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SOUTH AFRICAN SOCIAL SECURITY AGENCY

Report on COVID-19 social relief of distress grant as at 15 February 2022

As at 01 February 2022, a total of **15 329 512 applications** have been received by SASSA.

Total applications by gender as at 15 February 2022

Province	Female	Male	Total
Eastern Cape	1 116 793	865 728	1 982 521
Free State	468 069	362 387	830 456
Gauteng	1 650 473	1 457 887	3 108 360
KwaZulu Natal	1 974 137	1 498 327	3 472 464
Limpopo	1 147 987	854 139	2 002 126
Mpumalanga	757 123	582 152	1 339 275
North West	578 084	462 615	1 040 699
Northern Cape	177 454	145 949	323 403
Western Cape	699 338	530 870	1 230 208
Total	8 569 458	6 760 054	15 329 512
%	56%	44%	100%

The number of applications from care givers who do not have ID documents, and who receive the child grant under a system generated number are growing slowly. To date a total of **561** such applications have been received – a marginal increase from the 530 who had applied by 18 January 2022. Payment for these grants is done into the account in which they receive the normal grant payments.

Allowance is also made for asylum seekers and special permit holders to receive this grant. As at 01 February 2022, the following numbers of distinct applications by asylum seekers and special permit holders (after the duplications and invalid applications have been removed) have been received for the grant:

Total Asylum seekers & SPH Distinct Applications by Citizenship as at 15 February 2022

Province	Angola SPH	Asylum seeker	Lesotho SPH	Zimbabwe SPH	Total
Eastern Cape	108	396	377	433	1 314
Free State	10	254	1 272	62	1 598
Gauteng	56	1 789	4 124	2 997	8 966
KwaZulu Natal	169	1 007	750	366	2 292
Limpopo	56	293	839	423	1 611
Mpumalanga	38	212	488	187	925
North West	43	210	787	192	1 232
Northern Cape	24	88	93	44	249
Western Cape	97	1 052	172	292	1 613
Total	601	5 301	8 902	4 996	19 800
%	3%	27%	45%	25%	100%

*SPH – special permit holders

The age group 18 to 35 years (total of **9 205 183**) which accounts for 60% of the total number of applications, remains the largest number of applicants as indicated below:

Covid SRD grant applications by age group as at 15 February 2022

Age group	Female	Male	Total	%
Under 20yrs	503 272	493 047	996 319	6.5%
20-24	1 452 483	1 387 820	2 840 303	18.5%
25-29	1 445 204	1 213 569	2 658 773	17.3%
30-35	1 520 231	1 189 557	2 709 788	17.7%
36-39	859 310	648 945	1 508 255	9.8%
40-44	820 047	597 448	1 417 495	9.2%
45-49	720 057	483 890	1 203 947	7.9%
50-54	611 323	373 873	985 196	6.4%
55-59	551 690	318 561	870 251	5.7%
60 and above	85 248	53 283	138 531	0.9%
Unknown	593	61	654	0.0%
Grand Total	8 569 458	6 760 054	15 329 512	100%

Applications for those aged 60 and above are all applicants who applied for the grant before they turned 60 years of age. When they turn 60, payment of the R350 relief grant is stopped, as they are eligible to apply for the social grant for older persons.

The education level of all applicants (not only approved applicants) is reflected below:

Education level of Covid SRD applicants as at 15 February 2022

Province	No schooling	Primary school	Grade 10	Grade 12	Tertiary	Total
Eastern Cape	85 957	340 680	849 387	599 052	107 445	1 982 521
Free State	31 977	87 624	333 155	323 270	54 430	830 456
Gauteng	80 407	174 108	1 143 904	1 429 460	280 481	3 108 360
KwaZulu Natal	132 419	318 747	1 187 103	1 605 785	228 410	3 472 464
Limpopo	51 482	145 577	828 686	794 939	181 442	2 002 126
Mpumalanga	44 372	110 304	483 258	611 528	89 813	1 339 275
North West	52 799	132 028	399 109	398 164	58 599	1 040 699
Northern Cape	15 813	47 714	132 010	111 848	16 018	323 403
Western Cape	30 207	139 582	587 010	413 785	59 624	1 230 208
Total	525 433	1 496 364	5 943 622	6 287 831	1 076 262	15 329 512
%	3.4%	9.8%	38.8%	41.0%	7.0%	100%

Payment of this iteration of the Special Covid19 SRD R350 grant started on 25 August 2021. The tables below indicate the payments made per month for the approved application. Payments for February started as from Monday 14 February and are ongoing, which is why the number paid is relatively low.

