

# SOCIAL SECURITY STATISTICS

2013 – 2017

## 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 Environment and Sustainable development (Social Security Division) for the period January 2013 to June 2017. 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 2016 to June 2017.

For the financial year 2016/2017, the number of beneficiaries relates to June 2017 while the amount paid refers to financial year. Figures for 2016/2017 are 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 2017, the number of beneficiaries of **Basic Retirement Pension** reached 206,799, some 5% more compared to June 2016. The cost to Government was Rs. 15,360 million in 2016/2017 i.e. 9% higher than that in 2015/2016.
- b. There were 19,540 **Basic Widow's Pensioners** in June 2016 compared to 19,890 one year earlier, showing a decrease of 1.8%. However, due to increases in the rates payable, the amount disbursed increased by 1.9% to reach Rs. 1,482 million in 2016/2017.
- c. The number of **Basic Invalid's Pensioners** as at June 2017 was 32,300, i.e., an increase of 10.3% compared to 29,287 a year earlier. The increase is mainly explained by the eligibility of children under 15 years to receive this pension with effect from July 2016. The total amount disbursed from July 2016 to June 2017 rose by 10.2% to reach Rs. 2,559 million.
- d. At June 2017, the number of beneficiaries of **Basic Orphan's Pension** stood at 365 compared to 370 at June 2016 and expenditure amounted to Rs. 35 million for the period July 2016 to June 2017.
- e. **Social Aid** benefits were paid to 18,493 families in June 2017, i.e., a decrease of 9% over the figure for June 2016. Amount paid registered a 12.9% decrease to Rs. 639 million in 2016/2017.

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

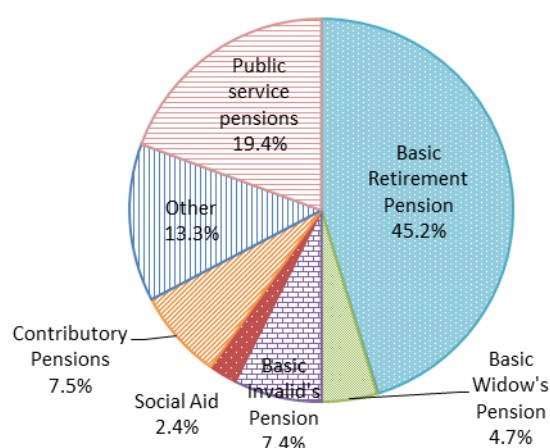
#### **Overall expenditure exceeds Rs 31 billion in 2015/2016**

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 and Environment and Sustainable development (Social Security Division) 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.

Government expenditure on Social Security and Welfare is not yet available for the period July 2016 to June 2017. Latest available figures indicate that Government spent Rs. 31,185 million on Social Security and Welfare from July 2015 to June 2016, representing 29% of total government expenditure and 7.4% of the Gross Domestic Products (GDP) at market prices.

The main components were the Basic Retirement Pension with a share of 45.2%, followed by Public Service Pensions, 19.4%.

Figure 1 - Components of government expenditure on social security and welfare, Jul 2015 to Jun 2016



### 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 197,037 as at June 2016 increased by 5% to reach 206,799 as at June 2017. The old-age pension cost government Rs. 15,359.6 million during 2016/2017, representing an increase of 9% over 2015/2016.

#### **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 19,540 Basic Widow's Pensioners in June 2017 compared to 19,890 one year earlier, showing a decrease of 1.8%.

However, due to higher rate of pension, Government expenditure on BWP increased by 1.9% from Rs. 1,454.1 million in 2015/2016 to Rs. 1,482 million in 2016/2017.

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

The Basic Invalid's Pension is payable to any person under the age of 60, if certified by a Medical Board that the person is either permanently or substantially incapacitated to a degree of 60% or more for at least 12 months. The number of such beneficiaries increased from 29,287 in June 2016 to 32,300 in June 2017, up by 10.3%. The increase is mainly explained by the eligibility of children under 15 years to receive this pension with effect from July 2016.

The total amount spent on Basic Invalid's Pension rose by 10.2% from Rs. 2,322 million in 2015/2016 to Rs. 2,558.6 million in 2016/2017.

