SOCIAL SUPPORT

Financial support given to workers during the lockdown period and extended to specific activities after lockdown

Wage Assistance Scheme^{1/} - Beneficiaries and amount disbursed

	16 - 31 Mar 2020	Apr 2020	May 2020	June 2020
No of businesses	14,915	14,441	12,272	906
No of employees concerned	270,666	256,530	220,272	38,352
Amount disbursed (Rs million)	1,821	3,343	2,797	549

Source: Mauritius Revenue Authority

^{1/} Under the scheme, a business entity in the private sector is entitled to funding for all its employees drawing a monthly basic wage of up to Rs 50,000 subject to a cap of Rs 12,500 of assistance per employee as follows:

(i) An amount equivalent to 15 days' basic wage bill for March 2020;

(ii) An amount equivalent to one month's basic wage bill as from April 20

See: <u>https://eservices.mra.mu/eservicesseashome/</u>

Self Employed Assistance Scheme^{2/} - *Beneficiaries and amount disbursed*

	16 Mar- 15 Apr 2020	16 - 30 Apr 2020	May 2020	June 2020
No of beneficiaries	202,958	186,994	184,796	1,680
Amount disbursed (Rs million)	1,035	477	942	9

Source: Mauritius Revenue Authority

^{2/} An amount of Rs 5,100 per month was paid out to self-employed persons who suffered a loss of revenue See: <u>https://eservices.mra.mu/eservicesseashome/</u>

Basic food commodities distributed to vulnerable groups following complete lockdown

	No of beneficiaries	No of food packs	Cost (Rs million)
Households in the Social Register of	7,900	17,936	18
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Beneficiaries of Carer's Allowance	19,779	19,779	20
Total	27,679	37,715	38

Source: Ministry of Social Integration, Social Security and National Solidarity

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