#### SOCIAL SECURITY STATISTICS

#### July 2019 – June 2020

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

This issue of the 'Economic and Social Indicators' presents statistics on the main social security benefits provided by the Social Security and National Solidarity Division of the Ministry of Social Integration, Social Security and National Solidarity for the period July 2015 to June 2020. 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 2019 to June 2020.

For the financial year 2019/2020, the number of beneficiaries relates to June 2020, while the amount paid refers to financial year. Figures for 2019/2020 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 2020, the number of beneficiaries of *Basic Retirement Pension* reached 232,935, some 3.9% more compared to June 2019. The cost to Government was Rs 25.1 billion in 2019/2020 i.e. 35.0% higher than that in 2018/2019.
- b. There were 18,460 *Basic Widow's Pensioners* in June 2020 compared to 18,830 one year earlier, showing a decrease of 2.0%. However, due to increases in the rates payable, the amount disbursed increased by 27.4% to reach Rs 2.0 billion in 2019/2020.
- c. The number of *Basic Invalid's Pensioners* as at June 2020 was 31,599, i.e., a decrease of 1.1% compared to 31,935 a year earlier. The total amount disbursed from July 2019 to June 2020 rose by 26.9% to reach Rs 3.7 billion.
- d. At June 2020, the number of beneficiaries of **Basic Orphan's Pension** stood at 326 compared to 308 at June 2019 and expenditure amounted to Rs 41.1 million for the period July 2019 to June 2020.
- e. **Social Aid** benefits were paid to 15,537 families in June 2020, i.e., a decrease of 2.0% over the figure for June 2019. Amount paid registered an increase of 0.1% to reach Rs 496.5 million in 2019/2020.

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

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 2014 of the International Monetary Fund. It covers all expenses made by the Ministry of Social Integration, Social Security and National Solidarity (Social Security and National Solidarity Division) and the Ministry of Gender Equality and Family Welfare together with components of social welfare of all government organizations as well as Local Government.

As from 2013, it is to be noted that Government expenditure on Social Security and Welfare excludes Public Service Pension due to accrual treatment of payments of employment related pension.

Government expenditure on Social Security and Welfare is not yet available for the period July 2019 to June 2020. Latest available figures indicate that Government spent Rs 34 billion on Social Security and Welfare from July 2018 to June 2019, representing 26.5% of total government expenditure and 6.9% of the Gross Domestic Products (GDP) at market prices.

The main components were the Basic Retirement Pension with a share of 54.6%, followed by expenses on welfare by other Ministries, 22.1%.

# 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 Mauritians residing in government-subsidized institutions such as old-people homes, infirmaries and orphanages.

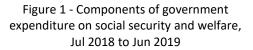
The pension rates payable for non-contributory benefits are given at Table 9.

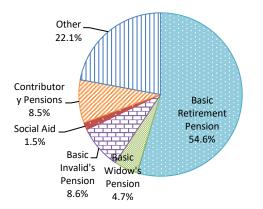
# 4.1 BASIC PENSIONS

# 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 224,277 as at June 2019 increased by 3.9% to reach 232,935 as at June 2020. The old-age pension cost government Rs 25.1 billion during 2019/2020, representing an increase of 35.0% over 2018/2019.





#### **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 18,460 Basic Widow's Pensioners in June 2020 compared to 18,830 one year earlier, showing a decrease of 2.0%.

However, due to higher rate of pension, Government expenditure on BWP increased by 27.4% from Rs 1,588.7 million in 2018/2019 to Rs 2,024.2 million in 2019/2020.

# 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 decreased from 31,935 in June 2019 to 31,599 in June 2020, down by 1.1%.

The total amount spent on Basic Invalid's Pension rose by 26.9% from Rs 2,926.5 million in 2018/2019 to Rs 3,714.1 million in 2019/2020.

# **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 increased from 308 in June 2019 to 326 in June 2020. Its cost amounted to Rs 41.1 million in 2019/2020, representing a 11.7% increase over 2018/2019.