#### **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 370 in June 2016 to 365 in June 2017. Its cost amounted to Rs. 35.3 million in 2016/2017, almost same as in 2015/2016.

#### **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 6.3% from 15,368 in June 2016 to 14,400 in June 2017. Out of this total, 59% 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 9% from 20,319 in June 2016 to 18,493 in June 2017. Amount paid registered a 12.9% decrease to Rs. 638.5 million in 2016/2017.

#### **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 94,200 in June 2017 and the total amount paid from July 2016 to June 2017 was Rs. 349 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 Social Aid. The number of beneficiaries increased from 644 in June 2016 to 674 in June 2017, showing a rise of 4.7%. The amount paid under this scheme was Rs 58.6 million for the period July 2016 to June 2017.

#### **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 2017, some 722 persons received such allowance as compared to 734 in June 2016, representing a decrease of 1.6%. The amount spent under this item increased by 3.9% from Rs 9.9 million in 2015/2016 to Rs 10.3 million in 2016/2017.

#### **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 increased by 0.8%, from 902 in June 2016 to 909 in June 2017 and the amount paid to these beneficiaries decreased by 1% from Rs 20.5 million in 2015/2016 to Rs 20.3 million in 2016/2017.

#### **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 3,323 during July 2016 to June 2017. The amount disbursed was Rs. 31.1 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 2016 to June 2017, there were around 352,700 employees who have contributed to NPF, while contributions received from both employees and employers amounted to Rs. 3,642 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 425,400 during period July 2016 to June 2017 and the total contribution received, exclusive of surcharge, amounted to Rs. 1,777.3 million.

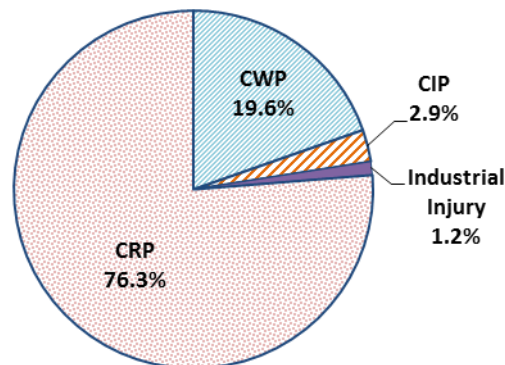
## 5.3 CONTRIBUTORY BENEFITS

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 2016 to June 2017, amount disbursed on Contributory Retirement Pension (CRP) represented the main component with 76.3% of the total, followed by Contributory Widows Pension (CWP) with 19.6% [Table 7(b) and Figure 2].

**Figure 2 : Percentage distribution of amount disbursed by contributory benefits, Jul 2016 to Jun 2017**



### 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 87,721 in June 2016 to reach 95,598 in June 2017, showing a rise of 9%. An increase of 13.8% was also noted in the amount disbursed, from Rs. 1,575.1 million in 2015/2016 to Rs. 1,792.7 million in 2016/2017.

### 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 4.8%, from 26,348 in June 2016 to 27,622 in June 2017. The amount paid went up from Rs. 417.4 million in 2015/2016 to Rs. 461.3 million in 2016/2017, showing an increase of 10.5%.

### 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 an increase of 2.2%, from 9,634 in June 2016 to 9,846 in June 2017. The amount paid on this item increased by 7% from Rs. 63.3 million in 2015/2016 to Rs. 67.7 million in 2016/2017.

### 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 2017, the number of orphans benefiting from this pension was 197 against 188 in June 2016, representing an increase of 4.8%. The amount disbursed for period July 2016 to June 2017 was Rs. 0.4 million, same as in the preceding financial year .

