

Social Protection and Jobs Responses to COVID-19: A Real-Time Review of Country Measures

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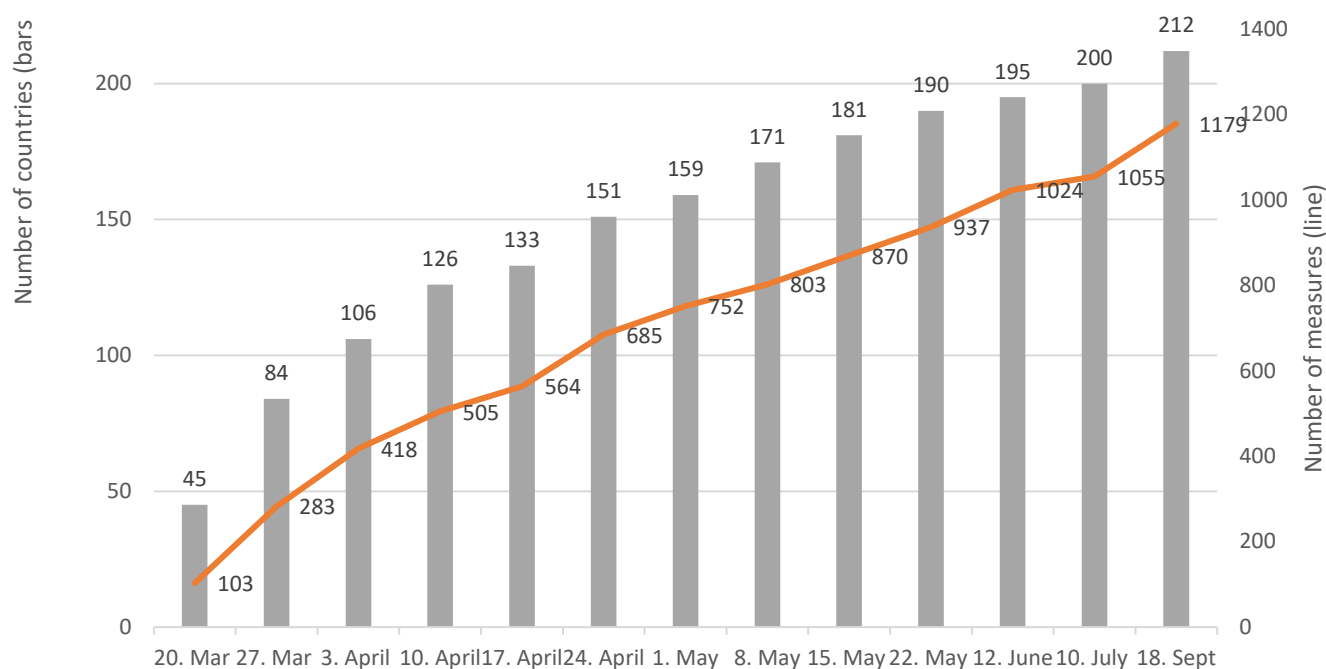
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1. Introduction

The number of countries and territories that have introduced, or planned to do so, social protection responses to Covid-19 continue to grow. Over the past six months, a total of 212 countries or territories, 12 more¹ since our last update in July, have planned or put in place 1,179 social protection measures (figure 1). The latter includes an additional 124 interventions compared to version 12 of this review.

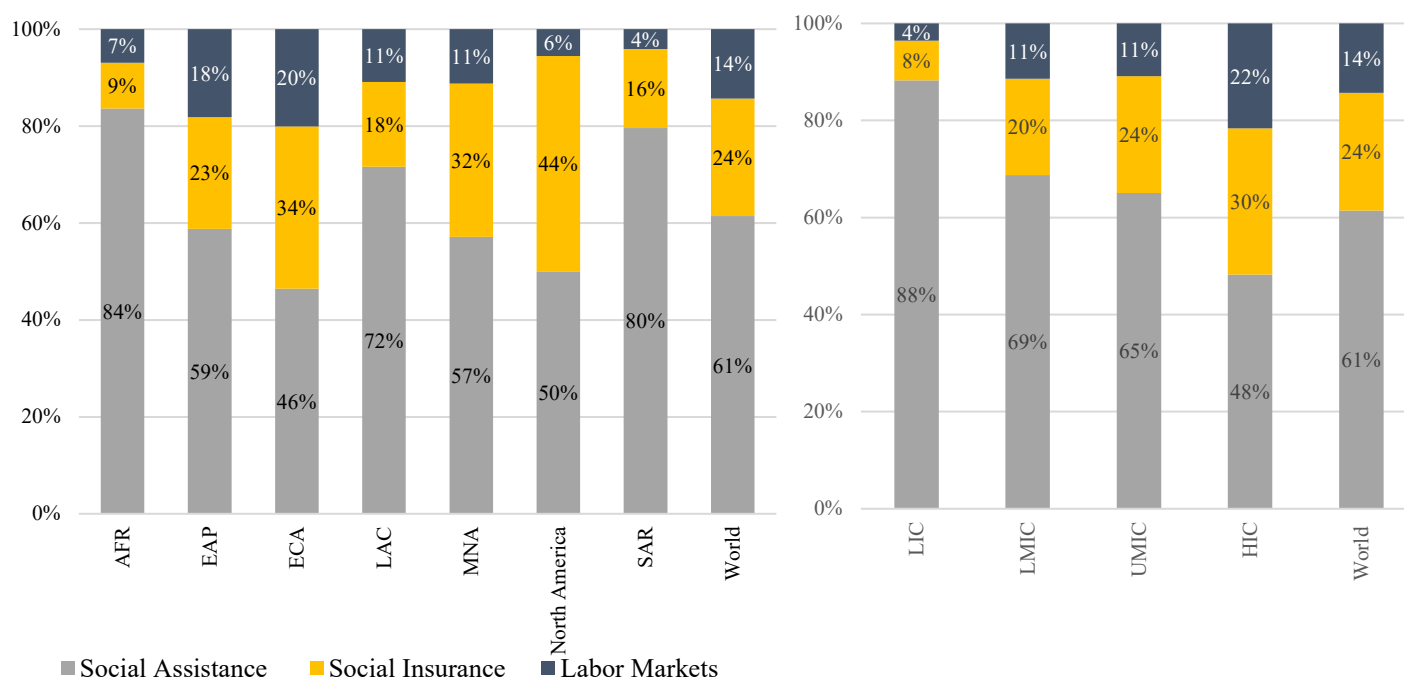
Figure 1. Trends in countries' social protection measures, March-September



Regions present different combinations of social protection components. Compared to the last update in July, the broad composition remains similar, with marginal changes in the order of one percentage point. Sub-Saharan Africa is the region with the highest share of social assistance (84%), followed by South Asia (80%) and Latin America and the Caribbean (72%). North America, the Middle East and North Africa, and Europe and Central Asia display a relatively higher reliance on social insurance (between 32% and 44%), while East Asia and ECA present the largest share of labor market measures (between 18-20%) (figure 2, left panel). In terms of country income groups, social assistance claims most of social protection measures in low-income setting, a share that gradually erodes at countries climb the income ladder (figure 2, right panel).

¹ These include Burundi, Faroe Islands, Isle of Man, Macao, New Caledonia, Palau, Réunion, Saint Pierre and Miquelon, San Marino, Tanzania, Turkmenistan, US Virgin Islands.

Figure 2. Composition of social protection Covid responses by region



How much are countries spending on social protection responses? For a subset of 119 countries for which data is available, a total of \$789.8 billion is being spent on social protection measures for Covid-19 (table 1). This represents a significant increase since July in absolute terms (a difference of about \$200 billion). That represents almost a percentage point (0.89%) of the 87.7 trillion global GDP in 2019 and well exceeds the level of social protection spending that occurred as part of the global response to the 2010 financial crisis. On a per capita basis, about \$243 are being provided per person: this ranges from \$695 in high income countries to \$4 in low-income settings. While the latter amount is low, it is four times higher than in July.

Table 1. Spending in social protection Covid-19 response, select countries (n=119)

	Social Assistance		Social insurance		Labor Markets		Spending pc
	Countries	Spending (\$)	Countries	Spending (\$)	Countries	Spending (\$)	\$/per capita
LIC	13	1,586,985,461	-	-	-	-	4
LMIC	29	55,171,282,058	4	1,050,126,211	5	1,359,579,479	28
UMIC	36	71,940,840,189	13	97,284,846,378	10	7,918,236,395	57
HIC	28	511,561,177,859	9	21,365,039,265	10	20,628,207,639	695
AFR	24	5,949,230,341	1	86,207	2	2,259,131,859	\$10
EAP	18	186,715,308,294	7	85,827,239,269	9	25,013,918,532	\$359
ECA	19	77,149,038,251	8	19,122,117,422	10	1,609,802,007	\$638
LAC	30	38,895,106,523	7	13,036,568,956	2	479,000,000	\$97
MNA	9	6,392,365,000	2	1,709,000,000	2	544,171,114	\$86
NA	1	290,005,000,000	1	5,000,000	0	-	\$442
SAR	5	35,154,237,159	-	-	0	-	\$8
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2. Social assistance

Social assistance accounts for most of the social protection response. A total of 724 measures were recorded, accounting for 61.4% of the response. About 51% of those safety net measures, and 31.3% of global measures, are various forms of cash-based transfers in 158 countries (table 2). Six cash transfer measures are provided as universal programs. In-kind transfers are also substantial, with 22% of the social assistance portfolio (and 13.7% of the social protection envelop) including the distribution of food commodities, vouchers and school feeding programs. Waiving utility fees or financial obligations occurs in 174 instances in 101 countries, while 18 public work programs, a modality largely freezed or made unconditional in the early phases of the pandemic, are now present in 13 countries.

Table 2. Number of social assistance measures and countries

	N. of measures	N. of countries
Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	340	156
Social pensions	30	23
<i>Sub-total (all cash-based measures)</i>	370	158
In-kind food/voucher schemes	133	93
School feeding	29	21
<i>Sub-total (all in-kind measures)</i>	162	96
Utility and financial obligation support (waiver/postponement)	174	101
Public works	18	13
Total	724	188

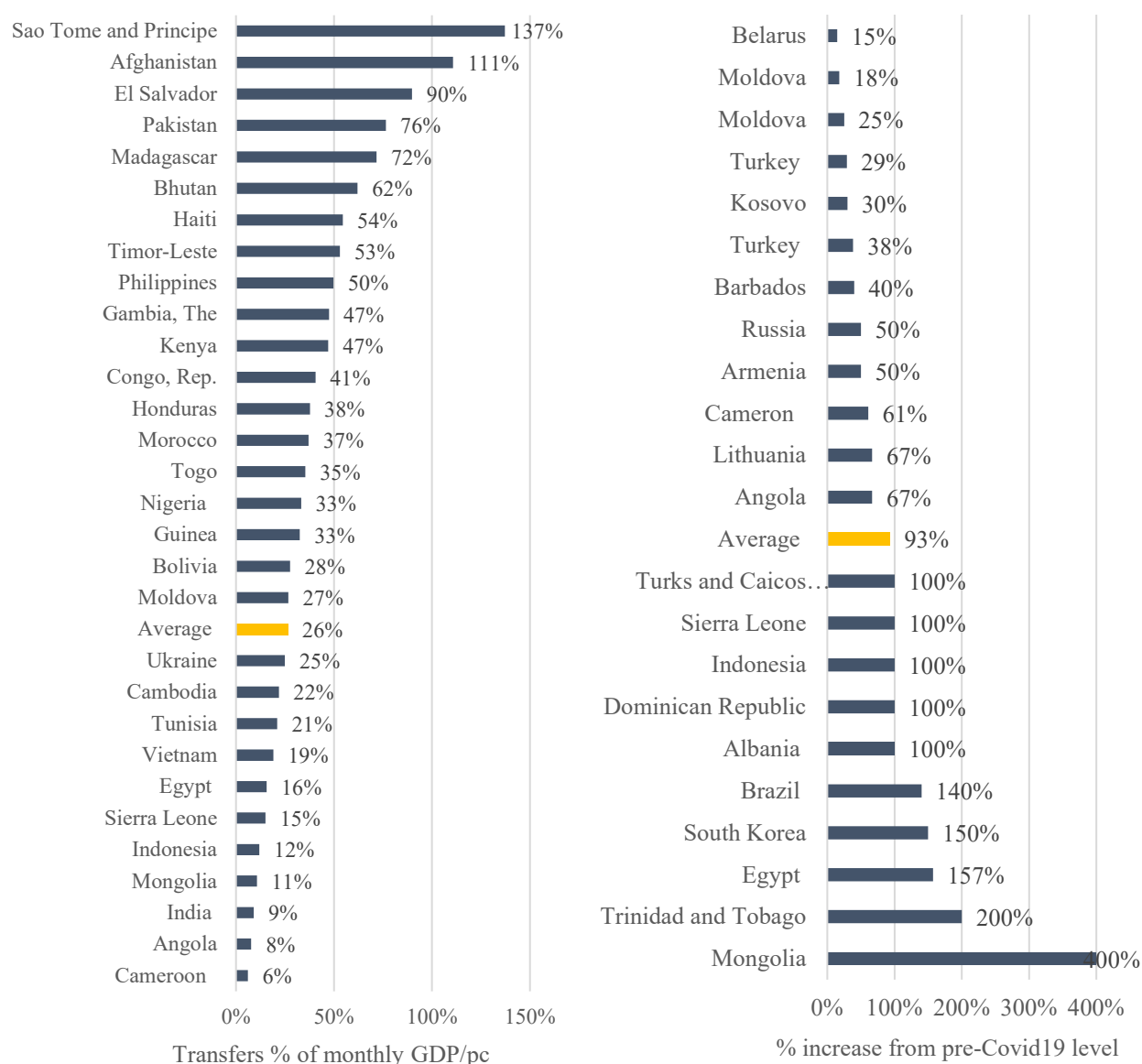
Cash transfer programs tend to be mostly new, one-off and of short duration, although in some cases their duration has been extended. New and one-off programs constitute a significant share of Covid-19 cash transfers: almost 68% of cash transfer programs (or 231 schemes) are new ones, with 29% (105 programs) being one-off interventions. Information on duration is available for 92 cash transfer measures ranging from 1 to 12 months. Most measures are put in place for 3 months, for a global average of 3.3 months. Out of the 340 cash transfer programs, 16 measures in 14 countries/territories² have been extended in duration due to the protracted nature of the crisis (Indonesia and Azerbaijan extended two schemes).