#### **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 6.2% from 13,285 in June 2019 to 12,465 in June 2020. Out of this total, 59.4% were children of Basic Invalid's pensioners followed by those of Basic Widow's Pensioners (35.8%).

#### 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 2.0% from 15,851 in June 2019 to 15,537 in June 2020. Amount paid registered an increase of 0.1% to reach Rs 496.5 million in 2019/2020.

#### 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 <u>Food Aid Scheme</u> and an <u>Income Support Scheme</u> 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 68,625 in June 2020 and the total amount paid from July 2019 to June 2020 was Rs 258.0 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 decreased from 646 in June 2019 to 608 in June 2020, showing a decrease of 5.9%. The amount paid under this scheme was Rs 62.7 million for the period July 2019 to June 2020.

#### 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 2020, some 693 persons received such allowance as compared to 787 in June 2019, representing a decrease of 11.9%. The amount spent under this item increased by 1.7% from Rs 12.1 million in 2018/2019 to Rs 12.3 million in 2019/2020.

#### 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 8.1%, from 570 in June 2019 to 524 in June 2020 and the amount paid to these beneficiaries increased by 19.7% from Rs 13.2 million in 2018/2019 to Rs 15.8 million in 2019/2020.

#### 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 3,335 during July 2019 to June 2020. The amount disbursed was Rs 33.8 million during the 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 2019 to June 2020, there were around 379,800 employees who have contributed to NPF, while contributions received from both employees and employers amounted to Rs 4,550.2 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.

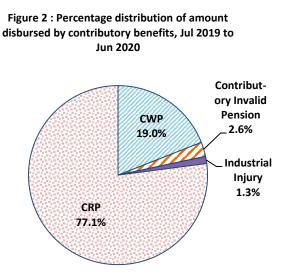
The number of employees covered by the Fund was around 461,800 during period July 2019 to June 2020 and the total contribution received, exclusive of surcharge, amounted to Rs 2,175.3 million.

#### 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 2019 to June 2020, amount disbursed on Contributory Retirement Pension (CRP) represented the main component with 77.1% of the total, followed by Contributory Widows Pension (CWP) with 19.0% [Table 7(b) and Figure 2].



# 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 111,971 in June 2019 to reach 119,782 in June 2020, showing a rise of 7.0%. An increase of 10.6% was also noted in the amount disbursed, from Rs 2,223.9 million in 2018/2019 to Rs 2,460.2 million in 2019/2020.

#### 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 3.2%, from 30,147 in June 2019 to 31,101 in June 2020. The amount paid went up from Rs 555.4 million in 2018/2019 to Rs 607.8 million in 2019/2020, showing an increase of 9.4%.

#### 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 2.1%, from 10,563 in June 2019 to 10,785 in June 2020. The amount paid on this item increased by 7.1% from Rs 77.4 million in 2018/2019 to Rs 82.9 million in 2019/2020.

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

Contributory Orphan's pension is payable to orphans under the age of 15 years (or 20 years if the child is at school), if any of the deceased parents had contributed to National Pension Fund. At June 2020, the number of orphans benefiting from this pension was 201 against 202 in June 2019, representing a decrease of 0.5%. The amount disbursed for period July 2019 to June 2020 was Rs 0.4 million, same as in the preceding financial year.

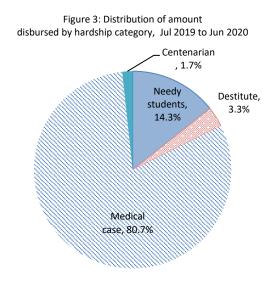
#### 5.3.1.5 Industrial Injury Benefits

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 decreased from 670 in June 2019 to 644 in June 2020. The total amount paid increased by 3.8%, from Rs 39.3 million in 2018/2019 to Rs 40.8 million in 2019/2020.

#### 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.



In 2019/2020, the National Solidarity Fund assisted 2,691 cases compared to 2,442 in 2018/2019, representing an increase of 10.2%. During that period, the amount spent increased by 20.2% to Rs 36.3 million from Rs 30.2 million.

