



**MINISTER'S REPORT ON COVID19 AND NORMAL UIF RELIEF  
PLAN PROGRESS AS AT 02 MAY 2020**



## 1. Purpose of the report

The purpose of the report is to provide feedback to the Minister on the progress made for COVID19 Disaster Benefit and normal UIF relief plan since the President announced the start of Lockdown in order to derail a further infection in the country.

## 2. Directives

On the 23 March 2020, the President announced a national lockdown for 21 days from 27 March 2020. Since then, the Minister of Employment and Labour has issued the following directives:

- On the 26<sup>th</sup> of March 2020, the honorable Minister Nxesi announced the introduction of the National Disaster Benefit to be used for social security during the lockdown period;
- The Minister further amended the Directives to enhance benefits on the 9<sup>th</sup> of April 2020; and
- After consultation with Social Partners, the Minister made further amendments to legalize and compel employers to apply on behalf of their employees.

## 3. ICT Development

- A further development has been made to automate sending of spreadsheet containing payment breakdown of employees to be paid.
- The development also includes a functionality to see status of the claim and also download the payment schedule.
- An additional functionality for employees to see if their company has applied and being paid.

## 4. Received Applications Status COVID19TERS

The online solution went live on 14 April 2020 for employers to apply.

### Applications received and worked on as at 30 April 2020

| Item                                                                          | Number of employers | Number of employees |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Opening Balance                                                               | 239 583             | 3 202 435           |
| Errors on applications received                                               | 50 867              | 1 473 247           |
| Actual Balance                                                                | 188 716             | 1 729 188           |
| Total valid applications (processed)                                          | 173 527             | 1 611 121           |
| Closing Balance on the 30 April 2020 (still to be processed over the weekend) | 15 189              | 118 067             |



## 5. Valid Applications COVID19TERS

| item                                               | Number of employers | Number of employees | Amount                    |
|----------------------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| Valid applications                                 | <b>173 527</b>      | <b>1 611 121</b>    | <b>R7 377 392 286.15</b>  |
| Employees found in Siyaya<br><b>(paid)</b>         | 98 344              | 1 117 372           | <b>R 5 335 454 984.24</b> |
| Employees not found in<br>Siyaya <b>(not paid)</b> | 74 001              | 481 256             | <b>R 1 974 578 427.90</b> |
| Failed bank verification                           | 1 182               | 12 493              | <b>R 67 358 874.01</b>    |

## 6. Summary of Payments COVID19TERS

| Date of payment  | Number of Employers /<br>Bargaining Council | Number of employees | Total Amount paid |
|------------------|---------------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| 16 April 2020    | 2 494                                       | 30 123              | R36 498 215.15    |
| 17 April 2020    | 162                                         | 25 490              | R48 810 281.55    |
| 18 April 2020    | 4 301                                       | 52 745              | R93 521 988.14    |
| 19 April 2020    | No payment run                              |                     |                   |
| 20 April         | 8 319                                       | 223 539             | R 934 869 674.20  |
| 21 April 2020    | 10 222                                      | 135 707             | R551 949 805.90   |
| 22 April 2020    | 4 175                                       | 22 047              | R92 415 364.65    |
| 23 April 2020    | 8 227                                       | 129 911             | R452 998 099.96   |
| 24 April 2020    | 154                                         | 7 404               | R13 600 000.00    |
| 25 April 2020    | 21 107                                      | 235 584             | R1 015 030 429.46 |
| 26-27 April 2020 | No payment run (Sunday and public holiday)  |                     |                   |
| 28 April 2020    | 13 060                                      | 172 753             | R825 538 114.24   |
| 29 April 2020    | 5 580                                       | 75 426              | R363 692 051.42   |
| 30 April 2020    | 50                                          | 6643                | R 22 190 089.20   |
| 01 May 2020      | No payment run (public holiday)             |                     |                   |
| 02 May 2020      | 20 673                                      | 173 226             | R 840 138 246.92  |



|              |               |                  |                           |
|--------------|---------------|------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>98 344</b> | <b>1 117 372</b> | <b>R 5 335 454 984.24</b> |
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**NB:** The following payment run could not go through due to bank cut off time. This payment will go through on Monday morning. The **R35 million** was for the Transport Bargaining Council that failed the bank verification as the account is frozen.

| Number of Employers / Bargaining Council | Number of employees | Total Amount paid       |
|------------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| 9 676                                    | 206 936             | R 843 194 147.35        |
| 12                                       | 5 753               | R 35 380 949.80         |
| <b>9 688</b>                             | <b>212 689</b>      | <b>R 878 575 097,15</b> |

#### Bargaining Council

| Bargaining Council                    | Number of employers | Number of employees | Rand Value            |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| KZN CLOTHING INDUSTRY                 | 174                 | 21 758              | R28 287 145.60        |
| BARGAING COUNCIL FOR TEXTILE INDUSTRY | 67                  | 2 513               | R 4 600 000.00        |
| CLOTHING INDUSTRY BARGAING COUNCIL    | 178                 | 8 073               | R16 625 545.25        |
| RESTURANTS                            | 50                  | 6 643               | R 22 190 089.20       |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                          | <b>472</b>          | <b>39 569</b>       | <b>R71 702 780.05</b> |

NB: If the application is complete, accurate and valid, at best the Department will process the payment within 24 hours and at worst within 48 hours.