Cash-based programs are relatively generous. For a sample of 95 countries for which generosity data is available, transfers represent about one-quarter or 26% of average monthly GDP/capita. For low-income countries, such rate was 52%, with Haiti, Madagascar and Afghanistan being among the highest globally (figure 3, left panel). For a subset of 22 countries with comparable per and post-Covid19 data, cash transfers generosity was almost doubled³, or increased by 93% (figure 3, right panel)

² Argentina, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Belarus, Bhutan, Brazil, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Indonesia, Jamaica, Mongolia, Uzbekistan.

³ In some cases, like Egypt, transfers were increased in generosity for some particular groups of beneficiaries.

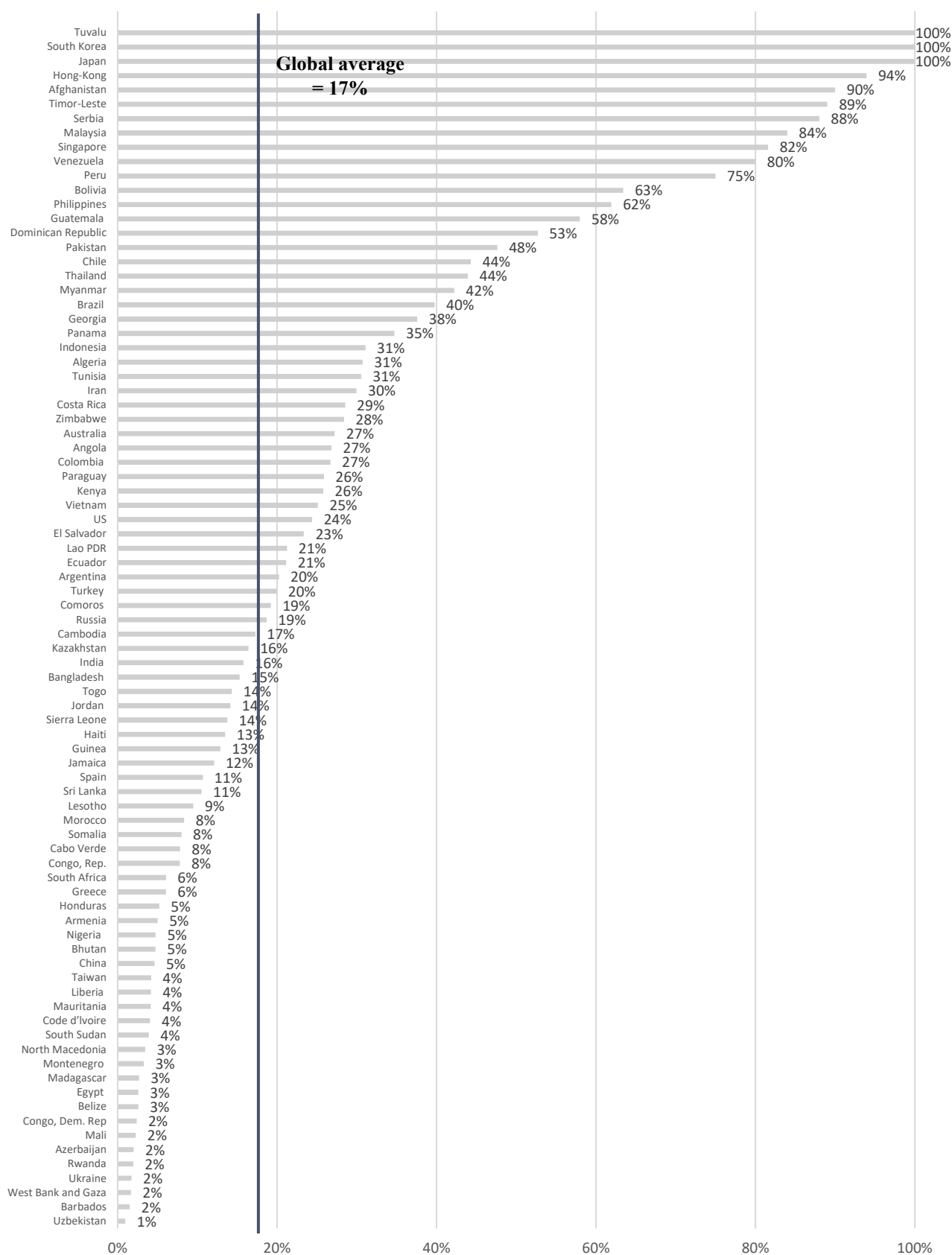
Figure 3. Adequacy of cash transfer programs by monthly GDP/capita (left) and percentage increase from per-Covid19 levels



Almost 2 billion individuals are covered by social assistance. Based on our analysis, the planned or actual scale up of social assistance transfers in-kind and cash-based reaches 1.8 billion people (1,877,829,067). If we examine the coverage expansion for cash transfers, then such scale-up covered over 1.3 billion people (1,329,775,703)⁴. This level of coverage equals to 17% of the world's population (figure 4).

⁴ At the time of releasing this updated review, a planned cash transfer program for Laos covering an expected 1.5 million people (see matrix for living paper v.12) was confirmed discontinued and should not be considered in the count.

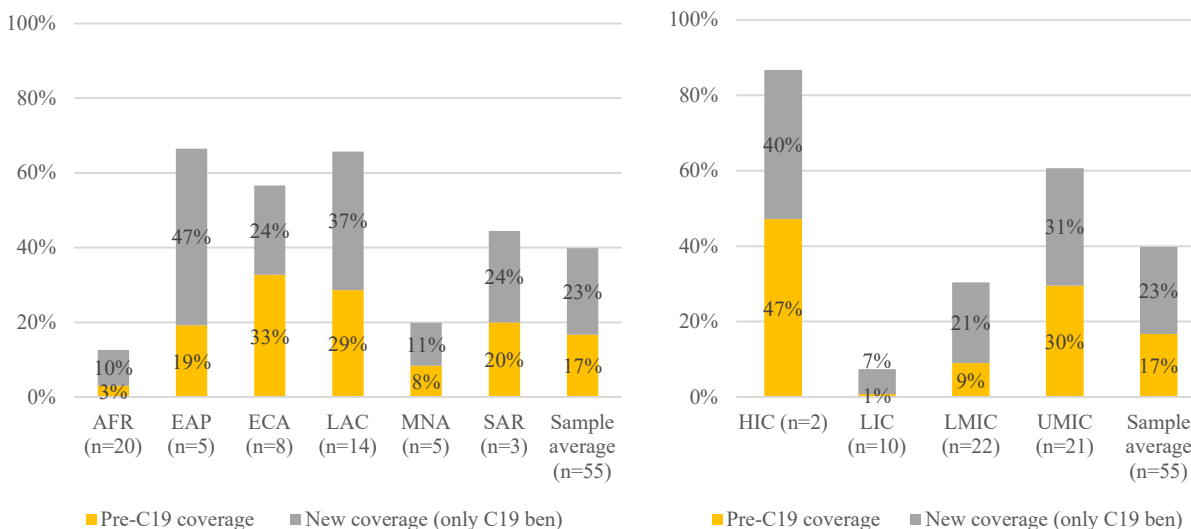
Figure 4. Coverage of planned or implemented cash transfer programs (% population)



For countries with comparable ASPIRE administrative data, or 55 countries, we estimated pre- and post-Covid19 scale up in coverage in cash transfers. In general, countries have increased the planned or actual

coverage somewhat proportionally to previous levels (figure 5)⁵. Interestingly, the additional Covid-19 coverage level is systematically higher than pre-Covid19 levels, except for high income countries (which have low sample). The level of increase is generally proportionate to previous levels, that is, higher coverage is observed in regions and contexts with higher preexisting coverage. The EAP region is an exception for its high scale up even relative to its pre-Covid19 levels.

Figure 5. Pre and post Covid19 coverage by regions and income groups (n=55)

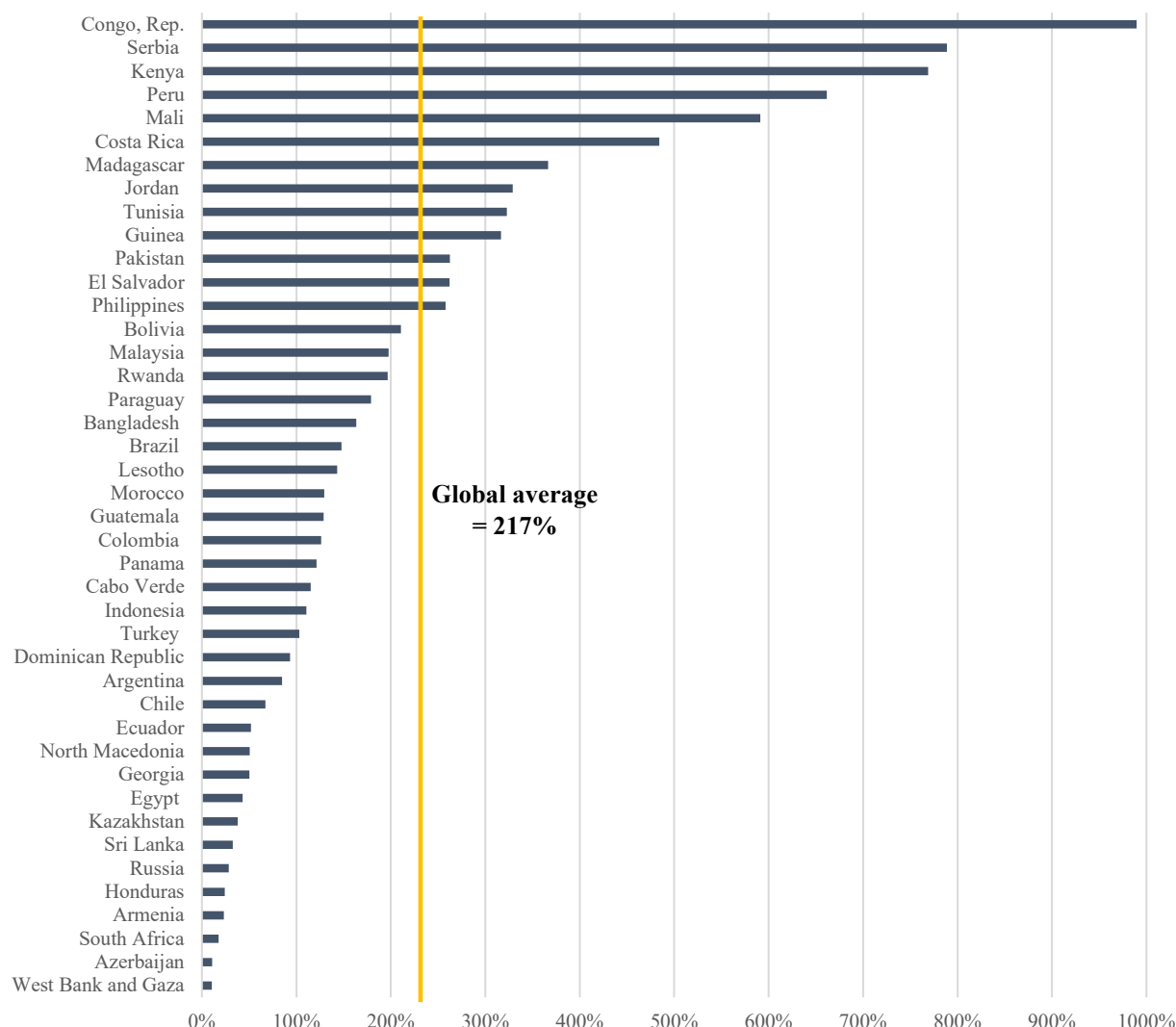


The rate of scale up relative to pre-Covid19 levels is substantial. Because of very low levels of pre-Covid19 coverage, for a range of low-income and fragile states the Covid19 response of cash transfers represented over a ten-fold increase⁶. If we exclude those cases, for the remaining sample of 42 cases the average rate of increase in cash transfers coverage is about 217% (see figure 6). Note that baseline data should be taken as an upper bound estimate since administrative data tends to overestimate rates due to possible program overlaps

⁵ Note that this analysis doesn't include India.

⁶ Such countries include Angola, Togo, Myanmar, DRC, Zimbabwe, Somalia, Sierra Leone, Cote d'Ivoire, Mauritania, Liberia, Cambodia, Nigeria and South Sudan.