#### 7. LIST OF TABLES

The following tables together with the web version of this publication can be downloaded from Statistics Mauritius website at <u>http://statsmauritius.govmu.org</u> 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 on 01 March 2021 according to an advance calendar posted on Statistics Mauritius website (<u>http://statsmauritius.govmu.org</u>). The next issue is scheduled for February 2022. This indicator will also be followed by a more comprehensive report on the same subject and period, with release scheduled for October 2021.

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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 <u>Food Aid Scheme</u> 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

In addition, as from 1 July 2006 with the government discontinuation of subsidy on rice and flour, an <u>Income Support Scheme</u> 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.

# 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 1,820 for private household employees and Rs 2,875 for other employees during the financial year 2019/2020. During that period, as from a monthly remuneration of Rs 18,740 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, Lottotech Ltd. and other commercial promotions.

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

Government expenditure on Social Security & Welfare	Jul 2015 to Jun 2016	Jul 2016 to Jun 2017	Jul 2017 to Jun 2018	Jul 2018 to Jun 2019
Amount (Rs Mn) <sup>2/</sup>	23910.2	26,604.8	33,049.5	34,012.7
% of total government expenditure	23.8	23.1	27.3	26.5
% of GDP at market prices	5.7	6.0	7.0	6.9

financial years 2015/2016 - 2018/2019

<sup>1/</sup> Data for financial year July 2019 to June 2020 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

		No. of beneficiaries					
Pension type	June 2016	June 2017	June 2018	June 2019	June 2020 <sup>1/</sup>		
Basic Retirement Pension							
(Old age pension) of whom	197,037	206,799	215,334	224,277	232,935		
Severely handicapped $^{2/}$	16,010	16,160	16,147	17,083	17,586		
Basic Widow's Pension	19,890	19,540	19,282	18,830	18,460		
Basic Invalid's Pension of whom	29,287	32,300 <sup>3/</sup>	32,075	31,935	31,599		
Severely handicapped $^{4/}$	6,244	6,775	7,231	7,568	7,550		
Basic Orphan's Pension	370	365	349	308	326		
Guardian's Allowance	322	314	290	263	269		
Child's Allowance of whom children of beneficiaries of:	15,368	14,400	13,480	13,285	12,465		
Basic Retirement Pension	224	201	196	214	212		
Basic Widow's Pension	5,542	5,244	4,888	4,711	4,460		
Basic Invalid's Pension	9,147	8,538	7,990	7,951	7,408		
Other <sup>5/</sup>	455	417	406	409	385		

(a) No. of beneficiaries by pension type as at June 2016 - 2020

<sup>1</sup>/ Provisional

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

<sup>37</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

<sup>4/</sup> Drawing Additional Basic Invalid's Pension (Carer's Allowance)

<sup>5/</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, financial years 2015/2016 - 2019/2020

	Amount paid (Rs Mn)					
Pension type	Jul 2015 to Jun 2016	Jul 2016 to Jun 2017	Jul 2017 to Jun 2018	Jul 2018 to Jun 2019	Jul 2019 to Jun 2020 <sup>1/</sup>	
Basic Retirement Pension (including Enhanced Basic Retirement Pension and Child's Allowance)	14,096.1	15,359.6	16,809.6	18,555.8	25,050.7	
Basic Widow's Pension (including Child's Allowance)	1,454.1	1,482.0	1,525.8	1,588.7	2,024.2	
Basic Invalid's Pension (including Carer's Allowance and Child's Allowance)	2,322.0	2,558.6	2,706.2	2,926.5	3,714.1	
Basic Orphan's Pension <sup>2/</sup> (including Guardian's Allowance)	35.5	35.3	34.8	36.8	41.1	

<sup>1/</sup> Provisional

<sup>2/</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 - 14 -

Table 2.2 - No. of beneficiaries of basic pensions and amount paid, Island of Mauritius
(a) No. of beneficiaries by pension type as at June 2016 - 2020