Province	Approved 202108	Paid 202108	% Paid August	Approved 202109	Paid 202109	% Paid Sept	Approved 202110	Paid 202110	% Paid Oct
Eastern Cape	1 059 229	1 052 860	99.40%	1 236 657	1 208 322	97.71%	1 297 337	1 257 726	96.95%
Free State	451 699	449 920	99.61%	532 999	521 623	97.87%	556 897	540 961	97.14%
Gauteng	1 629 866	1 622 879	99.57%	1 833 844	1 801 844	98.26%	1 898 521	1 855 277	97.72%
KwaZulu Natal	1 898 061	1 887 312	99.43%	2 177 671	2 134 815	98.03%	2 267 027	2 207 187	97.36%
Limpopo	1 289 638	1 285 423	99.67%	1 392 825	1 376 293	98.81%	1 424 731	1 401 783	98.39%
Mpumalanga	765 446	762 364	99.60%	847 700	834 147	98.40%	873 940	855 112	97.85%
North West	584 937	582 583	99.60%	674 436	661 623	98.10%	702 284	684 512	97.47%
Northern Cape	148 585	147 988	99.60%	179 980	175 640	97.59%	191 375	185 062	96.70%
Western Cape	484 520	481 599	99.40%	571 717	554 701	97.02%	597 087	574 287	96.18%
Total	8 311 981	8 272 928	99.53%	9 447 829	9 269 008	98.11%	9 809 199	9 561 907	97.48%

Province	Approved 202111	Paid 202111	% Paid Nov	Approved 202112	Paid 202112	% Paid Dec	Approved 202201	Paid 202201	% Paid Jan	Approved 202202	Paid 202202	% Paid Feb
Eastern Cape	1 318 230	1 265 568	96.01%	1 383 696	1 272 236	91.94%	1 382 964	1 321 688	95.57%	1 387 299	649 706	46.83%
Free State	566 669	545 571	96.28%	583 726	539 688	92.46%	583 904	560 552	96.00%	587 323	266 046	45.30%
Gauteng	1 914 022	1 857 032	97.02%	2 045 944	1 909 232	93.32%	2 053 171	1 965 416	95.73%	2 062 664	1 050 317	50.92%
KwaZulu Natal	2 295 323	2 215 214	96.51%	2 400 414	2 228 809	92.85%	2 385 901	2 279 323	95.53%	2 376 383	1 084 225	45.63%
Limpopo	1 430 346	1 399 607	97.85%	1 479 122	1 403 641	94.90%	1 477 928	1 425 674	96.46%	1 479 042	711 749	48.12%
Mpumalanga	880 557	855 545	97.16%	932 715	875 097	93.82%	932 800	896 774	96.14%	935 980	426 553	45.57%
North West	712 455	688 715	96.67%	754 435	701 672	93.01%	753 923	723 983	96.03%	757 352	347 591	45.90%
Northern Cape	197 373	188 819	95.67%	204 118	185 780	91.02%	202 823	193 942	95.62%	202 599	89 358	44.11%
Western Cape	605 351	575 365	95.05%	679 106	610 619	89.92%	677 631	645 628	95.28%	679 292	314 210	46.26%
Total	9 920 326	9 591 436	96.68%	10 463 276	9 726 774	92.96%	10 451 045	10 012 980	95.81%	10 467 934	4 939 755	47.19%

No further payment for asylum seekers and special permit holders have taken place since the last report on 1 February. These will be paid again at the end of February and will be updated in the next report.

Total approved vs paid as at 01 February 2022												
Province	Approved 202108	Paid 202108	% Paid August	Approved 202109	Paid 202109	% Paid Sept	Approved 202110	Paid 202110	% Paid Oct	Approved 202111	Paid 202111	% Paid Nov
Eastern Cape	432	432	100	546	546	100	581	581	100	599	127	21%
Free State	620	620	100	819	818	100	890	889	100	929	58	6%
Gauteng	4 909	4 909	100	5 970	5 970	100	6 349	6 349	100	6 510	530	8%
KwaZulu Natal	763	763	100	940	940	100	1 017	1 017	100	1 042	140	13%
Limpopo	387	387	100	507	507	100	544	544	100	562	53	9%
Mpumalanga	228	228	100	283	283	100	305	305	100	319	26	8%
North West	515	515	100	666	666	100	730	730	100	747	28	4%
Northern Cape	84	84	100	104	104	100	110	110	100	120	19	16%
Western Cape	703	703	100	817	817	100	888	888	100	920	315	34%
Total	8 641	8 641	100	10 652	10 651	100	11 414	11 413	100	11 748	1 296	11%

