Invalid's Pension (Carer's Allowance)

<sup>4/</sup> 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 2012-2014, Jan to Jun 2015 and July 2015 to June 2016*

Pension type	Amount paid (Rs million)				
	Jan to Dec 2012	Jan to Dec 2013	Jan to Dec 2014	Jan to Jun 2015	Jul 2015 to Jun 2016 <sup>2/</sup>
Basic Retirement Pension (including Enhanced Basic Retirement Pension and Child's Allowance)	207.5	218.6	232.3	150.9	350.5
Basic Widow's Pension (including Child's Allowance)	19.5	20.3	21.1	14.8	32.1
Basic Invalid's Pension (including Carer's Allowance and Child's Allowance)	44.3	39.2	44.4	32.7	75.2
Basic Orphan's Pension <sup>1/</sup> (including Guardian's Allowance)	2.2	2.7	2.7	1.4	3.0

<sup>1/</sup> includes allowances to children who were previously children of beneficiaries of Basic Retirement Pension or Basic Widow's Pension or Basic Invalid's Pension

<sup>2/</sup> 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 2012 - 2014 and June 2015 - 2016*

Type of benefit	Number of beneficiaries				
	December 2012	December 2013	December 2014	June 2015	June 2016 <sup>3/</sup>
Social Aid <sup>1/</sup>	20,447	20,570	21,246	20,369	20,319
Food Aid (inclu. Income support)	87,200	96,100	93,150	95,625	95,835
Indoor Relief (Capitation Grant)	662	690	677	677	644
Inmate's Allowance	728	828	809	788	548
Unemployment Hardship Relief	611	816	882	1,020	906
Funeral Grant <sup>2/</sup>	3,133	3,091	3,218	1,642	3,468

<sup>1/</sup> refers to the number of cases who benefit from Social Aid for themselves and for members of their family

<sup>2/</sup> refers to the number of payments during the calendar year

<sup>3/</sup> provisional

*(b) Amount paid by type of benefit for calendar years 2012 - 2014, Jan to Jun 2015 and Jul 2015 to Jun 2016*

Type of benefit	Amount paid (Rs million)				
	Jan to Dec 2012	Jan to Dec 2013	Jan to Dec 2014	Jan to Jun 2015	Jul 2015 to Jun 2016 <sup>2/</sup>
Social Aid <sup>1/</sup>	702.2	736.8	764.2	326.4	733.2
Food Aid <sup>2/</sup> (inclu. Income support)	267.9	295.3	292.2	148.2	327.6
Indoor Relief (Capitation Grant)	51.0	54.6	63.2	29.5	60.0
Inmate's Allowance	6.8	8.1	8.9	4.4	6.7
Unemployment Hardship Relief	16.3	22.5	26.5	12.3	20.5
Funeral Grant	13.5	13.9	14.6	8.2	17.5

<sup>1/</sup> includes amount paid on (i) subsidy on HSC and SC examination fees

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

<sup>2/</sup> excludes amount spent for Rodrigues which is included in "Social aid"

<sup>3/</sup> provisional



**Table 4 - Number of cases of Social Aid paid by district as at December 2012 - 2014 and  
June 2015 - 2016**

District/ Island	Dec 2012	Dec 2013	Dec 2014	Jun 2015	Jun 2016 <sup>1/</sup>
Port-Louis	4,100	4,125	3,888	3,728	3,799
Pamplemousses	2,481	2,496	2,411	2,312	2,456
Riviere du Rempart	1,047	1,053	1,347	1,291	1,345
Flacq	1,595	1,605	1,888	1,810	1,713
Grand-Port	1,223	1,230	1,134	1,087	1,123
Savanne	1,010	1,016	1,095	1,050	938
Plaine Wilhems	4,400	4,426	4,538	4,351	4,390
Moka	871	876	915	877	881
Black River	895	900	959	919	975
<b>Island of Mauritius</b>	<b>17,622</b>	<b>17,728</b>	<b>18,175</b>	<b>17,425</b>	<b>17,620</b>
<b>Island of Rodrigues</b>	<b>2,825</b>	<b>2,842</b>	<b>3,071</b>	<b>2,944</b>	<b>2,699</b>
<b>Republic of Mauritius</b>	<b>20,447</b>	<b>20,570</b>	<b>21,246</b>	<b>20,369</b>	<b>20,319</b>