Figure 6. Scale up rate of cash transfers relative to pre-Covid19 level



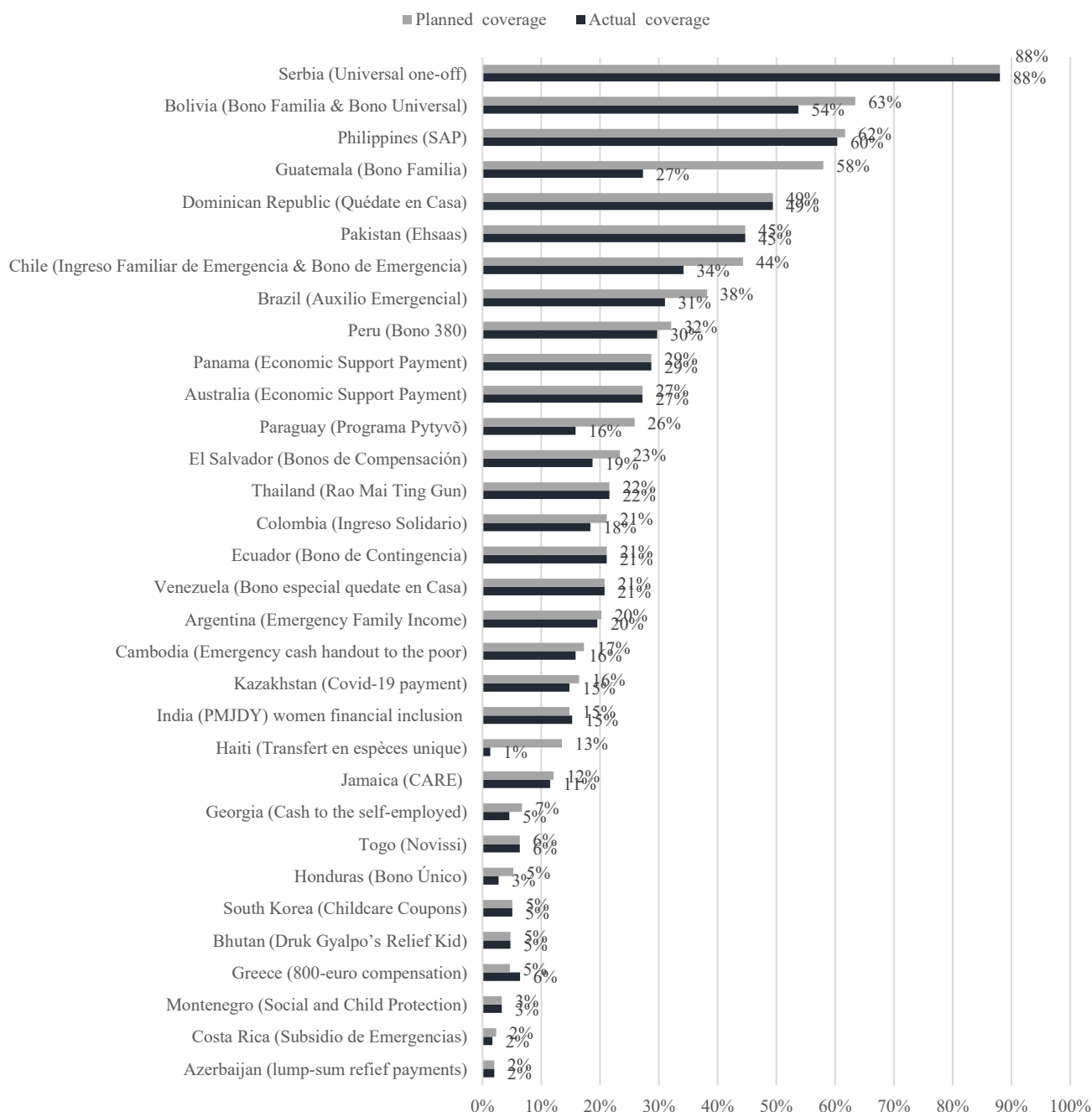
New estimates reveal the extent to which planned Covid-19 social assistance interventions have been completed or are under implementation. While data and information for planned programs is now readily available, determining their stage in implementation is more challenging. To shed light on this question, we conducted a program-by-program assessment focusing on the full gamut of social assistance programs. We found that data on implementation status is available for 36% of the sample, or 286 out of the total 784 measures (table 3). In particular, for cash transfers a total of 196 programs reported information (out of 370): 99 of those measures are ongoing at the time of releasing this report, while 33 are planned and 64 are completed. In other words, available data indicates that 83% of cash transfers are either active or ongoing.

Table 3. Planned, ongoing and completed social assistance measures

	Planned	Ongoing	Ended	Total
Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional; social pensions)	33	99	64	196
in-kind food/voucher schemes	3	18	11	32
School feeding	0	1	1	2
Utility and financial obligation support (waiver/postponement)	1	39	13	53
Cash for Work	0	3	0	3
Total	37	160	89	286

Program-level analysis provides further insights on the state of implementation of cash transfer programs. Figure 7 shows programs that have attained the specified target of coverage. This is particularly true for more modest coverage levels where actuals and planned are aligned or very close. Haiti, however, is an exception with only a fraction of the planned coverage being attained. This should not necessarily be interpreted as problematic since in Haiti, like other countries, implementation is still ongoing. As coverage levels become more ambitious, more marked differences between planned and actual coverage rates emerge – again, in most cases reflecting the real-time implementation of programs. Programs in countries like Serbia were able to announce bold transfer programs and fulfill their delivery promise.

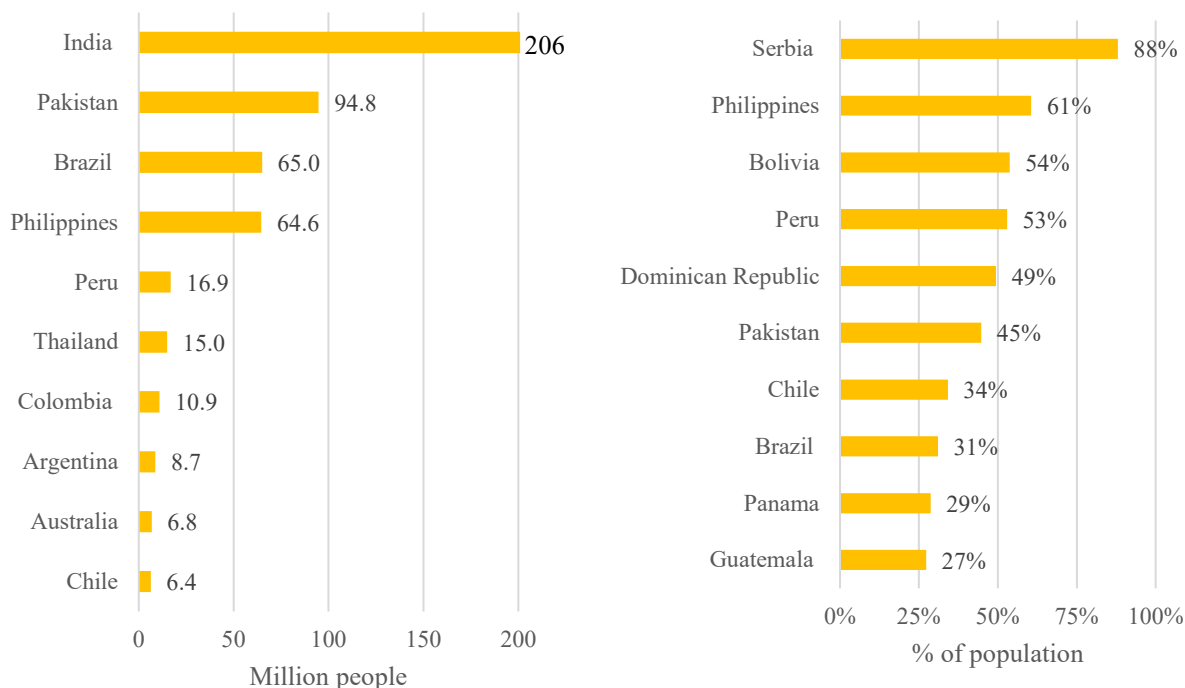
Figure 7. Planned vs actual coverage of cash transfer programs



Among the completed or ongoing programs, a large share of those with highest coverage is mostly located in Asia and Latin America. This may reflect a relatively high concentration of social assistance combined with

delivery capabilities (see section on delivery). In absolute terms, India has the largest cash transfer coverage reaching over 200 million people. With the exception of Brazil, all the top 10 countries by absolute number of cash transfer beneficiaries of programs under implementation or that have been concluded are in Asia (East and South) (figure 8, left panel). If we consider coverage by rates, the ranking is slightly more mixed, with several Latin American countries displaying considerable coverage and an ECA country, Serbia, on top of the chart (figure 8, right panel).

Figure 8. Cash transfers coverage by number of individuals (left) and share of the population (right) (top 10 countries, active or completed programs)



3. Social insurance⁷

Turning to other key social protection components, social insurance programs slightly increased since July. This includes an additional 13 measure and 6 additional countries, bringing the count to 286 and 131, respectively (Table 4). Most programs include unemployment benefits (82 measures), followed by paid sick leave (70) and the wavers, deferment or subsidization of social security contributions (64). Also significant is the number of pensions and disability-related measures (54), while healthcare insurance support only appeared in 16 cases.

Table 4. Number of social insurance measures and countries

	N. of measures	N. of countries
Paid sick support	70	55
Healthcare insurance support	16	15
Pension	54	38
Social security contribution waiver/subsidy	64	57
Unemployment benefit	82	66
Total programs	286	131

Several policy and practical developments occurred in the social insurance space. Taking a broad look at recent development, two categories of actions have been particularly prominent: (1) reforms affecting contribution rates, including reductions, temporary suspensions, and deferrals, and (2) loosening regulations on

⁷ This section was prepared by Gustavo Demarco and Miglena Abels, with inputs from Fernando Larrain and members of the Pensions and Social Insurance GSG at the World Bank.

pension withdrawals. The fairly extensive use of these mechanisms highlights the importance of framing a discussion around possible compensatory measures to address the likely resultant pension system deficits, help restore contributors' retirement savings lost due to the pandemic, and compensate for financial losses associated with low returns during the crisis. These two categories of measures have been widely applied because they provide relatively quick financial relief to individuals and businesses, boosting much needed liquidity in the short-term. Even though most countries that have adopted such measures did so for a limited period of time (ranging from 3 to 6 months), the cost of these measures will be potentially substantial in terms of permanently reduced future retirement benefits or sizeable budget deficits for Governments.

Temporary suspension of pension contributions largely aims to reduce the short-term economic effects of the crisis. This affects both employers (by reducing labor costs to help employers keep more employees on the payroll and avoid bankruptcy) and employees (by increasing income for those who continue to work). The impact on the fiscal sustainability of pension systems and the adequacy of future pensions depends on the design of the pension schemes. In defined benefit (DB) schemes, contribution reductions/suspensions will have an immediate visible impact on the fiscal performance of the pension scheme with no immediate impact on future pension levels, whereas in a defined contribution (DC) environment, there is no added cost to the pension system but there will be an impact on individuals savings and future benefit levels.

Loosening regulations on pension withdrawals is being used by several countries to provide short-term relief in funded or prefunded pension schemes. Defined contribution schemes have a simple way to finance the emergency needs during the economic crises using workers' funds. Some countries allow withdrawal of funds on a permanent basis (Denmark, Australia, Mexico and New Zealand), others have the option of an auto-loan (Switzerland, El Salvador, United States-401K) and a few countries have the option of savings not only for pension but also for shorter term needs (Singapore, UK).

The reforms adopted and the thinking around the way contributors use their funds when shorter term needs arise may further influence pension policy after Covid-19. Such approach may be consistent with some early experiences of social insurance for non-wage employment and informal sector workers. Some countries have relaxed the restrictions for the use of the pension funds (Australia, US). The latest Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA) figures from September 2nd show 4.3 million withdrawal applications pulled \$32 billion out of people's savings. Opponents to the measure argue the end cost of the early withdrawal of retirement savings will ultimately have to be borne by the taxpayer. Similarly, thousands of individuals accessed individual retirement savings accounts in the US (savers can withdraw the sums from their 401(k) and 403(b) accounts without the usual 10% early withdrawal penalty).

In countries like Chile and Peru, governments allowed the withdrawal of funds for everyone. On May 1st, Peru announced individuals may withdraw up to 25% of their private retirement assets to help them cope with the impacts of the coronavirus pandemic. In August, Peru's Congress approved a law that allows citizens to partially draw down their contributions to the state pension fund, a few months after doing the same with the private system and despite fierce opposition from the government. In late July, Chilean Congress approved a law that allows citizens to partially withdraw 10% of their pension savings from their individual accounts. By early September, 85% of total pension members (9 million affiliates) had withdrawn 10% from their savings account, pulling more than 13 billion dollars out of people's savings. Since the law also established fix amount authorized withdrawals, almost 2 million contributors withdrew the total amount of their savings and have no balance in their pension accounts. In early March, the Malaysian government allowed people to withdraw up to 500 ringgit (\$114) a month from their savings in the country's Employees Provident Fund (924.75 billion Ringgit) for the coming 12 months.

While the flexible use of funds for short term emergency purposes has been well received by the public opinion (and in some cases, this may have even improved the public perception of DC schemes), two priority actions for the recovery phase emerge. These include the following: (i) adoption of compensatory

mechanisms to ensure the adequacy of future retirement income; (ii) sound regulations to preserve the use of this mechanism only in exceptional basis. These compensations will be particularly relevant when the emergency funds are withdrawn from the retirement savings accounts of lower income earners. This is reportedly the concern in countries like Mexico, where funds to finance unemployment in 2020 were largely withdrawn from the retirement savings accounts of lower income earners.

Reforms affecting contribution rates, including reductions, temporary suspensions, and deferrals affect DB and DC schemes differently, therefore compensatory measures will also differ. In the context of DB schemes, contribution rate reforms result in reduced revenues for the pension schemes. In the context of DC schemes, reduced or delayed contributions will result in lower individual retirement savings. Policy makers can consider providing income transfers or wage subsidies in order to cover pension contributions on behalf of employees and employers which would prevent a decline in revenues for DB schemes and a decline in individual savings for DC schemes. Governments can disseminate information on the long-term implications of early pension withdrawals on future pension income. Additional measures will also be needed in general, to compensate for potential losses due to low returns, particularly in the case of persons who will retire during or immediately after the crisis under DC pension schemes. As in previous crises, governments should set in place flexible rules for annuities and investment.

4. Labor market interventions for workers⁸

Supply-side, worker-related labor market programs are also on the rise. With 169 programs in 99 countries, this edition cements the role of wage subsidies as the lead labor instrument: those measure now account for 58% of the labor portfolio with 99 measures in 85 countries. Other measures include labor market regulation adjustments (30 cases), 28 activation initiatives, and shorter-time arrangements (12). Table 5 lays out those interventions.

Table 5. Number of labor market measures and countries

	N. of measures	N. of countries
Wage subsidy	99	85
Activation (training) measures	28	24
Labor regulation adjustment	30	25
Shorter work time benefits	12	10
Total programs	169	99

Wage subsidies can help firms retain employees who would otherwise be furloughed or laid off while production is halted or experiencing significant disruptions. By May 2020, job retention schemes, such as wage subsidies, had supported about 50 million jobs across OECD countries, about ten times as many as during the global financial crisis of 2008-09. Subsidies have often been implemented as a complement to measures that reduce other labor costs for firms or measures that strengthen unemployment benefit or social assistance systems. Subsidies have been seen as necessary to support workers' earnings and firms' activity, particularly when strict lockdowns and business closures were in place. Employment subsidies have been used extensively in the past as an effective *short-term* countercyclical measure and past experience during economic downturns suggests that wage subsidies can indeed help avert job destruction. Concerns about the economic efficiency effects of employment subsidies are less salient when they are used counter-cyclically and are time-bound.