### 5.3.1.5 Industrial Injury Benefits

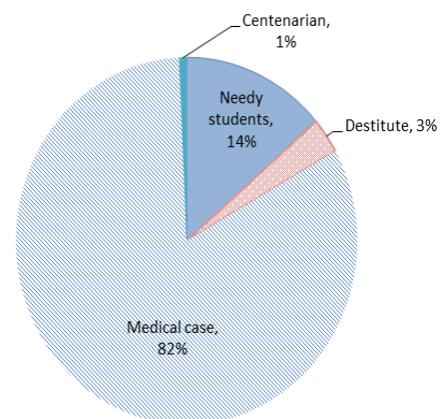
This comprises only those cases who, being insured under NPF, have been awarded Industrial Injury Allowance in respect of work accidents. The number of cases of Industrial Injury increased from 643 in June 2016 to 648 in June 2017. The total amount paid decreased from Rs 30.9 million in 2015/2016 to Rs 28.1 million in 2016/2017, down by 9.1%.

## 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 2016 to Jun 2017



In 2016/2017, the National Solidarity Fund assisted 4,796 cases compared to 2,974 in 2015/2016, representing an increase of 61.3%. During that period, the amount spent rose by 57.1% to Rs. 87.4 million from 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'.

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### **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 2019. This indicator will also be followed by a more comprehensive report on the same subject and period, with release scheduled for September 2018.

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## **9 EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **9.1 NON – CONTRIBUTORY BENEFITS**

#### **9.1.1 Carer’s Allowance for Basic Retirement Pensioner**

The Carer’s Allowance for Basic Retirement Pensioner 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 Carer’s Allowance for Basic Invalid Pensioner**

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 1,610 for private household employees and Rs 2,550 for other employees during the financial year 2016/2017. During that period, as from a monthly remuneration of Rs 16,655 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.

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**Table 1 - Government Expenditure on Social Security & Welfare <sup>1/</sup> - Republic of Mauritius,  
2013 - 2014, Jan to June 2015 and Jul 2015 to Jun 2016**

<b>Government expenditure on Social Security &amp; Welfare</b>	<b>Jan to Dec 2013</b>	<b>Jan to Dec 2014</b>	<b>Jan to Jun 2015</b>	<b>Jul 2015 to Jun 2016</b>
Amount (Rs. Mn) <sup>2/</sup>	26,028.3	28,060.4	12,221.1	31,185.0
% of total government expenditure	26.7	28.0	24.2	29.0
% of GDP at market prices	7.1	7.3	6.2	7.4

<sup>1/</sup> Data for financial year July 2016 to June 2017 are not yet available.

<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 2013 - 2014 and June 2015 - 2017*

Pension type	No. of beneficiaries				
	December 2013	December 2014	June 2015	June 2016	June 2017 <sup>1/</sup>
Basic Retirement Pension (Old age pension) <i>of whom</i>	177,721	184,487	188,470	197,037	206,799
<i>Severely handicapped</i> <sup>2/</sup>	16,810	16,812	16,586	16,010	16,160
Basic Widow's Pension	20,511	20,302	20,291	19,890	19,540
Basic Invalid's Pension <i>of whom</i>	30,930	30,715	30,412	29,287	32,300 <sup>5/</sup>
<i>Severely handicapped</i> <sup>3/</sup>	6,587	6,485	6,531	6,244	6,775
Basic Orphan's Pension	374	372	376	370	365
Guardian's Allowance	323	321	329	322	314
Child's Allowance <i>of whom children of beneficiaries of:</i>	18,022	16,311	16,612	15,368	14,400
<i>Basic Retirement Pension</i>	268	255	241	224	201
<i>Basic Widow's Pension</i>	6,401	5,809	5,968	5,542	5,244
<i>Basic Invalid's Pension</i>	10,851	9,775	9,927	9,147	8,538
<i>Other</i> <sup>4/</sup>	502	472	476	455	417

<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

<sup>5/</sup> with effect from July 2016, BIP is payable to persons under the age of 60 as compared to previous years where only those aged 15 to 59 were eligible

*(b) Amount paid by pension type, calendar years 2013 - 2014, Jan to Jun 2015 and financial years 2015/2016 - 2016/2017*