#### 7. Liquidity: Availability of Funds to pay Benefits

| Date        | Item              | Amount        |
|-------------|-------------------|---------------|
| 02 May 2020 | Available balance | R13,8 Billion |

#### 8. UIF PORTFOLIO BREAKDOWN

| Item | Amount |
|------|--------|
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|                        |                     |
|------------------------|---------------------|
| Government Bonds       | R71 Billion         |
| SOE Bonds              | R12 Billion         |
| Domestic equities      | R26 Billion         |
| Off-shoe               | R6 Billion          |
| Money markets          | R7 Billion          |
| SRI                    | R14 Billion         |
| <b>Total Portfolio</b> | <b>R136 Billion</b> |

## 9. SMS to Domestic and Farm Workers

- UIF has engaged with Interfile who have offered to run with the SMS at no cost to UIF
- Data for Farm and Domestic Workers has been retrieved but still unable to open the Farm Workers too big.
- Domestic workers has a total of **91 406**. From the list only **2 968 (3%)** has cell numbers and only **25 518 (28%)** has emails.

## 10. Non-COVID19 Benefits Processing

### Ordinary Benefit Claims from 26 March 2020 – 29 April 2020

The total benefits amount increased by 4.4% from R 1 014 780 488.86 to R1 061 129 165.98 with claims by 4.4% from 62 213 to 65 088.

| Benefit type         | Beneficiaries | Amount paid               |
|----------------------|---------------|---------------------------|
| Unemployment         | 52 070        | R 848 903 332.78          |
| Maternity            | 9 763         | R 159 169 374.90          |
| Dependant            | 1 953         | R 31 833 874.98           |
| Illness and Adoption | 1 302         | R 21 222 583.32           |
| <b>Total</b>         | <b>65 088</b> | <b>R 1 061 129 165.98</b> |



## 11. Provincial Processing Daily

Since the implementation of the above circular signed by the commissioner, provinces have made payments to existing beneficiaries.

| Payments for 28/04/2020 |               |                      | Payments 29/04/2020 |                      |
|-------------------------|---------------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Regions                 | Amount        | No. of beneficiaries | Amount              | No. of beneficiaries |
| Gauteng North           | 7 632 669.90  | 2 181                | 2 387 083.72        | 611                  |
| Gauteng South           | 22 805 668.56 | 5 556                | 11 568 437.27       | 2 845                |
| Durban                  | 7 516 427.33  | 1 550                | 6 607 896.56        | 1 481                |
| Pietermaritzburg        | 2 800 561.80  | 756                  | 2 836 793.18        | 577                  |
| East London             | 10 482 850.67 | 2 758                | 3 745 020.49        | 783                  |
| Port Elizabeth          | 8 220 216.44  | 2 090                | 1 876 479.77        | 377                  |
| Cape Town               | 16 605 018.59 | 4 265                | 13 116 997.29       | 2 879                |
| Bloemfontein            | 11 235 390.22 | 3 135                | 3 732 286.95        | 909                  |
| Kimberley               | 1 909 811.55  | 350                  | 1 644 395.15        | 356                  |
| George                  | 4 249 999.24  | 1 626                | 1 777 227.15        | 565                  |
| Online                  | 7 286 323.35  | 1 272                | 1 707 234.39        | 349                  |
| Germiston               | 8 332 668.73  | 1 702                | 7 424 109.54        | 1 529                |
| Witbank                 | 18 853 697.80 | 3 443                | 7 329 626.78        | 1 346                |



|              |                        |               |                      |               |
|--------------|------------------------|---------------|----------------------|---------------|
| Polokwane    | 8 632 012.17           | 1 888         | 4 910 883.40         | 942           |
| Mmabatho     | 6 994 718.93           | 1 182         | 4 780 034.31         | 651           |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>R143 558 035.28</b> | <b>33 754</b> | <b>75 444 505.95</b> | <b>16 200</b> |

## 12. Communications Progress

- Additional 100 call centre agents were added on 28 April 2020, additional 100 were introduced today 30 April 2020 and another 100 agents to be added next week which will total 500 agents.