There have been significant differences in how wage subsidy schemes have been designed in high-income countries, on the one hand, and middle and low-income countries, on the other. Most COVID-19 wage subsidy programs were designed to pay a certain proportion of a worker's salary or a given amount of money per

⁸ This section was produced by Indhira Santos.

month for 2-4 months per worker. That said, there is variation in the details of the programs, based on countries' fiscal space, the impact of the crisis, and countries' economic structure and political economy. In most advanced economies, given the larger fiscal space and given the nature of the crisis and containment measures (e.g. mandated lockdowns across the economy), subsidies have often not been targeted to specific sectors—they have been largely broad-based. In most countries, subsidies have also covered all registered workers in all registered firms. In contrast, countries with more limited fiscal space and more clear-cut sector impacts have tended to target specific sectors: Indonesia focused, at least initially, on manufacturing workers that earn below a threshold; countries dependent on tourism have also often focused on supporting firms and workers in that sector as well as related ones, such as transport.

Most advanced economies covered all firms within sectors, but other countries are being more targeted in their wage subsidies. In terms of firm size, there is a clear rationale to target micro and small and medium-sized enterprises given that they have less liquidity and face larger constraints to access external finance. This is the approach followed in many developing countries. But there is also an argument to support large firms with many employees or have a critical impact on the rest of the economy through value chains, as the objective of the wage subsidies is to avoid workers being fired and also maintaining key economic structures—such as value chains—working. Some countries, including Australia, Canada, Colombia, Croatia, Netherlands, Mongolia and Poland, have directed wage subsidies at firms that report a certain decline in revenues or profit. This is likely hard to measure in many developing countries, and, if the shock is widespread, may not be necessary. In Austria and Germany, for example, short-term wage subsidies during the global financial crisis targeted firms that had experienced a specific shortfall in revenues/profits, but both countries abandoned these conditions in the current crisis.

In terms of generosity, in advanced economies, wage subsidies have typically covered between 60-80 percent of worker salaries, including a maximum amount per worker (a cap), with schemes significantly less generous in the rest of the world. In some of the advanced economies, schemes often have also had a sliding scale where they pay a higher proportion of the salary for the low-income workers and a lower proportion to higher earners, up to a maximum. In developing countries, the most common approach has been to pay everyone a certain percentage of the minimum wage; this is both easier to implement when quality of data is less reliable and less costly. Colombia, Serbia and the Dominican Republic, for example, paid the equivalent of 50 percent of the minimum wage. The key is to ensure that all workers take home a minimum amount that is enough to cover basic expenses, that workers keep their employment relationship, and that firms do not need to fire workers and be liable for severance pay.

Wage subsidies have tended to be accompanied by important conditions for beneficiary firms. Most schemes have imposed strict limits on firing workers, especially if subsidies are generous. An often-overlooked design issue, however, relates to requirements for firms to pay for the non-subsidized part of the wage. In the cases where wage subsidies do not cover most of the individual wages (for example, when you pay a fixed percentage of the minimum wage to all workers), a number of countries (e.g. Bulgaria, the Dominican Republic, Montenegro) required firms to pay part of the uncovered individual salaries, up to a certain amount or the rest of the full salary. In fact, many countries have legal limits on how much and how long wages can be “lowered” for workers (and also on the conditions that allow for this). For example, if the government provides a wage subsidy that is equivalent to 30% of the salary of the workers, then the firm may be required to pay the other 70%. Such condition may undermine the effectiveness of crisis response in the depth of the crisis since participating firms may still run out of cashflow very quickly and be forced to close; however, as the severity of the crisis passes, cost sharing should indeed increase until subsidies disappear altogether.

Beyond the general parameters of wage subsidies, countries have implemented promising innovations. In Montenegro, for example, together with a wage subsidy program aimed at limiting layoffs in formal wage employment, there is also a subsidy for new employment in the amount of 70 percent of the gross minimum wage

for at least 6 months for entrepreneurs, micro, small and medium-sized companies who registered new employees in April and who were simultaneously registered as unemployed with the employment agency. This type of scheme can be helpful to incentivize the formalization of informal workers in formal firms and may be helpful when transitioning to the next phase of the crisis.

Since wage subsidy schemes are primarily aimed at preserving formal wage employment, a number of countries have also put in place complementary schemes to support registered non-wage workers and, in settings where informality is the norm, to support informal workers. The former is more common in advanced economies, where self-employed and freelancers are often registered; France, Germany, Greece, Italy, New Zealand have specific support schemes for this group. Informal sector workers are also being explicitly supported in many developing countries—e.g. Argentina, Cabo Verde, Ecuador, Egypt, Mauritius, Morocco, the Philippines, Rwanda—typically through social assistance (cash transfers and sometimes also public works). In Nepal, informal sector workers who have lost their jobs due to the ongoing crisis are given the opportunity to participate in public-works projects for a subsistence wage or receive 25% of local daily wage should they choose not to participate. In addition, a number of countries—such as Bangladesh and Mongolia—are also supporting informal businesses and employment by expanding access to credit, often in partnership with microcredit organizations that already work with the target group.

It is important to note that, while wage subsidies have often been complementary to the expansion of unemployment and social assistance, in a number of cases, countries have chosen or favored one approach or the other. The effects of that choice are unlikely to be neutral, but the jury is still out in terms of which approach is most appropriate in each context. On the one hand, countries like the United States, avoided wage subsidies aimed at preventing unemployment and instead strengthened its support to those who did lose their job; in most of Europe, on the other hand, wage subsidies were the norm. The former approach allows breaking the employment relationship which imposes future job search costs; but, for the same reason, there is less interference with the process of job creation and destruction and avoids the risk of supporting so called “zombie” firms and jobs, that may be unsustainable.

In addition to subsidies, a growing number of countries—especially in East Asia—are strengthening their active labor market programs, particularly intermediation services and skills training. This is the case, for example, in China, Indonesia, Malaysia and the Philippines. In Indonesia, for example, Kartu Pra-Kerja, a program that provides subsidized vouchers for unemployed workers for skilling and re-skilling has doubled in its allocated budget. The program will be accessible to an estimated 5.6 million informal workers and small and micro enterprises who have been affected by COVID-19. In February, Malaysia announced subsidies for short courses in digital skills and increases in the country’s employment insurance system’s training subsidy for an expected 100,000 workers, with the program later expanding further. As the crisis evolves, such measures are becoming increasingly common.

Labor market regulations have also been adjusted in some cases in response to the crisis. In a number of countries, including Azerbaijan, Ethiopia, Italy, and Turkey labor regulation reforms limited layoffs during the crisis. Restrictions have also been imposed across countries when firms benefit from wage subsidies. In many other instances, however, labor regulations have been made more flexible to facilitate adjustments to the crisis. In Bulgaria, firms could hire workers that are in unpaid leave in other firms. This measure can support households’ income, reduce fiscal costs and facilitate labor reallocation across firms at a time when some sectors or firms are suffering but others may have shortage of workers. The measure can also provide needed flexibility to the market when moving to the next phase of the crisis. In Brazil, teleworking, anticipation of individual holidays, and suspension of required administrative medical examinations connected to employment were introduced. In Costa Rica, to compensate formal workers having experienced reductions in working hours or contract suspensions, the government approved changes in the criteria to access the fund for severance payments. In Malaysia, a discount of 25 percent is given on the payment of foreign worker levies to all firms with foreign worker permits ending

between April 1 to December 31, 2020. As discussed in the social insurance section, some of these changes increase flexibility in accessing social insurance. Finally, in a number of countries, the COVID-10 crisis has started to lead to labor market regulation reforms that provide for more flexible work arrangements, often beyond the current crisis. In Bolivia, for example, the government introduced telework in the labor code.

Going forward, as countries shift from providing relief to supporting restructuring and creating the basis for a resilient recovery, it is expected—as is already being seen in a number of countries—that the nature and extent of labor market support will also shift. While cash transfers that often support informal workers have often continued beyond other the duration of other schemes, schemes are becoming more targeted, less generous and are shifting towards supporting re-employment and productivity, including transitions to new jobs in the labor market. This shift is due to both fiscal and efficiency considerations. As lockdowns have eased, many wage subsidy schemes are starting to be phased out or are evolving into different schemes aimed primarily at incentivizing new hirings, as in Singapore’s “Enhanced Hiring Incentive”; employability support is being ramped up, often focused among particular groups of workers, such as women and youth; support is also becoming more targeted in terms of sectors and firms, as countries are already discussing the importance of paying increased attention to the viability of firms. The concern is not only fiscal, but also structural as, the longer such measures stay in place and the longer the crisis continues, the larger the risk that measures that prevent layoffs or maintain firms afloat that would otherwise not be viable, will stifle economic transformation and hence long-term economic and labor market prospects.

Two key concerns remain. First, many countries are still in the midst of the health crisis; others, are seeing a renewed increase in cases; yet, in many cases, governments have exhausted the fiscal envelope available for support measures in the early months of the crisis. The significant uncertainty that remains around the pandemic and what will happen in the next few months, together with the economic slowdown that is expected to outlast the pandemic itself, means that governments are likely to be very constrained in terms of any additional labor market support. Second, with time, it is becoming apparent that this crisis is generating or accelerating structural shifts in the labor market. This will make the task of labor market support increasingly challenging, with trade-offs between relief and restructuring measures likely becoming starker over time.

5. Delivery practices⁹

Introduction

As cash transfers continue to play a central role as a Covid-19 response measure, delivery systems have been tested significantly. There is a significant heterogeneity in the timeliness of the first payout on the ground. Therefore, this edition will focus new developments affecting the actual payout timing/options for target beneficiaries. Not surprisingly, early success was related to the maturity of existing delivery infrastructures as well as the level of financial inclusion. Almost all countries that were able to fully implement a first wave of payments within a few months (see the report’s earlier discussion and data) leveraged existing registries and good identification systems with high or almost universal coverage. For example, Namibia completed payout to almost all adult population after one month from announcing the program in early April. Financial inclusion was another notable success factor. Based on a sample of 67 countries, those that completed the first payment by the end of June had coverage rates of 58 and 90% on financial inclusion and identification, while those with delayed implementation averaged 34 and 58%.¹⁰

There has been a fast-tracking in initiatives around social registries, identification systems, and digital payments. For example, the early experience in scaling up social assistance as a response to the pandemic led the

⁹ This section draws from the notes produced by Harish Natarajan, Guillermo Alfonso Galicia Rabadan, and Robert Palacios, and which were distilled for the purpose of this report. Other contributors are acknowledged in specific subsections.

¹⁰ These figures are mainly drawn from the FINDEX 2017 survey. See Palacios (2020) “Scaling Up Social Assistance Payments as Part of the Covid-19 Pandemic Response” World Bank. Washington DC.

Philippines to fast track a new national ID with the first enrollment linked to financial inclusion. Tunisia advanced the launch of a unified digital payment platform. And in Cambodia, plans to expand the social registry have been brought forward earlier than planned. Political commitment to build the essential infrastructure needed for future responses may be an unexpected benefit from the pandemic, but it will take some time to play out.

Payments in the second semester of 2020 are reaching a wider population due to better identification mechanisms. Over past six months, many countries made remarkable efforts to improve the identification of pandemic-affected population. This is attained by leveraging social registries, launching new application process (e.g., Indonesia¹¹), and validating with other databases (e.g., revenue service in South Africa). The resulting expanded master database will serve as an improved information base for subsequent payments¹². The introduction of non-traditional approaches and big data (e.g., machine learning, satellite images, mobile data) may help countries to reach populations in urban areas where existing systems are limited.

Reaching, identifying and registering beneficiaries

One of the main challenges for Covid-19 transfers stems from the lack of information on all-pandemic affected people, which is far beyond the coverage of existing social registries in most countries. Social registries usually focus on poor and vulnerable population for social assistance programs. But the economic disruption due to the crisis equally affected a broader population made the systematic identification of target population challenging. In particular, informal sector workers, who were often not eligible for being included in social registries, became are among the main populations targeted for Covid-19 cash transfers.

To address gaps in social registries' coverage, several middle-income countries leveraged other existing registries. For example, Morocco reached 3 million informal workers by tapping existing health sector database (Ramed). In parallel, a new platform was launched to enroll those who were not covered in any existing administrative databases. Some countries took a further step by cross checking with existing social registry and other administrative records such as civil registry, social security, and financial sector supervisor (e.g., Colombia, Thailand).

Countries where these are limited existing infrastructures are progressively exploring new and non-traditional approaches for beneficiary identification and registration. These nascent approaches exploit emerging technologies including machine learning and big data on geospatial information and mobile phone usage pattern to improve geographic and individual targeting.¹³ The development of individual targeting using these alternative approaches is more complex due to the access to personal data, but there are promising results from pilot countries. Where mobile penetration is very high, correlations between 'ground truth' data collected through sample household surveys to calculate consumption/income and poverty with mobile phone use patterns (i.e., Call Detail Records, CDR) has been shown to predict the poverty status of households at least as accurately as traditional methods. However, accuracy is directly related to the amount of information about individuals available raising new concerns over privacy, including consent, thereby making the application of this technique more burdensome and difficult.

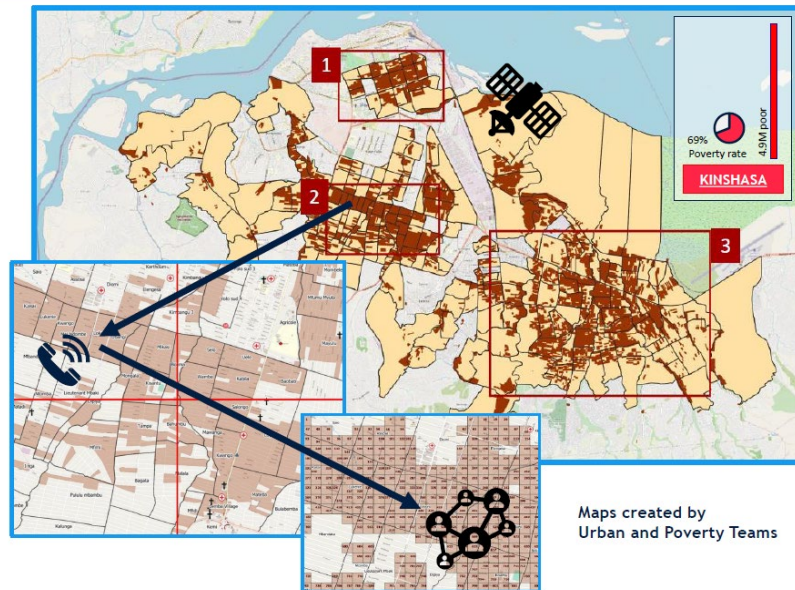
¹¹ Indonesia has added a new application-based program for informal sector workers to supplement a social assistance program that already reaches forty percent of the population that was already captured in the social registry.