(a) No. of beneficiantes by pension	Number of beneficiaries					
Pension type	June 2016	June 2017	June 2018	June 2019	June 2020 <sup>1/</sup>	
Basic Retirement Pension (Old age pension) of whom	192,442	201,991	210,303	219,053	227,558	
Severely handicapped $2^{2/2}$	15,200	15,273	15,167	15,956	16,363	
Basic Widow's Pension	19,466	19,126	18,869	18,426	18,053	
Basic Invalid's Pension of whom	28,457	31,282 <sup>3/</sup>	31,055	30,865	30,549	
Severely handicapped $4/$	5,855	6,327	6,750	6,998	6,980	
Basic Orphan's Pension	332	331	314	279	292	
Guardian's Allowance	286	281	259	239	243	
Child's Allowance	14,733	13,807	12,839	12,651	11,846	
of whom children of beneficiaries of:						
Basic Retirement Pension	212	193	188	205	199	
Basic Widow's Pension	5,339	5,054	4,686	4,533	4,282	
Basic Invalid's Pension	8,756	8,168	7,585	7,531	7,007	
Other <sup>5/</sup>	426	392	380	382	358	

<sup>1/</sup> Provisional

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

<sup>37</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

<sup>4/</sup> Drawing Additional Basic Invalid's Pension (Carer's Allowance)

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# (b) Amount paid by pension type, financial years 2015/2016 - 2019/2020

	Amount paid (Rs Mn)						
Pension type	Jul 2015 to Jun 2016	Jul 2016 to Jun 2017	Jul 2017 to Jun 2018	Jul 2018 to Jun 2019	Jul 2019 to Jun 2020 <sup>1/</sup>		
Basic Retirement Pension (including Enhanced Basic Retirement Pension and Child's Allowance)	13,745.6	14,975.7	16,386.6	18,086.7	24,460.5		
Basic Widow's Pension (including Child's Allowance)	1,422.0	1,449.6	1,491.7	1,553.8	1,980.9		
Basic Invalid's Pension (including Carer's Allowance and Child's Allowance)	2,246.8	2,466.3	2,608.4	2,813.0	3,581.5		
Basic Orphan's Pension <sup>2/</sup> (including Guardian's Allowance)	32.5	32.5	31.8	34.1	37.6		

<sup>1/</sup> Provisional

<sup>2/</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

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(a) No. of beneficiaries by pension type as at June 2016 - 2020 Number of beneficiaries						
Pension type	June 2016	June 2017	June 2018	June 2019	June 2020 <sup>1/</sup>	
Basic Retirement Pension (Old age pension) of whom	4,595	4,808	5,031	5,224	5,377	
Severely handicapped <sup>2/</sup>	810	887	980	1,127	1,223	
Basic Widow's Pension	424	414	413	404	407	
Basic Invalid's Pension of whom	830	1,018 <sup>3/</sup>	1,020	1,070	1,050	
Severely handicapped 4/	389	448	481	570	570	
Basic Orphan's Pension	38	34	35	29	34	
Guardian's Allowance	36	33	31	24	26	
Child's Allowance of whom children of beneficiaries of:	635	593	641	634	619	
Basic Retirement Pension	12	8	8	9	13	
Basic Widow's Pension	203	190	202	178	178	
Basic Invalid's Pension	391	370	405	420	401	
Other <sup>5/</sup>	29	25	26	27	27	

Table 2.3 - No. of beneficiaries of basic pensions and amount paid, Island of Rodrigues *(*<sup>1</sup> · · · 1 -..... . . \_ \_ C 1 .

<sup>1/</sup> Provisional

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

<sup>3/</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

<sup>4</sup>/ Drawing Additional Basic Invalid's Pension (Carer's Allowance)

<sup>5/</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, financial years 2015/2016 - 2019/2020

	Amount paid (Rs Mn)					
Pension type	Jul 2015 to Jun 2016	Jul 2016 to Jun 2017	Jul 2017 to Jun 2018	Jul 2018 to Jun 2019	Jul 2019 to Jun 2020 <sup>1/</sup>	
Basic Retirement Pension (including Enhanced Basic Retirement Pension and Child's Allowance)	350.5	383.9	423.0	469.1	590.3	
Basic Widow's Pension (including Child's Allowance)	32.1	32.4	34.1	34.9	43.3	
Basic Invalid's Pension (including Carer's Allowance and Child's Allowance)	75.2	92.3	97.8	113.6	132.6	
Basic Orphan's Pension <sup>2/</sup> (including Guardian's Allowance)	3.0	2.8	3.0	2.7	3.5	