Pension type	Amount paid (Rs million)				
	Jan to Dec 2013	Jan to Dec 2014	Jan to Jun 2015	Jul 2015 to Jun 2016	Jul 2016 to Jun 2017 <sup>2/</sup>
Basic Retirement Pension (including Enhanced Basic Retirement Pension and Child's Allowance)	8,736.6	9,959.6	6,178.5	14,096.1	15,359.6
Basic Widow's Pension (including Child's Allowance)	952.6	1,039.6	669.6	1,454.1	1,482.0
Basic Invalid's Pension (including Carer's Allowance and Child's Allowance)	1,517.4	1,678.7	1,065.6	2,322.0	2,558.6
Basic Orphan's Pension <sup>1/</sup> (including Guardian's Allowance)	26.5	27.7	15.0	35.5	35.3

<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 2013 - 2014 and June 2015 - 2017*

Pension type	Number of beneficiaries				
	December 2013	December 2014	June 2015	June 2016	June 2017 <sup>1/</sup>
Basic Retirement Pension (Old age pension)	173,462	180,136	184,034	192,442	201,991
<i>of whom</i>					
<i>Severely handicapped</i> <sup>2/</sup>	16,198	16,158	15,892	15,200	15,273
Basic Widow's Pension	20,088	19,878	19,861	19,466	19,126
Basic Invalid's Pension	30,250	29,980	29,623	28,457	31,282 <sup>5/</sup>
<i>of whom</i>					
<i>Severely handicapped</i> <sup>3/</sup>	6,321	6,163	6,146	5,855	6,327
Basic Orphan's Pension	327	326	337	332	331
Guardian's Allowance	282	279	293	286	281
Child's Allowance	17,431	15,715	15,990	14,733	13,807
<i>of whom children of beneficiaries of:</i>					
<i>Basic Retirement Pension</i>	256	242	231	212	193
<i>Basic Widow's Pension</i>	6,188	5,600	5,759	5,339	5,054
<i>Basic Invalid's Pension</i>	10,509	9,429	9,554	8,756	8,168
<i>Other</i> <sup>4/</sup>	478	444	446	426	392

<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

<sup>5/</sup> with effect from July 2016, BIP is payable to persons under the age of 60 as compared to previous years where only those aged 15 to 59 were eligible

*(b) Amount paid by pension type, calendar years 2013 - 2014, Jan to Jun 2015 and financial years 2015/2016 - 2016/2017*

Pension type	Amount paid (Rs million)				
	Jan to Dec 2013	Jan to Dec 2014	Jan to Jun 2015	Jul 2015 to Jun 2016	Jul 2016 to Jun 2017 <sup>2/</sup>
Basic Retirement Pension (including Enhanced Basic Retirement Pension and Child's Allowance)	8,518.0	9,727.3	6,027.7	13,745.6	14,975.7
Basic Widow's Pension (including Child's Allowance)	932.3	1,018.5	654.8	1,422.0	1,449.6
Basic Invalid's Pension (including Carer's Allowance and Child's Allowance)	1,478.2	1,634.2	1,032.9	2,246.8	2,466.3
Basic Orphan's Pension <sup>1/</sup> (including Guardian's Allowance)	23.8	25.0	13.6	32.5	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 2013 - 2014 and June 2015 - 2017*

Pension type	Number of beneficiaries				
	December 2013	December 2014	June 2015	June 2016	June 2017 <sup>1/</sup>
Basic Retirement Pension (Old age pension) <i>of whom</i>	4,259	4,351	4,436	4,595	4,808
<i>Severely handicapped</i> <sup>2/</sup>	612	654	694	810	887
Basic Widow's Pension	423	424	430	424	414
Basic Invalid's Pension <i>of whom</i>	680	735	789	830	1,018 <sup>5/</sup>
<i>Severely handicapped</i> <sup>3/</sup>	266	322	385	389	448
Basic Orphan's Pension	47	46	39	38	34
Guardian's Allowance	41	42	36	36	33
Child's Allowance <i>of whom children of beneficiaries of:</i>	591	596	622	635	593
<i>Basic Retirement Pension</i>	12	13	10	12	8
<i>Basic Widow's Pension</i>	213	209	209	203	190
<i>Basic Invalid's Pension</i>	342	346	373	391	370
<i>Other</i> <sup>4/</sup>	24	28	30	29	25

<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

<sup>5/</sup> with effect from July 2016, BIP is payable to persons under the age of 60 as compared to previous years where only those aged 15 to 59 were eligible