<sup>1/</sup> Provisional

**Table 5 - Contribution to the National Pensions Fund (NPF), 2012 - 2014, Jan to Jun 2015 and  
Jul 2015 to Jun 2016**

	Jan to Dec 2012	Jan to Dec 2013	Jan to Dec 2014	Jan to Jun 2015	Jul 2015 to Jun 2016 <sup>2/</sup>
No. of employers <sup>1/</sup> contributing to the Fund (000)	20.0	19.9	20.0	19.2	20.7
No. of employees contributing to the Fund (000)	311.4	318.7	328.6	307.5	344.7
Amount contributed by employers and employees (Rs Mn)	2,477.7	2,696.5	3,012.1	1,637.4	3,373.8
Surcharge paid by employers (Rs Mn)	4.7	5.5	6.4	3.9	5.7
Size of the NPF (Rs Mn) as at end of financial year	80,414.4	87,890.9	93,696.8	n.a	n.a

<sup>1/</sup> including the self employed and those who have contributed at least once during the financial year

<sup>2/</sup> provisional

**Table 6 - Contribution to the National Savings Fund (NSF), 2012 -2014, Jan to Jun 2015 and Jul 2015 to Jun 2016**

	Jan to Dec 2012	Jan to Dec 2013	Jan to Dec 2014	Jan to Jun 2015	Jul 2015 to Jun 2016 <sup>1/</sup>
No. of employers contributing to Fund ('000)	19.7	19.6	19.8	19.0	20.5
No. of employees belonging to the Fund ('000)	378.2	378.8	402.2	374.6	395.8
Amount contributed by employers (RsMn) <sup>2/</sup>	1,222.3	1,314.9	1,485.4	805.5	1,648.7
Surcharge paid by employers (RsMn)	0.6	0.6	0.9	0.7	0.9
No. of beneficiaries of Lump Sum:	8,099	7,697	7,915	5,077	12,017
of which Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS)	681	63	152	16	24
Total Lump Sum paid (RsMn)	316.3	369.7	396.3	250.9	472.3
of which VRS (RsMn)	38.0	4.2	11.8	1.0	1.6
Size of Fund (RsMn) as at end of financial year	16,130.3	17,640.0	19,598.7	n.a	n.a

<sup>1/</sup> provisional

**Table 7(a) - Number of beneficiaries of contributory pensions as at December 2010 - 2014 and June 2015 - 2016, Republic of Mauritius**

Pension type	December 2012	December 2013	December 2014	June 2015	June 2016 <sup>1/</sup>
Contributory Retirement Pension	66,069	72,221	78,185	81,104	87,721
Contributory Widow's Pension <sup>2/</sup>	21,940	23,263	24,512	25,239	26,348
Contributory Invalid's Pension	8,305	9,469	9,799	9,721	9,634
Contributory Orphan's Pension	155	168	173	185	188
Industrial Injury Benefits	841	822	797	750	643

<sup>1/</sup> provisional

**Table 7(b) -Amount paid to beneficiaries of contributory pensions 2012 - 2014, Jan to Jun 2015 and July 2015 to June 2016, Republic of Mauritius**

Pension type	Amount paid (Rs million)				
	Jan to Dec 2012	Jan to Dec 2013	Jan to Dec 2014	Jan to Jun 2015	Jul 2015 to Jun 2016 <sup>1/</sup>
Contributory Retirement Pension	1,027.3	1,176.0	1,316.1	741.2	1,575.1
Contributory Widow's Pension	285.8	322.1	358.4	201.1	417.4
Contributory Invalid's Pension	48.0	54.7	58.8	30.7	63.3
Contributory Orphan's Pension	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.4
Industrial Injury Benefits	42.5	39.4	38.2	20.4	30.9

<sup>1/</sup> provisional

**Table 8(a) - No. of cases receiving assistance from the National Solidarity Fund (NSF) by type, 2012-2014, Jan to Jun 2015 and Jul 2015 to Jun 2016, Republic of Mauritius**