¹² Brazil and South Africa are likely to make some of the new benefits permanent and the latter appears to be moving towards the first universal basic income program in Africa. Thailand paid about US\$170 dollars to 15 million informal sector workers for three months starting in April. In August, it announced a new round of US\$100 for three months to roughly the same number of individuals.

¹³ See, for example, Terraza et al. (2020) "A methodology to find, improve and strengthen vulnerable homes", Powerpoint presentation at World Bank, June 2020; and Lee, K., and Braithwaite, J. (2020) "High-Resolution Poverty Maps in Sub-Saharan Africa" available at <https://arxiv.org/abs/2009.00544>.

An alternative is to use anonymized mobile phone data for geographic targeting. In Zimbabwe, for example, ground level data suggest a strong correlation between population density in the capital, Harare, and poverty rates. Zimbabwe has the additional advantage of high mobile money penetration making it possible to make payments directly to the e-wallets of all phone numbers mapped to the targeted areas. Several countries, including Democratic Republic of Congo (see figure 9 on Kinshasa), Bangladesh, Mali, and Nigeria are currently considering this approach. While the impetus is the need to quickly identify those affected by the pandemic, it could potentially be used in other situations such as natural disasters where real time information is needed.

Figure 9. Combining geospatial mapping and mobile phones in Kinshasa, DRC



Source: World Bank DRC project team

Another targeting approach uses satellite images, which can estimate poverty at much disaggregated level compared to a traditional poverty map method. In order to establish algorithms with machine learning that can predict various indicators relevant for eligibility, this approach can even combine census data with high precision images from aerial drones or satellites. This has been demonstrated to work well at neighborhood, and reasonably at household level, in the case of Colombia and is being explored in several other Latin American countries.

A longer-term question is whether these new targeting methods will be utilized instead of or as a supplement to traditional targeting methods such as periodic census sweeps and what are the advantages and disadvantages. They may have an advantage over static social registries which reflect conditions that may have changed drastically in the months or years since data were collected. This advantage is critical in crisis response when countries do not have the luxury for waiting for social registries to be built or updated. Also, relative to enumerators visiting each household and gathering data on its members and their assets, geographic targeting whether by geospatial or CDR data is less invasive. On the other hand, using mobile phone behavioral data to go beyond geographic clusters to target at the individual level may threaten privacy and create opportunities for surveillance. Even if people are asked for their consent for their data to be used for this purpose, the fact that it is done under duress limits its validity. Lastly, it is important to note that the new methods often rely on census and household survey data, highlighting the need for traditional data sources. Considering all things, these creative alternatives may have lasting positive effects on social assistance in the future.

Payments¹⁴

Payments systems are also evolving, with payouts to beneficiaries occurring with an array of payment service providers (PSP). These include banks (e.g., Brazil), mobile money operators, electronic money providers (e.g., Jordan), e-wallets (e.g., Namibia and Togo), financial inclusion agents (e.g., India), blend configurations (e.g., Colombia, Bangladesh), points of sale, and Unique-Code based payments¹⁵ in non-account schemes (e.g., Guatemala and Peru). In some cases, special accounts for cash payments are set up (e.g., Democratic Republic of Congo). Across those options, remote onboarding, simplified customer due diligence, increased transaction limits, and interoperability all helped enhance the speed and inclusiveness of cash transfers payments globally.

Authorities around the world are promoting the usage of digital payments to conform with social distancing measures. In order to prevent crowding around cash-out points (e.g. ATMs, bank's branches, non-bank agents) which could increase health risks for the population, authorities are working with stakeholders to provide incentives for the immediate adoption and usage of digital payments. Policy responses for a wider adoption of digital payments include enabling easier opening of accounts for individuals, onboarding of agents and merchants, increases in transaction limits¹⁶ and fee waivers¹⁷ for digital payments transactions.

Disbursement of social benefit transfers digitally can be enabled through account-based and non-account-based arrangements. In the first case, social protection agencies disburse resources to an existing or newly created account at a financial institution (banks, mobile money operator, electronic money provider), and the beneficiary is able to transact through different electronic channels provided by the financial institution. These include internet and mobile banking, e-wallets and physical cards. For non-account-based schemes, authorities and social protection agencies have opted for the distribution of Unique-Code based payments¹⁸, that can be delivered through mobile and other digital channels (table 6).

Table 6. Digital cash transfers mechanisms

Country	Program	Number of reached beneficiaries	Digital payments mechanisms
Argentina	Ingreso Familiar de Emergencia	9 million households	Accounts at Financial Institutions, Unique-Code based payments
Bangladesh	Taka Cash Assistance Program	5 million households	E-wallets

¹⁴ This subsection was developed by Guillermo Galicia, Nilima Ramteke, Dorothee Delort and Harish Natarajan, with contributions from Ragheb Buder. This note is based on a note prepared by the G2Px cross-GP initiative.

¹⁵ Unique-Code based payments are payment mechanisms, that enable the recipient to use a unique code sent by the program administrator of their agent for every disbursement cycle to access funds. These funds are typically held in the aggregate at designated financial institutions and the code merely entitles the recipient to a pre-allocated amount. The code can be communicated in various ways including but not limited to a one-time password (OTP) sent by SMS and in some cases can also be generated by the recipient by accessing a particular system or app. Some providers now allow the recipient to direct the pre-allocated funds to an account of their choice instead of withdrawing the funds. Typically, the recipient uses the traditional access points (i.e. ATMs, Points-Of-Sale) to access the funds.

¹⁶ In Albania, Brunei, Egypt, Ghana, Indonesia, Kenya, Nepal, Philippines, Palestine, Pakistan, Portugal, Rwanda and Uganda authorities have withdrawn fees for using electronic payment services, such as electronic transfers and mobile money services. In Cameroon, Ethiopia, Nigeria, Uganda and Zambia private providers are waiving fees to users of mobile payments.

¹⁷ Authorities raised transaction limits on digital payments in Bangladesh, Egypt, Ghana, Kenya, Nepal, Rwanda and Uganda.

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Country	Program	Number of reached beneficiaries	Digital payments mechanisms
Bangladesh	Assistance Program for Garment Sector Workers	4 million beneficiaries	Accounts at financial institutions
Brazil	Auxílio Emergencial	67.2 million beneficiaries	Accounts at Financial Institutions, Prepaid cards
Colombia	Ingreso Solidario	2.6 million households	Accounts at Financial Institutions, E-wallets
Costa Rica	Bono Proteger	553,374 households	Accounts at Financial Institutions
Guatemala	Bono Familia	1.6 million households	Unique-Code based payments
Jordan	Support for Daily Wage Workers	200,000 households	E-wallets
Namibia	Emergency Income Grant	747,281 households	E-wallets
Pakistan	Ehsaas Emergency Cash Program	14,405,900 beneficiaries	Withdrawal of funds through biometric authentication
Peru	Bono Familiar Universal	6.8 million households	Accounts at Financial Institutions, Unique-Code based payments, E-wallets
South Africa	Covid-19 Social Relief of Distress Grant	Over 3 million households	Accounts at Financial Institutions, Unique-Code based payments
Togo	Novissi	577,048 households	E-wallets

Several countries have leveraged/ deployed digital payments to deliver emergency Government-to-Person (G2P) programs. The nature and scope of deployment of digital payments for G2P emergency programs depends on the level of development of the digital payment ecosystem and financial inclusion in the country.

Countries with robust digital payments ecosystem and high levels of financial inclusion among recipients were able to quickly deploy digital cash transfers. For example, in India, over 300 million account holders of the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana program, a financial inclusion program, were able to receive account-based cash transfers as an immediate response to the Covid-19 pandemic. Thailand used the PromptPay system to deliver digital cash transfers. In contrast, in other countries, with low levels of financial inclusion and development of the digital payments ecosystem, authorities have found themselves bound to either hand out cash directly to beneficiaries (Philippines) or exclusively use cash-out points to deliver social assistance payments (Ecuador). Countries with relatively well-developed payments ecosystem, such as Colombia, deployed digital cash transfers in different phases as authorities and stakeholders reinforced their social registries and payments mechanisms¹⁹. In some cases, authorities have deployed non account-based options that leverage digital payment channels. For example, the emergency program for informal workers in Peru use Unique-Code based payments, that are obtained through a cellphone application that can be used without opening an account to withdraw money from branches, ATMs and non-bank agents.

¹⁹ Payment mechanism refers to the combination of characteristics that collectively describe how a person accesses their account, how a payment is made, where and how cash can be accessed from an account. A debit card or prepaid card for example allows accessing the underlying account at ATMs, agents and at merchants using a physical card, in contrast a mobile money service enables accessing an account using mobile phone using an app or SMS/USSD messages and can be used at agents to deposit and withdraw cash and at merchants for making payments and can be used to make transfers.

Countries delivering cash-only G2P payments are experiencing crowding around cash-out points. In order to avoid this several countries are moving to account based cash transfers. In the case of Ecuador, beneficiaries of the Bono de Protección Familiar, the emergency G2P program designed by the government, are crowding in at cash-out points even with recent efforts of the government and stakeholders to increase the number of access points and space out payments. Across countries it is common for some cash-out points to become unavailable due to a variety of reasons: sanitary restrictions, limited operating hours of branches, lack of protective material for employees and customers, lack of liquidity, and staff unavailability due to health concerns. This leads to further crowding at available cash-out points. In response, several countries are moving to account-based solutions, where the cash transfer amount is credited into an account in the name of the recipient and maintained with a licensed payment service provider (PSP). The recipient is then able to access the cash transfer at agents, branches and ATMs of the PSP and the digital payment networks in which the PSP participates. Furthermore, the recipient can also directly make digital payments from the account and receive other payments like remittances into the same account.

Ideally, recipients should be able to receive their cash transfers in a PSP of their choice and the social protection agency should not have to decide or select the PSP. However, in most countries, authorities have had to empanel a set of PSPs due to various reasons. These include, among others, lack of PSP coverage in certain areas of the country, to ensure a minimum level of service quality and exert control over the entire delivery process. In the current context and particularly for vulnerable segments of the population, such as those in remote and rural areas, there might be no real choice for the recipients. Additionally, in some instances, authorities are guided by considerations of avoiding excessive reliance on a specific PSP. Because of this, authorities chose to empanel a set of PSPs that can be used as a default option. In general, authorities' criteria to choose empaneled PSP includes the size and reach of their network, interoperability²⁰ of their payments solution and ability to quickly deploy the program. In some cases, authorities have chosen state-owned banks, for example, in Brazil, the digital cash transfers are carried out through the state-owned bank Caixa. In other countries, interoperability was a key criterion, which is the case of Jordan, where e-money providers are interoperable through the JoMoPay platform.

In some countries, authorities have sought to offer a variety of options based on specific segments of recipients. Most countries chose a single PSP who in turn offers a specific payment mechanism to deploy a specific G2P emergency program. However, some countries have tailored different payments mechanisms to fit needs of different segments of beneficiaries within the same program. In Colombia, for the Ingreso Solidario program, authorities have implemented different types of delivery mechanisms based on specific characteristics of the telecommunications and financial infrastructure available to beneficiaries. For example, beneficiaries with smartphones will be requested to open accounts with PSP that offer payments platforms that can only run on these devices. Beneficiaries with feature phones will be directed to open accounts on providers that offer SMS based platforms²¹ and recipients located in remote communities will receive the payment in branches of the state-owned bank with presence in such communities.

Social registries, databases and on-line and mobile platforms have become essential to deliver digital G2P emergency payments. Many countries that deployed digital cash transfers have leveraged the information contained in the social registries or collected through on-line and mobile platforms. Usage of the information ranges from prefilling digital forms for account opening (Brazil) to providing beneficiaries' contact information to authorities, so they can request them to open accounts (Jordan). In this case a successful implementation of

²⁰ The ability of customers of one PSP to transact with customers of another PSP and at agents, merchants and ATMs of another PSP. Interoperability requires a central infrastructure to which all participating PSPs are connected. The operator of this infrastructure could be the central bank, a consortium of PSPs or a public-private partnership.

²¹ This type of platforms allows the user to initiate payments or other transactions through the exchange of structured messages using SMS (Short Message Service) / text messages with their PSP. In some cases, a specific service called USSD offered by telecom companies is used, this allows a menu-based interaction between the PSP and its customer.

digital cash transfers is also a direct function of the quality and completeness of the social registries, databases and on-line and mobile platforms.

In some countries, data disclosure and protection measures are put in place for identifying existing accounts of beneficiaries’. Some authorities are using information available with them to identify recipients who already have existing accounts with PSPs. In such case, regulatory reforms have been enacted to allow the exchange of information and assure the confidentiality and protection of the information. Authorities in Colombia, and recently Peru, established emergency decrees that allow them to access and share with relevant stakeholders critical information such as existing account information. The regulatory provisions require that all parties that participate in the information exchange implement measures to protect the confidentiality of the information, as well as restrict its circulation.

Validation of account-data has become a control mechanism to avoid fraud, human errors and disbursements to dormant accounts. Besides non-compliance with eligibility requirements, emergency G2P payments schemes have seen many rejections to applications as a result of fraud attempts and incorrect or inconsistent data provided by beneficiaries, for which authorities have implemented validation mechanisms that involve the cooperation of multiple entities. In South Africa, account numbers and other information provided by applicants to the Covid-19 Social Relief of Distress Grant is validated by the South African Social Security Agency with support from banks and the South African Revenue Service. In cases where authorities identify existing beneficiaries’ accounts across the financial system and distribute emergency aid to them, it is important to ensure that accounts are not dormant, otherwise payments can be rejected once the social protection agency has executed the disbursement of funds. In Jordan, an API was implemented by JoPACC, the payments infrastructure operator, to validate that the account receiving the funds is active and that the intended beneficiary is the accountholder.

For beneficiaries without an existing account, authorities are leveraging adoption of basic accounts as well as simplified and remote account opening processes. Basic accounts are accounts with restricted functionalities and come with caps on the balance amount and transaction limits. These could be held with banks or non-bank providers (referred to as e-money or mobile money). Because of these limitations account opening requirements can be relaxed, which allow for remote and simplified customer due diligence. For deployment of digital cash transfers, authorities set up or used existing legal and operational framework that allows for using either exclusively or a combination of basic accounts, and remote and simplified customer diligence. Authorities have implemented a set of policy responses to facilitate and increase adoption of this type of digital cash transfers (table 7).