*(b) Amount paid by pension type, calendar years 2013 - 2014, Jan to Jun 2015 and financial years 2015/2016 - 2016/2017*

Pension type	Amount paid (Rs million)				
	Jan to Dec 2013	Jan to Dec 2014	Jan to Jun 2015	Jul 2015 to Jun 2016	Jul 2016 to Jun 2017 <sup>2/</sup>
Basic Retirement Pension (including Enhanced Basic Retirement Pension and Child's Allowance)	218.6	232.3	150.9	350.5	383.9
Basic Widow's Pension (including Child's Allowance)	20.3	21.1	14.8	32.1	32.4
Basic Invalid's Pension (including Carer's Allowance and Child's Allowance)	39.2	44.4	32.7	75.2	92.3
Basic Orphan's Pension <sup>1/</sup> (including Guardian's Allowance)	2.7	2.7	1.4	3.0	2.8

<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 2013 - 2014 and June 2015 - 2017*

Type of benefit	Number of beneficiaries				
	December 2013	December 2014	June 2015	June 2016	June 2017 <sup>3/</sup>
Social Aid <sup>1/</sup>	20,570	21,246	20,369	20,319	18,493
Food Aid (inclu. Income support)	96,100	93,150	95,625	95,835	94,200
Indoor Relief (Capitation Grant)	690	677	677	644	674
Inmate's Allowance	828	809	788	734	722
Unemployment Hardship Relief	816	882	1,020	902	909
Funeral Grant <sup>2/</sup>	3,091	3,218	1,642	3,468	3,323

<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/financial year

<sup>3/</sup> provisional

*(b) Amount paid by type of benefit for calendar years 2013 - 2014, Jan to Jun 2015 and financial years 2015/2016 - 2016/2017*

Type of benefit	Amount paid (Rs million)				
	Jan to Dec 2013	Jan to Dec 2014	Jan to Jun 2015	Jul 2015 to Jun 2016	Jul 2016 to Jun 2017 <sup>2/</sup>
Social Aid <sup>1/</sup>	736.8	764.2	326.4	733.2	638.5
Food Aid <sup>2/</sup> (inclu. Income support)	295.3	292.2	148.2	327.6	349.0
Indoor Relief (Capitation Grant)	54.6	63.2	29.5	60.0	58.6
Inmate's Allowance	8.1	8.9	4.4	9.9	10.3
Unemployment Hardship Relief	22.5	26.5	12.3	20.5	20.3
Funeral Grant	13.9	14.6	8.2	17.5	31.1

<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 2013 - 2014 and  
June 2015 - 2017**

District/ Island	Dec 2013	Dec 2014	Jun 2015	Jun 2016	Jun 2017 <sup>1/</sup>
Port-Louis	4,125	3,888	3,728	3,799	3,293
Pamplemousses	2,496	2,411	2,312	2,456	2,079
Riviere du Rempart	1,053	1,347	1,291	1,345	1,035
Flacq	1,605	1,888	1,810	1,713	1,495
Grand-Port	1,230	1,134	1,087	1,123	1,082
Savanne	1,016	1,095	1,050	938	822
Plaine Wilhems	4,426	4,538	4,351	4,390	3,737
Moka	876	915	877	881	795
Black River	900	959	919	975	1,029
<b>Island of Mauritius</b>	<b>17,728</b>	<b>18,175</b>	<b>17,425</b>	<b>17,620</b>	<b>15,367</b>
<b>Island of Rodrigues</b>	<b>2,842</b>	<b>3,071</b>	<b>2,944</b>	<b>2,699</b>	<b>3,126</b>
<b>Republic of Mauritius</b>	<b>20,570</b>	<b>21,246</b>	<b>20,369</b>	<b>20,319</b>	<b>18,493</b>

<sup>1/</sup> Provisional

**Table 5 - Contribution to the National Pensions Fund (NPF), calender years 2013 - 2014,  
Jan to Jun 2015 and financial years 2015/2016 - 2016/2017**