<sup>1/</sup> Provisional

<sup>2/</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

# Table 3 - Number of beneficiaries of other non-contributory social benefits and amount paid,

# **Republic of Mauritius**

	Number of beneficiaries					
Type of benefit	June 2016	June 2017	June 2018	June 2019	June 2020 <sup>1/</sup>	
Social Aid <sup>2/</sup>	20,319	18,493	16,975	15,851	15,537	
Food Aid (inclu. Income support)	95,835	94,200	74,650	71,850	68,625	
Indoor Relief (Capitation Grant)	611	641	644	646	608	
Inmate's Allowance	734	722	709	787	693	
Unemployment Hardship Relief	902	909	708	570	524	
Funeral Grant <sup>3/</sup>	3,468	3,323	3,743	3,794	3,335	

(a) No. of beneficiaries by type of benefit as at June 2016 - 2020

<sup>1/</sup> Provisional

<sup>2/</sup> Refers to the number of cases who benefit from Social Aid for themselves and for members of their family

<sup>3/</sup> Refers to the number of payments during the calendar/financial year

# (b) Amount paid by type of benefit for financial years 2015/2016 - 2019/2020

	Amount paid (Rs Mn)					
Type of benefit	Jul 2015 to Jun 2016	Jul 2016 to Jun 2017	Jul 2017 to Jun 2018	Jul 2018 to Jun 2019	Jul 2019 to Jun 2020 <sup>1/</sup>	
Social Aid <sup>2/</sup>	733.2	638.5	562.5	495.8	496.5	
Food Aid <sup>3/</sup> (inclu. Income support)	327.6	349.0	276.6	266.3	258.0	
Indoor Relief (Capitation Grant)	60.0	58.6	60.5	62.8	62.7	
Inmate's Allowance	9.9	10.3	9.7	12.1	12.3	
Unemployment Hardship Relief	20.5	20.3	15.7	13.2	15.8	
Funeral Grant	17.5	31.1	37.8	37.8	33.8	

<sup>1/</sup> Provisional

<sup>2/</sup> Includes amount paid on (i) subsidy on HSC and SC examination fees

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

<sup>3/</sup> Excludes amount spent for Rodrigues which is included in "Social aid"

District/ Island	Jun 2016	Jun 2017	Jun 2018	Jun 2019	Jun 2020 <sup>1/</sup>
Port-Louis	3,799	3,293	3,244	2,968	2,953
Pamplemousses	2,456	2,079	1,952	1,711	1,660
Riviere du Rempart	1,345	1,035	919	811	683
Flacq	1,713	1,495	1,393	1,276	1,289
Grand-Port	1,123	1,082	1,028	949	914
Savanne	938	822	741	707	588
Plaine Wilhems	4,390	3,737	3,359	3,130	3,013
Moka	881	795	656	547	501
Black River	975	1,029	1,014	1,042	1,111
Island of Mauritius	17,620	15,367	14,306	13,141	12,712
Island of Rodrigues	2,699	3,126	2,669	2,710	2,825
Republic of Mauritius	20,319	18,493	16,975	15,851	15,537

Table 4 - Number	of cases of Social	Aid paid by distri	ict as at June 2016 -	2020
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<sup>1/</sup> Provisional

 Table 5 - Contribution to the National Pensions Fund (NPF), financial years 2015/2016 - 2019/2020

	Jul 2015 to Jun 2016	Jul 2016 to Jun 2017	Jul 2017 to Jun 2018	Jul 2018 to Jun 2019	Jul 2019 to Jun 2020 <sup>1/</sup>
No. of employers <sup>2/</sup> contributing to the Fund ('000)	20.7	21.3	24.0	23.8	24.2
No. of employees contributing to the Fund ('000)	344.7	352.7	380.9	379.8	379.8
Amount contributed by employers and employees (Rs Mn)	3,373.8	3,642.0	3,628.9	4,237.2	4,550.2
Surcharge paid by employers (Rs Mn)	5.7	6.4	1.2	1.5	9.5
Size of the NPF (Rs Mn) as at end of financial year	100,934.2	111,692.0	121,157.3	129,794.8	140,600.6