Table 7. Examples of policy responses for digital cash transfers

	Remote onboarding	Simplified Customer Due Diligence	Use of simplified platforms (SMS based)	Fee waivers /reductions	Increased transaction limits	Interoperability	Use of basic accounts
Brazil	X	X		X			
Colombia	X	X	X	X			X
Jordan	X	X		X	X	X	X
Morocco	X	X		X	X	X	X
Bangladesh	X	X	X	X	X		X
Pakistan		X	X	X			

Countries are also implementing special accounts to facilitate digitization and usage of account-based models for social protection payments. Brazil implemented an all-digital social savings account to be used for the emergency aid program Auxilio Emergencial, the account can only be operated through digital channels but allows for card not-present withdrawals at ATMs and agents. Moreover, the account is exempt from monthly maintenance fees and has free basic services including three interbank transfers per month and two cash

withdrawals. In July 2020, Democratic Republic of Congo implemented a regime for special accounts for social protection payments. (Box 1)

Box 1. Special accounts for social protection payments in DRC

In July 2020, the Central Bank of Congo issued Instruction #45, with which it implemented special accounts for beneficiaries of social protection payments. Social protection agencies are now able to set-up transaction accounts for beneficiaries of emergency programs.

There are two type of special accounts, one for bank deposits (Type A) and other for electronic money (Type B). Special accounts can be used when the accountholder has been previously identified by a recognized social protection agency, including international organizations, and the holder can only have one special account.

Information to identify accountholders must be provided by recognized social protection agencies and includes: Name, address, birth date and occupation. Also, documents to identify accountholders have been expanded and can now include letters issued by the Neighborhood Chiefs and presence in beneficiaries' lists from recognized social protection agencies. The process for account opening can be carried-out remotely and will enable recognized social protection agencies to open accounts on behalf of beneficiaries.

In order to limit financial integrity risks, special accounts have amount limits for deposits, withdrawals, balance and transfers. Important to note that transaction limits are higher when the process to open the account is done physically than when the process is carried-out remotely.

Source: Central Bank of Congo

In some countries, account-based payment solutions are being implemented through non-bank providers of financial services, including mobile money operators and e-money providers. Governments are not only relying on banks for account-based G2P payments, in some cases e-money providers and mobile money operators have enabled digital transaction and cash-out networks, such as ATMs, that allow them to provide convenient payment services to beneficiaries of G2P payments. In Colombia, the Ingreso Solidario program has been deployed through banks and e-money providers known as SEDPES, which are connected through an interoperable payment system TransfiYa, and that have access to cash-out networks, including agents and ATMs. In Bangladesh, the emergency cash transfer for garment sector workers was implemented through banks and e-money providers such as rocket, bKash and Nagad, that besides person-to-person transfers and services payment functionalities also offer cash-out through agents. The shift to digital G2P payments for garment sector workers in Bangladesh was accompanied by opening 2.5 million accounts in less than a month leveraging the recent regulations that allowed remote account opening.

Simplified payments services are being used to open accounts and make payments. As many beneficiaries' lack smartphones to run sophisticated payments apps, in some countries, authorities have empaneled PSP that can provide payment services that can run on feature phones. In Colombia and Togo, beneficiaries can set up accounts and carry out payments over platforms that run on feature phones. In Peru, non-account digital payments can be accessed through a simplified version of the mobile banking platform, which works through a simple exchange of SMS. In Bangladesh, the existing mobile money services are already available on feature phones. In terms of connectivity and internet access for operating digital payment platforms, some countries have reached agreements with Telcos to enable beneficiaries' free-of-charge operation of apps and Internet channels.

Disbursement of aid through Unique-Code based payments has become a relevant payment mechanism for beneficiaries without a transaction account. Jurisdictions that have not implemented simplified or basic account schemes or/and without remote onboarding and electronic Know-Your-Customer capabilities face limitations for deploying account-based G2P payments. Countries like Guatemala, Peru and South Africa are relying on Unique-Code based payments to digitize G2P payments and reach beneficiaries without access to a transaction account. It is important to note that functionalities to generate Unique-Code based payments embedded on financial institutions' digital payments platforms enables cash-outs without having to provide physical cards to the users of these platforms (e.g., Brazil, Colombia and Jordan).

Communication and financial education relevant to the digital payment mechanism are considered essential in countries delivering cash transfers. Authorities are leveraging remote channels such as digital media and social networks to communicate the processes and steps required to receive cash-based or digital payments. PSPs are creating special resources and communication channels to help setting up and using digital payments. In Jordan, besides the PSPs and the payments infrastructure operator - JoPACC, the central bank is also aiding beneficiaries for setting up and using e-wallets. Further, a demo e-wallet can be accessed by beneficiaries to try the functionalities and build trust.

Incentives to increase usage of digital transactions are being included as part of the framework for digital cash transfers and authorities are taking steps to expand acceptance of digital payments. Besides increased transaction limits and fee waivers, other incentives like free mobile connectivity and data charges are being offered. Limited acceptance of digital payments by shops and other establishments where the recipients typically visit, will lead to recipients cashing-out their benefit transfers in full. Acceptance of digital payments remains a challenge in many countries, particularly in remote and rural zones where the cost and technological requirements to deploy payments infrastructure remain high. Approaches like Quick Response code-based payments²² (QR) and mobile phone-based solutions could be relevant in this regard, but they require that a set of preconditions. Some authorities have created initiatives for developing low-cost and simpler acceptance technologies. In India, the National Payments Corporation of India developed a fully on-line and remote process for vendors and merchants onboarding for usage of QR payments. The Central Bank of Jordan recently launched a challenge fund that aims to create incentives for providers of e-wallets to acquire merchants that accept digital payments.

In addition to the efforts to expand acceptance of digital payments, authorities are also expanding cash-out options. As acceptance of digital payments remains limited and the provision of some essential services can only be paid with cash, authorities are also paying attention to the cash-out options. To alleviate liquidity pressures authorities and avoid concentration of payouts at single locations authorities provide guidance and direct beneficiaries to specific locations to cash-out. Also, authorities have simplified requirements to open new cash-out locations and coordinated with the PSPs to increase the number of cash-out points. In the case of Jordan, beneficiaries can access card-less cash withdrawals from ATMs, and in Ecuador, cash-out points were increased from 3,500 to 10,500 in order to provide a wider number of cash-out options.

Postal Services and associated financial service providers are also being leveraged for last-mile delivery of social protection payments. Post Offices have proved useful for last-mile disbursement of emergency payments in several countries. In India, the Post Payments Bank provided cash-out services through leveraging postmen (189,736 postmen working for the India Post). One important feature of the scheme is that the Post Payments Bank has access to the Aadhaar enabled Payment System (AePS), which allows holders of Aadhaar-linked accounts to access accounts in any bank and operate them through mobile devices, including Points-of-Sale, by only using biometric authentication. Postmen equipped with mPoS visited customers of the bank at their homes and provided them with cash and other transactions through AePS. In South Africa, asylum seekers and special permit holders receive COVID-19 emergency grants through the Post Office.

In some countries, mechanisms are being established to address erroneous enrollment of ineligible recipients. In Brazil, the program Auxílio Emergencial has reached a level of accuracy of 99.56%, with 0.44% of recipients enrolled being ineligible under the criteria established by law. For these cases the federal government implemented a reimbursement mechanism to return funds received through Auxílio Emergencial. Citizens can access a website and input their identity details, date of birth and choose if they want to return the resources through Banco do Brasil or any other bank. A collection reference number will be generated, which can be paid through online channels, self-service terminals and branches. In Costa Rica, the government activated two bank

²² Quick response codes are two-dimensional codes that are machine readable. In payments, they are used to transmit payment instructions by scanning the code with an optical device, such as a camera.

accounts for reimbursements of Bono Proteger, the emergency cash transfer. On the reference that can be included on the payment citizens must indicate ID number and the words “Bono Proteger” to reimburse the funds.

Implementation of cash transfers through digital means highlights the importance of digitizing these payments and developing the digital payments ecosystem. Countries with well developed digital payment ecosystems were able to rapidly scale the G2P programs and offer convenient options for the recipients. Furthermore, it is expected that some authorities may seize this opportunity to put in place the building blocks or accelerate initiatives that were already underway. However, it is important to recall that there are important challenges (e.g. interoperability, acceptance) that are not exclusively related to G2P programs and that need to be addressed to realize digital payments’ benefits. Additionally, authorities must act upon other risks that come from the operation of digital payments, such as ensuring that customer protection measures are in place and that limits, overdrafts and other account-related matters do not impact the ability of the recipient to access the full amount of the cash transfer in line with their needs and context. Digital cash transfers programs that do not address these issues may increase beneficiaries’ costs and exposure to health risks. Also, authorities need to monitor other type of unintended effects, including the effect of policy responses for cash transfers on competition in the payments market.

Finally, in order to enrich the collection of country-specific descriptions presented in this report’s updates on May 15 and 22 (i.e., Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Jordan, and Pakistan), box 2 below summarizes additional insights from three new countries (Guatemala, Namibia and Togo) and an update for South Africa.

Box 2. Country case studies

Guatemala²³

In April 2020, the government of Guatemala enacted Decree 13-2020 (*Ley de Rescate Económico*), which provided the Social Development Ministry with an additional 6 billion GTQ to be disbursed to vulnerable families on economic distress as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The emergency program Bono Familia would be channeled through 3 payments of GTQ 1,000 to a target of 2 million families, with 1.6 million families already receiving the support. Bono Familia targets poor and vulnerable households with monthly electricity consumption below 200 kWh.

The Social Development Ministry in coordination with electricity suppliers, banks and payments infrastructures’ operators 5B and VisaNet implemented the delivery of a Unique-Code based payments that are sent through SMS to beneficiaries and that can be used for purchases at merchants equipped with Points-of-Sale, and for withdrawal of the funds in cash through ATMs operated by 5B and the branches of participating banks.

The mechanism operates as follows: Beneficiaries that fulfill the targeting profile receive a note on their electricity bill at home. The bill includes a code that enables the beneficiary to register in the program through a website, a call-center or through SMS. The beneficiary is required to provide mobile phone number and number of the national ID to complete registration. The information is validated, and the beneficiary is notified through an SMS if the registration was successful or not.

Once that registration is completed the participating banks and VisaNet, the card payments processor, create a “virtual” account for each beneficiary. The aid resources are then channeled to each bank and the beneficiary is provided, through SMS, with a Unique-Code based payment that can be used for purchases at merchants or to withdraw cash from ATMs and bank branches.

Namibia²⁴

On April 2020, the government of Namibia rolled out the Emergency Income Grant, a one-time payment of N750 for informal workers that do not receive other social benefits. Beneficiaries were citizens between 18 and 59 years old, without employment and that do not receive other social protection payments such as the Child Support Grant, the Disability Grant and the National Student Financial Aid Scheme. Initially the government have planned to reach 739,000 beneficiaries and it finally disbursed 747,281 Emergency Income Grants.

The Namibian government collaborated with the MTC, Deloitte and MobiPay to deploy the enrollment and payment arrangements. To apply to the benefit, citizens using MTC phone services sent an SMS to 141222 with the letters “EIG”. MTC developed a USSD menu on applicants’ mobile phones for them to fill out the following data: Surname, ID number, region, bank on which beneficiaries want to receive the grant and income level.

²³ With contributions from Guillermo Galicia, Douglas Randall, Julieta Trias and Hugo Brousset.

²⁴ Produced by Guillermo Galicia

MobiPay validated the information provided by applicants and determined eligibility, 11 sets of rules were used to review applications, with a total of 1.2 million applications reviewed by MobiPay and 747,281 applications approved for payment. Deloitte carried-out an independent process to validate payment approvals, in total more than 12.3 million system processes were executed to validate payouts. Important to note that participants on this process did not charge the government for their services.

During application process the beneficiaries had 3 banks to choose for disbursement: FNB Namibia, Bank Windhoek and Standard Bank. Once payment is approved and validated then an e-wallet is opened in one of these banks, and beneficiaries were able to withdraw cash from ATMs using a Unique-Code based payment or used the e-wallets functionalities to transact electronically.

South Africa²⁵

The government of South Africa implemented the special Covid-19 Social Relief of Distress Grant, a payment of R350 per month to be paid over 6 months to unemployed citizens that do not receive other form of grants or social assistance. Up to July 2020, 8.5 million applications to the grant have been received and 3 million grants have been paid out to beneficiaries. The South African Social Security Agency (SASSA) set up a website where citizens can apply for the grant, also other platforms were enabled for application including an email address, WhatsApp and a

USSD platform. Citizens must provide Identity Number, first name and surname, gender, mobile phone number and address. Once the application is approved beneficiaries are given two options to receive the grant, their bank account or receive a Unique-Code based payment that can be used at ATMs to withdraw the benefit in cash. Important to note that when the beneficiary has not chosen any of the options the payments is done through the Post Office, this option also applies for those beneficiaries without a mobile phone. The Unique-Code based payment can be received through the following banks: ABSA, FNB, NedBank and Standard Bank.

In August 2020, SASSA started accepting modifications to the registered bank account through the application website. Beneficiaries enter their ID number on the website and receive an SMS with a secure link on the mobile phone they registered when they applied to the grant, the beneficiaries are able to input the information of the new bank account where they wish to receive the grant.

Togo²⁶

The Togolese government launched in April 2020 an unconditional cash transfer program to aid the informal sector, whose income has been affected by the economic downturn caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. While eligibility requirements are adapted to the evolving situation of the pandemic, beneficiaries of the cash transfer include adult population, working in the informal sector and located in areas covered by lockdown measures. Close to 1.4 million people applied to the program with 577,048 beneficiaries receiving aid. Men receive a monthly payment of FCFA 10,500 while women receive FCFA 12,500. The program leveraged high levels of mobile money usage (62%) and was initially launched at the capital, Lomé, and the Tchaooudjo Prefecture, where lockdown measures were implemented. Citizens enrolled on the program by dialing *855# from their mobile phones to access a USSD menu.