	Jan to Dec 2013	Jan to Dec 2014	Jan to Jun 2015	Jul 2015 to Jun 2016	Jul 2016 to Jun 2017 <sup>2/</sup>
No. of employers <sup>1/</sup> contributing to the Fund (000)	19.9	20.0	19.2	20.7	21.3
No. of employees contributing to the Fund (000)	318.7	328.6	307.5	344.7	352.7
Amount contributed by employers and employees (Rs Mn)	2,696.5	3,012.1	1,637.4	3,373.8	3,642.0
Surcharge paid by employers (Rs Mn)	5.5	6.4	3.9	5.7	6.4
Size of the NPF (Rs Mn) as at end of financial year	87,890.9	93,981.3	n.a	100,934.2	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), calendar years 2013 -2014, Jan to Jun 2015 and financial years 2015/2016 - 2016/2017**

	Jan to Dec 2013	Jan to Dec 2014	Jan to Jun 2015	Jul 2015 to Jun 2016	Jul 2016 to Jun 2017 <sup>1/</sup>
No. of employers contributing to Fund ('000)	19.6	19.8	19.0	20.5	21.1
No. of employees belonging to the Fund ('000)	378.8	402.2	374.6	395.8	425.4
Amount contributed by employers (RsMn) <sup>2/</sup>	1,314.9	1,485.4	805.5	1,648.7	1,777.3
Surcharge paid by employers (RsMn)	0.6	0.9	0.7	0.9	0.8
No. of beneficiaries of Lump Sum:	7,697	7,915	5,077	12,017	14,961
of which Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS)	63	152	16	24	66
Total Lump Sum paid (RsMn)	369.7	396.3	250.9	472.3	671.1
of which VRS (RsMn)	4.2	11.8	1.0	1.6	4.6
Size of Fund (RsMn) as at end of financial year	17,640.0	19,598.7	n.a	21,772.0	n.a

<sup>1/</sup> provisional

**Table 7(a) - Number of beneficiaries of contributory pensions as at December 2013 - 2014 and June 2015 - 2017, Republic of Mauritius**

Pension type	December 2013	December 2014	June 2015	June 2016	June 2017 <sup>1/</sup>
Contributory Retirement Pension	72,221	78,185	81,104	87,721	95,598
Contributory Widow's Pension <sup>2/</sup>	23,263	24,512	25,239	26,348	27,622
Contributory Invalid's Pension	9,469	9,799	9,721	9,634	9,846
Contributory Orphan's Pension	168	173	185	188	197
Industrial Injury Benefits	822	797	750	643	648

<sup>1/</sup> provisional

**Table 7(b) -Amount paid to beneficiaries of contributory pensions 2013 - 2014, Jan to Jun 2015 and 2015/2016 - 2016/2017, Republic of Mauritius**

Pension type	Amount paid (Rs million)				
	Jan to Dec 2013	Jan to Dec 2014	Jan to Jun 2015	Jul 2015 to Jun 2016	Jul 2016 to Jun 2017 <sup>1/</sup>
Contributory Retirement Pension	1,176.0	1,316.1	741.2	1,575.1	1,792.7
Contributory Widow's Pension	322.1	358.4	201.1	417.4	461.3
Contributory Invalid's Pension	54.7	58.8	30.7	63.3	67.7
Contributory Orphan's Pension	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.4
Industrial Injury Benefits	39.4	38.2	20.4	30.9	28.1

<sup>1/</sup> provisional

**Table 8(a) - No. of cases receiving assistance from the National Solidarity Fund by type,  
2013 - 2014, Jan to Jun 2015 and 2015/2016 - 2016/2017, Republic of Mauritius**

Contingency	Number of cases				
	Jan to Dec 2013	Jan to Dec 2014	Jan to Jun 2015	Jul 2015 to Jun 2016	Jul 2016 to Jun 2017
Medical treatment abroad (Air ticket only)	-	-	-	-	-
Personal Hardship Scheme :	1,775	2,987	1,311	2,974	4,796
- Multiple births	-	1	-	-	-
- Fire victims	-	-	-	-	-
- Natural calamities	115	18	-	-	-
- Tragic accidents	13	10	-	5	-
- Needy students	658	937	458	592	1,056
- Repatriation of mortal remains	1	8	-	1	-
- Destitute	499	965	254	307	444
- Medical case	444	1,005	576	2,023	3,231
- Centenarian	45	43	23	46	62
- Sale by levy (Hardship case)	-	-	-	-	3
Other	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,775</b>	<b>2,987</b>	<b>1,311</b>	<b>2,974</b>	<b>4,796</b>