<sup>1/</sup> Provisional

<sup>2/</sup> Including the self employed and those who have contributed at least once during the financial year

	Jul 2015 to Jun 2016	Jul 2016 to Jun 2017	Jul 2017 to Jun 2018	Jul 2018 to Jun 2019	Jul 2019 to Jun 2020 <sup>1/</sup>
No. of employers contributing to Fund ('000)	20.5	21.1	23.7	23.7	24.2
No. of employees belonging to the Fund ('000)	395.8	425.4	458.9	461.0	461.8
Amount contributed by employers (Rs Mn)	1,648.7	1,777.3	1,758.1	1,999.0	2,175.3
Surcharge paid by employers (Rs Mn)	0.9	0.8	0.1	0.8	3.0
No. of beneficiaries of Lump Sum:	12,017	14,961	15,158	17,326	15,999
of which Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS)	24	66	5	46	29
Total Lump Sum paid (Rs Mn)	472.3	671.1	686.5	912.9	815.0
of which VRS (Rs Mn)	1.6	4.6	0.4	5.3	2.5
Size of Fund (Rs Mn) as at end of financial year	21,772.0	23,548.0	27,585.0	29,685.4	32,412.0

 Table 6 - Contribution to the National Savings Fund (NSF), financial years 2015/2016 - 2019/2020

<sup>1/</sup> Provisional

Table 7(a) - Number of beneficiaries of contributory pensions by pension type, Republic of Mauritius,June 2016 - 2020

Pension type	June 2016	June 2017	June 2018	June 2019	June 2020 <sup>1/</sup>
Contributory Retirement Pension	87,721	95,598	103,287	111,971	119,782
Contributory Widow's Pension	26,348	27,622	28,826	30,147	31,101
Contributory Invalid's Pension	9,634	9,846	10,076	10,563	10,785
Contributory Orphan's Pension	188	197	207	202	201
Industrial Injury Benefits	643	648	627	670	644

<sup>1/</sup> Provisional

# Table 7(b) -Amount paid to beneficiaries of contributory pensions by pension type, Republic of Mauritius, financial years 2015/2016 - 2019/2020

	Amount paid (Rs Mn)							
Pension type	Jul 2015 to Jun 2016	Jul 2016 to Jun 2017	Jul 2017 to Jun 2018		Jul 2019 to Jun 2020 <sup>1/</sup>			
Contributory Retirement Pension	1,575.1	1,792.7	1,978.9	2,223.9	2,460.2			
Contributory Widow's Pension	417.4	461.3	498.0	555.4	607.8			
Contributory Invalid's Pension	63.3	67.7	70.0	77.4	82.9			
Contributory Orphan's Pension	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4			
Industrial Injury Benefits	30.9	28.1	27.1	39.3	40.8			

<sup>1/</sup> Provisional

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Table 8 (a) - No. of cases receiving assistance from the National Solidarity Fund by contingency type,
Republic of Mauritius, financial years 2015/2016 - 2019/2020

	Number of cases						
Contingency	Jul 2015 to Jun 2016	Jul 2016 to Jun 2017	Jul 2017 to Jun 2018	Jul 2018 to Jun 2019	Jul 2019 to Jun 2020		
Medical treatment abroad (Air ticket only)	0	0	0	0	3		
Personal Hardship Scheme :	2,974	4,796	2,486	2,442	2,688		
- Multiple births	0	0	0	0	2		
- Fire victims	0	0	0	0	0		
- Natural calamities	0	0	0	1	0		
- Tragic accidents	5	0	0	1	1		
- Needy students	592	1,056	529	533	385		
- Repatriation of mortal remains	1	0	0	3	0		
- Destitute	307	444	239	217	197		
- Medical case	2,023	3,231	1,669	1,624	2,039		
- Centenarian	46	62	49	61	61		
- Sale by levy (Hardship case)	0	3	0	2	3		
Other	0	0	0	0	0		
Total	2,974	4,796	2,486	2,442	2,691		