On the menu the beneficiary were asked to enter the voter ID number, first name, surname and mother's name and provide the mobile number linked to their eWallet in which the beneficiary wishes to receive the benefit transfer. To validate information the government leveraged the voters ID database, which includes 93% of adult population, and facilitated validation of beneficiaries' location.

The beneficiaries had to choose between two mobile money providers, T-Money and Flooz, and funds were disbursed to an electronic wallet linked to the mobile phone number of the beneficiary. Funds on the electronic wallet can be used for purchases of food, payment of services and to withdraw cash on agents of mobile money providers.

²⁵ Written by Harish Natarajan and Guillermo Galicia

²⁶ Provided by Guillermo Galicia.

Countries with planned or ongoing social protection responses to COVID-19 as of September 18, 2020 (n=212; gray = no data/measures reported)



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Countries	Cash-based transfers	Public Works	In-kind	Utility & financial support	Paid leave/unemployment	Health insurance support	Pensions & disability benefits	Social security contributions (waiver/subsid)	Wage subsidy	Activation (training)	Labor regulation adjustment	Reduced work time subsidy
Afghanistan	✓		✓	✓								
Albania	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓		✓			
Algeria	✓		✓		✓		✓	✓				
Andorra					✓							
Angola	✓		✓	✓					✓			
Anguilla (UK)	✓				✓							
Antigua and Barbuda	✓		✓	✓								
Argentina	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓			
Armenia	✓		✓	✓			✓		✓			
Aruba (Netherlands)											✓	✓
Australia	✓				✓		✓		✓			
Austria	✓			✓	✓			✓	✓	✓		
Azerbaijan	✓	✓		✓	✓				✓		✓	
Bahamas, the	✓		✓									
Bahrain	✓			✓	✓				✓			
Bangladesh	✓		✓						✓			
Barbados	✓		✓	✓	✓			✓	✓			
Belarus	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓					
Belgium	✓			✓	✓	✓		✓				
Belize	✓		✓		✓		✓					
Benin	✓			✓								
Bermuda (UK)	✓				✓							
Bhutan	✓	✓										
Bolivia	✓		✓	✓	✓				✓		✓	
Bosnia & Herzegovina	✓				✓					✓		
Botswana			✓	✓					✓	✓		

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Brazil	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
British Virgin Islands	✓		✓	✓						✓		
Brunei Darussalam								✓				
Bulgaria	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓		✓		✓	
Burkina Faso	✓		✓	✓								
Burundi									✓			
Cabo Verde	✓		✓	✓				✓	✓			
Cambodia	✓		✓					✓	✓	✓		
Cameron	✓			✓			✓	✓				
Canada	✓		✓		✓		✓		✓			
Caribbean Netherlands			✓	✓					✓			
Cayman Islands (UK)	✓		✓	✓								
Chad				✓								
Chile	✓		✓	✓	✓							
China	✓							✓	✓	✓		
Code d'Ivoire	✓		✓	✓		✓						
Colombia	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓				
Comoros	✓											
Congo, Dem. Rep	✓			✓								
Congo, Rep.	✓		✓									
Cook Island	✓				✓				✓	✓		
Costa Rica	✓		✓		✓		✓	✓			✓	
Croatia								✓	✓			
Cuba									✓			
Curacao			✓						✓			

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Cyprus			✓		✓				✓			
Czechia					✓				✓		✓	
Denmark					✓				✓			
Djibouti			✓									
Dominica	✓											
Dominican Republic	✓		✓		✓				✓			
Ecuador	✓		✓				✓					
Egypt	✓						✓		✓			
El Salvador	✓		✓	✓	✓							
Equatorial Guinea			✓									
Estonia					✓			✓	✓	✓		
Eswatini	✓		✓	✓								
Ethiopia		✓	✓	✓	✓						✓	
Faroe Islands (Denmark)									✓			
Fiji	✓			✓	✓			✓				
Finland					✓			✓				
France	✓		✓		✓							
Gabon			✓	✓								
Gambia, The	✓		✓									
Georgia	✓			✓	✓				✓			
Germany	✓				✓		✓	✓	✓			✓
Ghana			✓	✓			✓					
Gibraltar								✓				
Greece	✓			✓	✓							✓
Greenland									✓			
Grenada	✓		✓		✓							

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Guatemala	✓								✓			
Guernsey	✓				✓				✓			
Guinea	✓	✓	✓	✓								
Guinea-Bissau			✓	✓								
Guyana	✓			✓								
Haiti	✓		✓						✓			
Honduras	✓		✓									
Hong-Kong	✓			✓								
Hungary				✓	✓		✓		✓		✓	
Iceland	✓				✓		✓					
India	✓		✓			✓		✓				
Indonesia	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓		✓		
Iran	✓				✓							
Iraq	✓		✓									
Ireland	✓		✓		✓				✓	✓		✓
Isle of Man	✓								✓			
Israel	✓				✓							
Italy	✓		✓		✓				✓	✓	✓	
Jamaica	✓		✓				✓		✓			
Japan	✓		✓		✓							
Jordan	✓		✓		✓			✓				
Kazakhstan	✓		✓	✓		✓						
Kenya	✓	✓		✓								
Kosovo	✓			✓			✓	✓	✓			
Kuwait					✓			✓				
Kyrgyz Republic	✓		✓	✓				✓				
Lao PDR	✓			✓								

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Latvia					✓				✓			
Lebanon	✓		✓	✓	✓							
Lesotho	✓		✓						✓			
Liberia	✓		✓	✓								
Libya			✓									
Liechtenstein					✓							
Lithuania	✓			✓	✓		✓		✓	✓		
Luxembourg	✓				✓			✓	✓			
Macao SAR, China	✓		✓	✓								
Madagascar	✓		✓					✓				
Malawi	✓											
Malaysia	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Maldives				✓	✓				✓			
Mali	✓		✓	✓								
Malta	✓			✓	✓				✓			
Mauritania	✓			✓								
Mauritius	✓			✓					✓			
Mexico	✓	✓		✓			✓				✓	
Micronesia, Fed. Sts.					✓				✓			
Moldova	✓				✓				✓			
Monaco					✓			✓				
Mongolia	✓		✓	✓				✓	✓			
Montenegro	✓			✓			✓	✓	✓			
Montserrat (UK)	✓		✓	✓					✓		✓	
Morocco	✓				✓			✓				
Mozambique					✓			✓				

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Myanmar	✓		✓	✓		✓		✓				
Namibia	✓			✓								
Nepal		✓	✓	✓				✓				
Netherlands	✓							✓	✓			✓
New Caledonia (France)	✓							✓	✓			
New Zealand	✓				✓				✓			
Nicaragua			✓									
Niger	✓		✓	✓								
Nigeria	✓		✓	✓								
North Macedonia	✓		✓		✓			✓				
Northern Mariana Islands	✓				✓							
Norway				✓	✓					✓	✓	
Oman				✓							✓	
Pakistan	✓		✓	✓								
Palau		✓		✓								
Panama	✓		✓	✓	✓						✓	
Papua New Guinea					✓							
Paraguay	✓		✓									
Peru	✓			✓			✓					
Philippines	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	
Poland	✓		✓		✓			✓	✓		✓	
Portugal	✓			✓	✓			✓	✓	✓		
Qatar					✓				✓			
Réunion (France)	✓											
Romania	✓				✓				✓	✓		

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Russia	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	
Rwanda	✓		✓	✓				✓				
Saint Lucia	✓		✓	✓	✓							
Saint Pierre and Miquelon (France)	✓											
Samoa	✓		✓	✓				✓				
San Marino	✓								✓			
Sao Tome and Principe	✓											
Saudi Arabia				✓	✓	✓			✓	✓		
Senegal			✓	✓								
Serbia	✓				✓		✓		✓			
Seychelles								✓	✓			
Sierra Leone	✓		✓									
Singapore	✓		✓	✓					✓	✓		
Sint Maarten (Dutch part)	✓		✓		✓				✓	✓		
Slovak Republic	✓			✓					✓			
Slovenia	✓			✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓	
Solomon Islands				✓								
Somalia	✓											
South Africa	✓		✓		✓				✓			
South Korea	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
South Sudan	✓											
Spain	✓				✓			✓				
Sri Lanka	✓		✓	✓			✓					
St Kitts and Nevis	✓			✓	✓							
St. Vincent and the Grenadines	✓		✓		✓		✓					

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Sudan			✓									
Suriname	✓				✓							
Sweden					✓			✓				
Switzerland						✓			✓			✓
Syria			✓	✓								
Taiwan	✓		✓					✓				
Tajikistan	✓			✓								
Tanzania	✓											
Thailand	✓			✓	✓	✓		✓	✓			
Timor-Leste	✓			✓					✓			
Togo	✓			✓								
Tonga	✓			✓				✓				
Trinidad and Tobago	✓		✓		✓						✓	
Tunisia	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓				
Turkey	✓						✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
Turkmenistan			✓									
Turks and Caicos islands	✓			✓								
Tuvalu	✓											
Uganda	✓	✓		✓				✓				
UK	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓		✓			
Ukraine	✓				✓		✓			✓	✓	
United Arab Emirates			✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓		✓
Uruguay	✓		✓	✓	✓				✓			
US	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓				
US Virgin Islands	✓											

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Uzbekistan	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
Vanuatu				✓					✓			
Venezuela	✓		✓	✓					✓			
Vietnam	✓			✓	✓		✓	✓	✓			
West Bank and Gaza	✓		✓	✓								
Zambia	✓		✓	✓			✓					
Zimbabwe	✓											

Countries and territories

1. Afghanistan	43. Colombia	87. Iceland	131. Myanmar	175. Somalia
2. Albania	44. Comoros	88. India	132. Namibia	176. South Africa
3. Algeria	45. Congo, Dem. Rep.	89. Indonesia	133. Nepal	177. South Korea
4. Andorra	46. Congo, Rep.	90. Iran	134. Netherlands	178. South Sudan
5. Angola	47. Cook Island	91. Iraq	135. New Caledonia (France)	179. Spain
6. Anguilla (UK)	48. Costa Rica	92. Ireland	136. New Zealand	180. Sri Lanka
7. Antigua and Barbuda	49. Croatia	93. Isle of Man	137. Nicaragua	181. Sudan
8. Argentina	50. Cuba	94. Israel	138. Niger	182. Suriname
9. Armenia	51. Curaçao (Netherlands)	95. Italy	139. Nigeria	183. Sweden
10. Aruba (Netherlands)	52. Cyprus	96. Jamaica	140. Northern Mariana Islands (U.S)	184. Switzerland
11. Australia	53. Czechia	97. Japan	141. North Macedonia	185. Syria
12. Austria	54. Denmark	98. Jordan	142. Norway	186. Tajikistan
13. Azerbaijan	55. Djibouti	99. Kazakhstan	143. Oman	187. Taiwan
14. Bahamas	56. Dominica	100. Kenya	144. Pakistan	188. Tanzania
15. Bahrain	57. Dominican Republic	101. Kosovo	145. Palau	189. Thailand
16. Bangladesh	58. Ecuador	102. Kuwait	146. Panama	190. Timor Leste
17. Barbados	59. Egypt	103. Kyrgyz Republic	147. Papua New Guinea	191. Togo
18. Belarus	60. El Salvador	104. Lao PDR	148. Paraguay	192. Tonga
19. Belgium	61. Equatorial Guinea	105. Latvia	149. Peru	193. Trinidad and Tobago
20. Belize	62. Estonia	106. Lebanon	150. Philippines	194. Tunisia
21. Benin	63. Eswatini	107. Lesotho	151. Poland	195. Turkey
22. Bermuda (UK)	64. Ethiopia	108. Liberia	152. Portugal	196. Turkmenistan
23. Bhutan	65. Faroe Islands (Denmark)	109. Libya	153. Qatar	197. Turks and Caicos Islands (UK)
24. Bolivia	66. Fiji	110. Liechtenstein	154. Réunion (France)	198. Tuvalu
25. Bosnia & Herzegovina	67. Finland	111. Lithuania	155. Romania	199. UAE
26. Botswana	68. France	112. Luxembourg	156. Russia	200. Uganda
27. Brazil	69. Gabon	113. Macao, SAR China	157. Rwanda	201. UK
28. British Virgin Islands (UK)	70. Gambia, The	114. Madagascar	158. Saint Lucia	202. Ukraine
29. Brunei Darussalam	71. Georgia	115. Malawi	159. Saint Kitts and Nevis	203. Uruguay
30. Bulgaria	72. Germany	116. Maldives	160. Saint Pierre & Miquelon (France)	204. USA
31. Burkina Faso	73. Ghana	117. Malaysia	161. Saint Vincent & the Grenadines	205. US Virgin Islands
32. Burundi	74. Gibraltar (UK)	118. Mali	162. Samoa	206. Uzbekistan
33. Cabo Verde	75. Greece	119. Malta	163. San Marino	207. Vanuatu
34. Cambodia	76. Greenland	120. Mauritania	164. Sao Tome and Principe	208. Venezuela
35. Cameroon	77. Grenada	121. Mauritius	165. Saudi Arabia	209. Vietnam
36. Canada	78. Guatemala	122. Mexico	166. Senegal	210. West Bank & Gaza
37. Caribbean (Netherlands)	79. Guernsey (UK)	123. Micronesia	167. Serbia	211. Zambia
38. Cayman Islands (UK)	80. Guinea	124. Moldova	168. Seychelles	212. Zimbabwe
39. Chad	81. Guinea-Bissau	125. Mongolia	169. Sierra Leone	
40. Chile	82. Guyana	126. Monaco	170. Singapore	
41. China	83. Haiti	127. Montenegro	171. Sint Maarten	
42. Côte d'Ivoire	84. Honduras	128. Montserrat (UK)	172. Slovakia	
	85. Hong-Kong	129. Morocco	173. Slovenia	
	86. Hungary	130. Mozambique	174. Solomon Islands	

Afghanistan



Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The authorities have recently rolled out a relief package, amounting to 1.6 percent of GDP, to Afghan households with incomes of US\$2 per day or lower (twice the national poverty line). With its broad coverage, about 90 percent of all households, the program will be near universal in scope. Households in rural areas will receive an equivalent of US\$50 in essential food staples and hygiene products, while those in urban areas a combination of cash and in-kind equivalent to US\$100, in two tranches The new package will cover 90 per cent of households^{27 28}.
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On April 29, the government started providing free bread to about 2.5 million needy and poor people in Kabul, and plan to extend to other cities^{29 30} The authorities have recently rolled out a relief package, amounting to 1.6 percent of GDP, to Afghan households with incomes of US\$2 per