Contingency	Number of cases				
	Jan to Dec 2012	Jan to Dec 2013	Jan to Dec 2014	Jan to Jun 2015	Jul 2015 to Jun 2016
Medical treatment abroad (Air ticket only)	-	-	-	-	-
Personal Hardship Scheme :	1,912	1,775	2,987	1,311	2,974
- Multiple births	-	-	1	-	-
- Fire victims	-	-	-	-	-
- Natural calamities	-	115	18	-	-
- Tragic accidents	14	13	10	-	5
- Needy students	718	658	937	458	592
- Repatriation of mortal remains	6	1	8	-	1
- Destitute	654	499	965	254	307
- Medical case	484	444	1,005	576	2,023
- Centenarian	34	45	43	23	46
- Sale by levy (Hardship case)	2	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,912</b>	<b>1,775</b>	<b>2,987</b>	<b>1,311</b>	<b>2,974</b>

**Table 8(b) - Amount disbursed by the National Solidarity Fund (NSF) by type, 2012-2014, Jan to Jun 2015 and Jul 2015 to Jun 2016, Republic of Mauritius**

Contingency	Amount paid (Rs 000)				
	Jan to Dec 2012	Jan to Dec 2013	Jan to Dec 2014	Jan to Jun 2015	Jul 2015 to Jun 2016
Medical treatment abroad (Air ticket only)	-	-	-	-	-
Personal Hardship Scheme:	17,577	14,730	34,234	18,592	55,639
- Multiple births	-	30	30	-	-
- Fire victims	-	-	-	-	-
- Natural calamities	-	314	101	-	-
- Tragic accidents	340	325	350	-	125
- Needy students	6,401	5,611	8,837	4,908	6,593
- Repatriation of mortal remains	150	50	333	-	50
- Destitute	3,350	2,510	6,870	1,666	1,951
- Medical case	6,378	5,408	17,263	11,788	46,454
- Centenarian	340	450	430	230	460
- Sale by levy (Hardship case)	618	32	20	-	6
Other	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>17,577</b>	<b>14,730</b>	<b>34,234</b>	<b>18,592</b>	<b>55,639</b>

**Table 9 - Non-contributory benefits by type and rate payable, 2012-2016**

Pension type	Monthly amount payable (Rs)				
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Basic Retirement Pension (BRP) :					
(60-69) years	3,350	3,494	3,623	5,000	5,250
(70-89) years	3,350	3,494	3,623	5,000	5,250
(90-99) years	9,975	10,404	10,789	15,000	15,250
100 years and over	11,320	11,807	12,300	20,000	20,250
Basic Widow's Pension (BWP)	3,020	3,150	3,267	5,000	5,250
Basic Invalid's Pension (BIP)	3,020	3,150	3,267	5,000	5,250
Basic Orphan's Pension (BOP)					
(i) Under 15 years and not in full time education	1,673	1,745	1,810	2,500	2,750
(ii) 3 years and up to 20 years and in full time education	3,079	3,211	3,330	4,000	4,250
Guardian's Allowance:(Under the National Pensions Act)	737	769	798	1,000	1,000
Child's Allowance:(Under the National Pensions Act)					
(0 - 9) years	979	1,021	1,059	1,400	1,400
(10-19) years	1,048	1,093	1,133	1,500	1,500
Enhanced Basic Retirement Pension <sup>1/</sup> :					
(60-69) years	5,463	5,698	5,909	8,000	8,250
(70-89) years	5,463	5,698	5,909	8,000	8,250
(90-99) years	12,088	12,608	13,075	18,000	18,250
100 years and over	13,433	14,011	14,586	23,000	23,250
Additional Basic Invalid's Pension (Carer's Allowance)	1,828	1,907	1,978	2,500	2,500
Social Aid (minimum amount payable)	815	850	882	935	958
Food Aid	246	257	267	285	285
Income Support (as from 1 July 2006)	246	257	267	285	285
Inmate's Allowance : (a) Charitable Institutions	518	540	560	700	718
(b) Brown Sequard Hospital:					
Under 60 years	755	788	817	1,250	1,313
(60-69) years	838	874	906	1,250	1,313
(70-89) years	838	874	906	1,250	3,813
(90-99) years	2,494	2,601	2,697	3,750	5,063
Unemployment Hardship Relief (Minimum)	213	222	230	245	245
Minimum Contributory Retirement Pension	453	472	490	520	533
			<b>D a i l y</b>		
Indoor Relief :					
Under 60 years	184	192	199	210	215
(60-89) years	203	212	220	235	241
(90-99) years	522	544	564	600	615
100 years and over	539	562	583	620	636

<sup>1/</sup> Inclusive of Basic Retirement Pension