Table 8(b) - Amount disbursed by the National Solidarity Fund by contingency type,

Republic of Mauritius, financial years 2015/2016 - 2019/2020

		Amount paid (Rs '000)						
Contingency	Jul 2015 to Jun 2016	Jul 2016 to Jun 2017	Jul 2017 to Jun 2018	Jul 2018 to Jun 2019	Jul 2019 to Jun 2020			
Medical treatment abroad (Air ticket only)	0	0	0	0	82			
Personal Hardship Scheme:	55,639	87,418	31,728	30,186	36,196			
- Multiple births	0	0	0	0	50			
- Fire victims	0	0	0	0	0			
- Natural calamities	0	0	0	6	0			
- Tragic accidents	125	0	0	50	25			
- Needy students	6,593	11,921	5,577	5,955	5,173			
- Repatriation of mortal remains	50	0	0	150	0			
- Destitute	1,951	2,712	1,311	1,207	1,196			
- Medical case	46,454	71,627	24,350	22,188	29,117			
- Centenarian	460	620	490	610	610			
- Sale by levy (Hardship case)	6	538	0	20	25			
Other	0	0	0	0	0			
Total	55,639	87,418	31,728	30,186	36,278			

		Monthly amount payable (Rs)					
Pension type	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020		
Basic Retirement Pension (BRP) :							
(60-69) years	5,250	5,450	5,810	6,210	9,000		
(70-89) years	5,250	5,450	5,810	6,210	9,000		
(90-99) years	15,250	15,450	15,810	16,210	16,710		
100 years and over	20,250	20,450	20,810	21,210	21,710		
Basic Widow's Pension (BWP)	5,250	5,450	5,810	6,210	9,000		
Basic Invalid's Pension (BIP)	5,250	5,450	5,810	6,210	9,000		
Basic Orphan's Pension (BOP)							
(i) Under 15 years and not in full time education	2,750	2,950	3,310	3,710	5,000		
(ii) 3 years and up to 20 years and in full time education	4,250	4,450	4,810	5,210	7,000		
Guardian's Allowance:(Under the National Pensions Act)	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,100		
Child's Allowance:(Under the National Pensions Act)							
(0 - 9) years	1,400	1,400	1,400	1,400	1,600		
(10-19) years	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,700		
Enhanced Basic Retirement Pension <sup>1/</sup> :							
(60-69) years	8,250	8,450	8,810	9,210	12,500		
(70-89) years	8,250	8,450	8,810	9,210	12,500		
(90-99) years	18,250	18,450	18,810	19,210	20,210		
100 years and over	23,250	23,450	23,810	24,210	25,210		
Additional Basic Invalid's Pension (Carer's Allowance)	2,500	2,500	2,500	3,000	3,500		
Social Aid (minimum amount payable)	958	978	1,013	1,054	1,086		
Food Aid	285	285	285	285	294		
Income Support (as from 1 July 2006)	285	285	285	285	294		
Inmate's Allowance : (a) Charitable Institutions	718	733	759	790	820		
(b) Brown Sequard Hospital:							
Under 60 years	1,313	1,363	1,453	1,553	2,250		
(60-69) years	1,313	1,363	1,453	1,553	2,250		
(70-89) years	1,313	1,363	1,453	1,553	2,250		
(90-99) years	3,813	3,863	3,953	4,053	4,178		
Unemployment Hardship Relief (Minimum)	245	250	259	270	279		
Minimum Contributory Retirement Pension	533	544	564	587	605		
			<u>Daily</u>				
Indoor Relief :							
Under 60 years	215	220	228	238	246		
(60-89) years	241	246	255	266	274		
(90-99) years	615	628	650	676	697		
100 years and over	636	649	672	699	720		

# Table 9 - Non-contributory benefits by type and rate payable, 2016 - 2020

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