**Table 8(b) - Amount disbursed by the National Solidarity Fund by type, 2013 - 2014,  
Jan to Jun 2015 and 2015/2016 - 2016/2017, Republic of Mauritius**

Contingency	Amount paid (Rs 000)				
	Jan to Dec 2013	Jan to Dec 2014	Jan to Jun 2015	Jul 2015 to Jun 2016	Jul 2016 to Jun 2017
Medical treatment abroad (Air ticket only)	-	-	-	-	-
Personal Hardship Scheme:	14,730	34,234	18,592	55,639	87,418
- Multiple births	30	30	-	-	-
- Fire victims	-	-	-	-	-
- Natural calamities	314	101	-	-	-
- Tragic accidents	325	350	-	125	-
- Needy students	5,611	8,837	4,908	6,593	11,921
- Repatriation of mortal remains	50	333	-	50	-
- Destitute	2,510	6,870	1,666	1,951	2,712
- Medical case	5,408	17,263	11,788	46,454	71,627
- Centenarian	450	430	230	460	620
- Sale by levy (Hardship case)	32	20	-	6	538
Other	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,730</b>	<b>34,234</b>	<b>18,592</b>	<b>55,639</b>	<b>87,418</b>

**Table 9 - Non-contributory benefits by type and rate payable, 2013 - 2017**

Pension type	Monthly amount payable (Rs)				
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Basic Retirement Pension (BRP) :					
(60-69) years	3,494	3,623	5,000	5,250	5,450
(70-89) years	3,494	3,623	5,000	5,250	5,450
(90-99) years	10,404	10,789	15,000	15,250	15,450
100 years and over	11,807	12,300	20,000	20,250	20,450
Basic Widow's Pension (BWP)	3,150	3,267	5,000	5,250	5,450
Basic Invalid's Pension (BIP)	3,150	3,267	5,000	5,250	5,450
Basic Orphan's Pension (BOP)					
(i) Under 15 years and not in full time education	1,745	1,810	2,500	2,750	2,950
(ii) 3 years and up to 20 years and in full time education	3,211	3,330	4,000	4,250	4,450
Guardian's Allowance:(Under the National Pensions Act)	769	798	1,000	1,000	1,000
Child's Allowance:(Under the National Pensions Act)					
(0 - 9) years	1,021	1,059	1,400	1,400	1,400
(10-19) years	1,093	1,133	1,500	1,500	1,500
Enhanced Basic Retirement Pension <sup>1/</sup> :					
(60-69) years	5,698	5,909	8,000	8,250	8,450
(70-89) years	5,698	5,909	8,000	8,250	8,450
(90-99) years	12,608	13,075	18,000	18,250	18,450
100 years and over	14,011	14,586	23,000	23,250	23,450
Additional Basic Invalid's Pension (Carer's Allowance)	1,907	1,978	2,500	2,500	2,500
Social Aid (minimum amount payable)	850	882	935	958	978
Food Aid	257	267	285	285	285
Income Support (as from 1 July 2006)	257	267	285	285	285
Inmate's Allowance : (a) Charitable Institutions	540	560	700	718	733
(b) Brown Sequard Hospital:					
Under 60 years	788	817	1,250	1,313	1,363
(60-69) years	874	906	1,250	1,313	1,363
(70-89) years	874	906	1,250	3,813	3,863
(90-99) years	2,601	2,697	3,750	5,063	5,113
Unemployment Hardship Relief (Minimum)	222	230	245	245	250
Minimum Contributory Retirement Pension	472	490	520	533	544
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Indoor Relief :					
Under 60 years	192	199	210	215	220
(60-89) years	212	220	235	241	246
(90-99) years	544	564	600	615	628
100 years and over	562	583	620	636	649

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