The table below indicates the payment split per bank per province for payments made to 01 February 2022 (based on January 2022 payments made):

Total paid as at 15 February 2022 by Region & Bank name (for January 2022 payments)										
BANK NAME	EC	FS	GP	KZN	LP	MP	NW	NC	WC	TOTAL
ABSA	28 906	18 127	47 649	40 675	34 501	23 473	30 079	4 874	12 453	240 737
AFRICAN BANK	1 185	1 414	6 486	6 544	1 984	2 584	2 147	189	757	23 290
ALBARAKA BANK			71	121	2	1	2		34	231
BANK OF ATHENS	1	3	2	3			1	1	2	13
BANK ZERO MUTUAL BANK	1		8	4						13
BIDVEST BANK	1 093	533	1 940	2 350	893	761	617	80	711	8 978
CAPITEC BANK	482 255	178 111	798 431	765 351	756 874	420 223	232 136	70 347	217 018	3 920 746
DISCOVERY BANK LTD	45	52	643	291	80	71	60	18	113	1 373
FINBOND MUTUAL BANK	756	522	1 075	1 366	725	128	320	203	549	5 644
FINBOND NET1	72	69	57	339	642	97	24	11	9	1 320
FNB	43 037	23 393	70 653	62 590	61 800	28 490	32 218	5 365	13 451	340 997
GRINDROD BANK LIMITED	43 747	10 654	39 243	77 941	23 418	9 769	34 530	8 058	19 329	266 689
GROBANK LIMITED	327	562	38	90	17	39	37	138	130	1 378
ITHALA	36	4	88	12 779	1	12	2		2	12 924
NEDBANK	32 647	9 059	61 699	73 033	38 858	21 375	12 886	1 232	15 732	266 521
SA POST BANK	610 782	288 968	723 842	1 053 349	421 284	330 183	333 243	93 979	340 528	4 196 158
SASFIN BANK	2		3	8			3	1	1	18
STANDARD BANK	35 524	17 993	63 935	74 556	39 983	33 848	25 614	8 524	16 659	316 636
TYME BANK LIMITED	35 427	10 747	148 991	107 387	43 643	25 635	18 658	909	8 059	399 456
UBANK LTD	5 835	325	549	130	961	81	1 398	4	87	9 370
UNKNOWN	10	16	13	416	8	4	8	9	4	488
Grand Total	1 321 688	560 552	1 965 416	2 279 323	1 425 674	896 774	723 983	193 942	645 628	10 012 980

The major reasons for the decline of applications remains that people still reflect on the UIF database, even when they report not having been employed for many years. A necessary step in the process is to afford those aggrieved by the decision taken an opportunity to request reconsideration of the decision not to award the grant..

Progress is still underway to finalise the contracting with banks to be able to attend to the reconsiderations. This is a necessary requirement as the banks have to perform the means test, to confirm that there is no inflow above the threshold amount of R595 into the bank accounts of the applicants. An update will be provided as this process unfolds.

The table below indicates the numbers of requests for reconsideration received to date.

Total reconsideration applications as at 15 February 2022						
Province	202108	202109	202110	202111	202112	202201
Eastern Cape	118 999	84 062	66 471	45 186	32 114	26 254
Free State	46 504	38 030	31 374	23 659	17 306	12 917
Gauteng	237 878	173 691	140 591	105 391	77 816	60 772
KwaZulu Natal	191 214	136 255	107 944	77 699	56 010	44 479
Limpopo	128 506	92 988	74 590	53 312	39 290	32 523
Mpumalanga	96 274	68 544	55 024	41 359	30 125	25 459
North West	55 052	40 939	33 103	25 030	17 622	14 013
Northern Cape	16 220	12 540	10 370	7 464	5 603	4 025
Western Cape	94 055	63 968	50 644	37 134	26 416	20 260
Total	984 702	711 017	570 111	416 234	302 302	240 702

The appeal window for January is still open, so these numbers will still increase.



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