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SOCIAL GRANTS INCREASES 2021/2022



Minister of Finance Mr. Tito Mboweni delivering the 2021/2022 financial year budget speech.

The South African Government's tireless efforts to cushion the vulnerable and deprived citizens against poverty continues without fail.

This was evident when the Finance Minister Mr. Tito Mboweni on Wednesday, 24 February 2021 delivered a budget speech for the 2021/2022 financial year in Parliament.

This budget speech takes place under different circumstances, with an economy that has been hard-hit by the COVID-19 pandemic. During his State of the Nation Address on 11 February 2021, President Cyril Ramaphosa mentioned that government had decided to extend the period for the Special COVID-19 grant of R350 by a further three months.

He emphasized that this grant has proven to be an effective and efficient short-term measure to reduce the impact on the livelihoods of poor South Africans who are out of work.

In full filling the President's commitment, the Finance Minister has announced that R6.3 billion has been allocated to extend the Special COVID-19 Social Relief of Distress grant until the end of April 2021.

Furthermore the Minister has announced that as part of government's social protection measures to fight poverty, with focus on the vulnerable and poor households, social grants will from April 2021 increase by below inflation rates of between 1.0% and 3.4%. The increases are structured as follows:

GRANT TYPE	Increase	Amount payable 01 April 2020
Old Age Pension	R30	R1890
Older Persons Grant (older than 75)	R50	R1 910
Disability Grant	R30	R1890
War Veteran Grant	R50	R1910
Foster Child Grant	R10	R1050
Care Dependency Grant	R30	R1890
Child Support Grant	R15	R460
Grant in Aid	R15	R460

These increases will come into effect after the Minister of Social Development, has gazzetted the amounts in line with the provisions of the Social Assistance Act, 2004 (Act No. 13 of 2004) as amended.

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