²⁷ <https://www.imf.org/en/Topics/imf-and-covid19/Policy-Responses-to-COVID-19>

²⁸ <https://www.siasat.com/afghanistan-launches-new-covid-19-relief-package-1926149/>

²⁹ <https://www.imf.org/en/Topics/imf-and-covid19/Policy-Responses-to-COVID-19>

³⁰ <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-health-coronavirus-afghanistan-food/afghanistan-distributes-free-bread-as-prices-soar-amid-coronavirus-idUSKBN22H1A4>

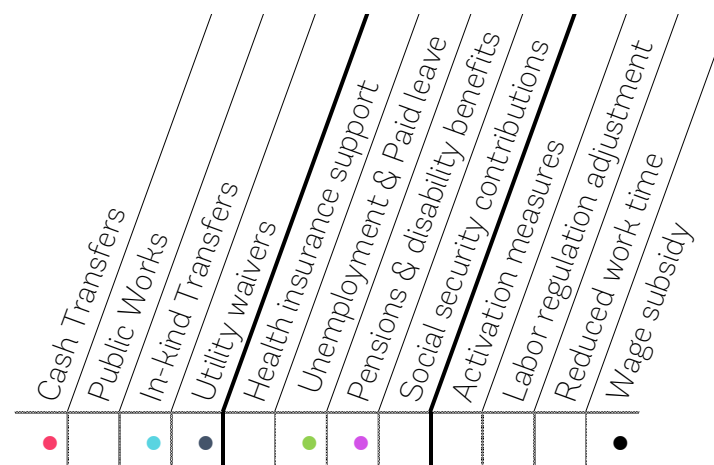
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	School feeding	
	Public works	
	Utility waivers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In May, the government waived electricity bills of less than Af 1,000 (US\$13) for a family residence in Kabul for two months and paid utility bills of the past two months for 50 percent of households in Kabul. The decision benefited more than 1.5 million Kabul residents³³
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions	
Labor Markets	Activation measures	
	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	

³¹ <https://www.imf.org/en/Topics/imf-and-covid19/Policy-Responses-to-COVID-19>

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Albania



Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recipients of Ndhma Ekonomike (flagship cash transfer program) will receive double the amount of benefit (vertical expansion)³⁴ Self-employed families will receive a special benefit equivalent to a state-set monthly salary (new)³⁵
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council of Ministers Decision No 236, date 19.3.2020, 'On providing home assistance to persons in need during the Covid-19 epidemic' establishes additional responsibilities to government institutions in order to ensure home delivery to the persons in need (elderly, disabilities, recipients of economic assistance etc.) of food, medical products and other services.
	School feeding	

³⁴ <https://exit.al/qeveria-pagese-direkte-per-te-vetepunesuarit-sa-2-here-rroga-e-deklaruar-dyfishon-pagesat-e-ndihmes-ekonomike-dhe-papunesis/>

³⁵ <https://exit.al/qeveria-pagese-direkte-per-te-vetepunesuarit-sa-2-here-rroga-e-deklaruar-dyfishon-pagesat-e-ndihmes-ekonomike-dhe-papunesis/>

	Public works	
	Utility waivers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Decision No. 58 date 26.3.2020 of the Energy Regulatory Authority, providing relaxed and exceptional procedures on metering the consumed electricity during the Covid-19 emergency (admin adaptation) Normative Act No.3, date 15.3.2020, 'On special administrative measures during the Covid-19 infection period'. The act allows individuals/businesses (up to 14 million ALL turnover)/students to postpone the property/premises/house rental payments for two months (April and May) (admin adaptation)
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council of Ministers Decision No 263, date 30.3.2020, 'On indexing of pensions' increases (indexing) by 2.3 percent the pensions, establishing also the new limits – minimum cc 14 thousands ALL and maximum cc 28 thousands ALL (per month), plus compensations for the lower levels. Estimated budget impact is cc 2.1 billion ALL.
	Unemployment benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unemployed people will receive double the unemployment benefit.³⁶ Council of Ministers Decision No 254 date 27.3.2020 (amended) 'On the procedures for the financial support to the employees of businesses with turnover up to 14 million ALL, economic support and unemployment benefits due to the Covid-19' (aka first financial package). This financial package, cc. 6.4 billion ALL supports: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Businesses with annual turnover up to 14 million ALL, closed down as a result of the imposed restrictions on businesses (closed down): All the employees in these businesses receive a payment equal to the minimal wage (26 thousands ALL) over the duration of restrictions. Individuals with annual personal income over 2 million ALL are not eligible to receive such support.

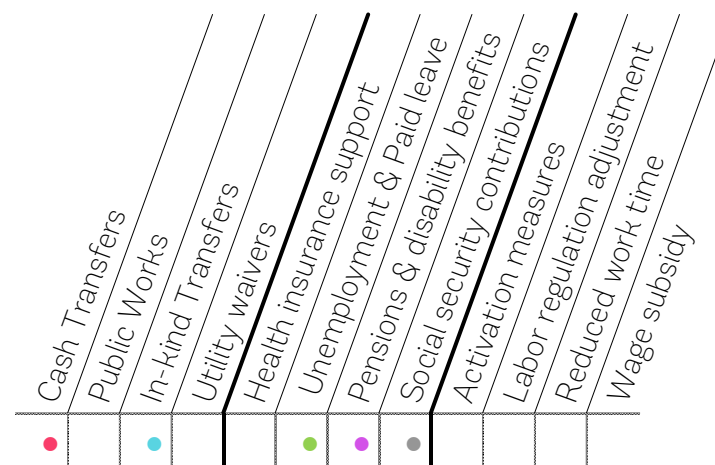
³⁶ <https://exit.al/2020/03/qeveria-pagese-direkte-per-te-vetepunesuarit-sa-2-here-rroga-e-deklaruar-dyfishon-pagesat-e-ndihmes-ekonomike-dhe-papunesis/>

- Economic assistance (Ndihma Ekonomike) received by the eligible individuals would be doubled in amount during the Covid-19 situation.
- Unemployment assistance received by the eligible individuals would be doubled in amount over the duration of the Covid-19 situation.
- Council of Ministers Decision No. 305, date 16.4.2020, 'On the procedures for the financial support to the actual employees and the unemployed due to Covid-19' (aka second financial package). The financial package, cc 7 billion ALL, supports with:
 - 40.000 ALL as lump sum for all the employees (formally employed at the time) in enterprises with annual turnover higher than 14 million, closed down by the imposed government restrictions.
 - 40.000 ALL as lump sum for all the employees dismissed during the period until April 10th (starting from the time the restrictions applied) in all enterprises allowed to operate by the government restrictions.
 - 40.000 ALL as lump sum for all the employees (formally employed at the time) in enterprises with annual turnover up to 14 million, allowed to operate by the government restrictions, with the exception of certain activities (lawyers, notaries, food industry, pharmaceuticals, etc.)
 - 40.000 ALL as lump sum for all the employees (formally employed at the time) in all accommodation structures active at the start of the emergency.
- Council of Ministers Decision No 13, date 22.4.2020, 'On amendments to Council of Ministers Decision No. 305, date 16.4.2020, 'On the procedures for the financial support to the actual employees and the unemployed due to Covid-19'. This decision supports with:
 - The lump sum amount of 40.000 ALL for every employee of the Ballsh Refinery.
 - Economic assistance by 16.000 ALL per person for all the applicants of the economic assistance (NE) since July

		2019, which have not received any economic assistance until April 2020.
	Social security contributions	
Labor Markets	Activation measures	
	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To support firms with liquidity the Government of Albania issued the first loan guarantee in the amount of ALL 11.0 billion (approx. USD 100 million), to be allocated by banks to companies that have difficulties in paying employee salaries. Interest rate costs are fully covered by the government, and no collateral is required from the companies. The loan will cover employee salaries for a 3-month period, not exceeding a monthly salary of ALL 150,000 per worker. All sectors of the economy are eligible, with the exception of telecommunications, food retail, and pharmaceuticals A third smaller support package was adopted on August 13, providing an additional minimum wage to public transport workers who resumed work one month later than the rest. The measure costing Lk135m is accommodated within the existing transport budget.³⁷

³⁷ <https://www.imf.org/en/Topics/imf-and-covid19/Policy-Responses-to-COVID-19>

Algeria



Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To avoid crowding in post offices, beneficiaries (1M) can receive Solidarity Allowance benefits at any time without a specific deadline (in normal circumstances on the 30th/31st of the month the uncollected benefits to beneficiaries is automatically returned to the Social Development Agency). (admin adaptation) ³⁸ The President decided to allocate a benefit of 10000 Algerian Dinars (79 USD) to cover Ramadhan expenses for the poor families impacted by the Covid19. The President urged the Government to identify the beneficiaries. ³⁹ (new)
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To reduce exposition risk for elderlies, a proxy letter can be delivered to another person to receive pensions/benefits in place of the

³⁸ <http://www.aps.dz/societe/104006-une-allocation-de-10-000-da-pour-les-familles-necessiteuses-et-celles-affectees-par-le-coronavirus%20soh%20achei%20essa>

³⁹ <http://www.aps.dz/societe/104006-une-allocation-de-10-000-da-pour-les-familles-necessiteuses-et-celles-affectees-par-le-coronavirus>

		beneficiary (for retirees, old persons receiving cash transfers, etc.). (admin adaptation)
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In-kind distribution campaign of food and hygiene items to the most vulnerable families, including those living in isolated areas and impacted by the lockdown
	School feeding	
	Public works Utility waivers	
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paid leave for 50% of employees (temporary); Paid leave for all pregnant women, and for women who take care of children, of persons with chronic diseases and health vulnerabilities (temporary) ⁴⁰
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To reduce exposition risk for elderlies, a proxy letter can be delivered to another person to receive pensions/benefits in place of the beneficiary (for retirees, old persons receiving cash transfers, etc.).
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expanded coverage of social security to deliveries in private maternal health facilities (permanent) ⁴¹
Labor Markets	Activation measures	
	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	

⁴⁰ <https://www.joradp.dz/FTP/JO-FRANCAIS/2020/F2020015.pdf>

⁴¹ <https://www.joradp.dz/FTP/JO-FRANCAIS/2020/F2020016.pdf>

Cash Transfers	
Public Works	
In-kind Transfers	
Utility waivers	
Health insurance	
Unemployment support	
Pensions & disability leave	
Social security benefits	
Activation measures	
Labor regulation adjustment	
Reduced work time	
Wage subsidy	

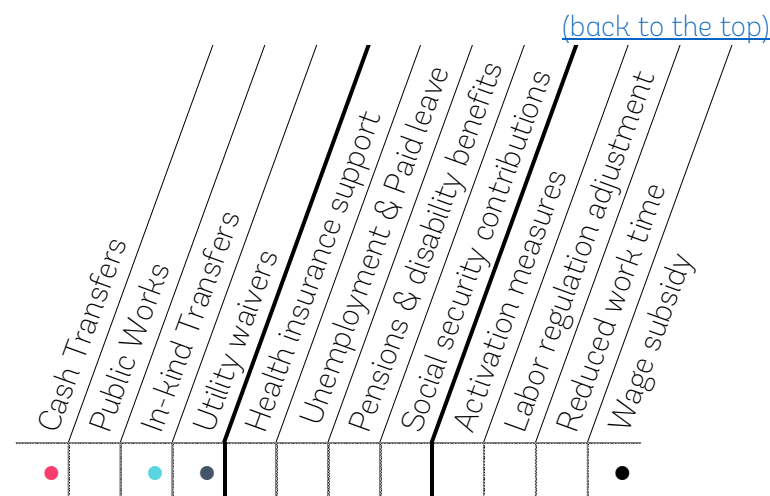
Andorra

Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	
	School feeding	
Social Insurance	Public works	
	Utility waivers	
	Paid sick leave	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The government introduced prophylactic/care leave: workers with children can have access to paid leave while the educational and extracurricular leisure centers are compulsorily closed⁴²
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions	
	Activation measures	

⁴² https://www.bopa.ad/bopa/032057/Pagines/CGL20200429_11_50_35.aspx

Labor Markets	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	

Angola



Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As part of a package of social protection responses, the Ministry of Social Affairs, Family, and Women's Promotion (MASFAMU) announced that the Child Grant implemented in Bie, Moxico, and Uige provinces will be topped up (from 3000 to 5000 Kwanzas, or approximately US\$6 to US\$10 monthly) and a double payment will be made. The program has already benefited 11,473 children under the age of five, in a universe of 6,325 families. The government has also adapted the payment procedures to ensure adequate sanitation and worker protection during the transfers. (top up and extra payment)⁴³ The Angola Strengthening the National Social Protection System (Cash Transfer) Project supports the cash transfer program "Kwenda". The first phase of the cash program started in May 2020 to provide temporary income support to poor and vulnerable families including those affected by the economic crisis. The program aims to reach 1.6 million families in the country with a benefit amount of 25,500 kZ quarterly per family for one year.⁴⁴
	One-off cash transfers	

⁴³ <http://jornaldeangola.sapo.ao/politica/apoio-financeiro-beneficia-mais-de-11-mil-criancas-em-tres-provincias>

⁴⁴ http://www.angop.ao/angola/pt_pt/noticias/economia/2020/4/22/Programa-Kwenda-realidade,e982b508-20c2-4974-90ff-9d2ee97c45a5.html

	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In order to guarantee the consumption of food in the basic basket for the most vulnerable families, the Ministry of Social Action, Family and Promotion of Women, the Ministry of Commerce and the Provincial Governments develop campaigns to distribute goods in the basic basket to the most vulnerable populations. vulnerable, with emphasis on supporting more than 17,000 children^{45 46}
	School feeding	
	Public works	
	Utility waivers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In order to alleviate family financial expenses / obligations, a 180-day moratorium is granted to families that have difficulties in paying their home's IPU⁴⁷, As well as electricity and water supply bills^{48 49}
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions	
Labor Markets	Activation measures	
	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To safeguard jobs and ensure the payment of wages, companies with difficulties in making the payment of the wages for April may resort to the financing of subsidized wages through the liquidity line created by the National Bank of Angola^{50 51}

⁴⁵ <https://beyond.co.ao/medidas-imediatas-de-estimulo-para-empresas-e-particulares-em-resposta-a-pandemia-do-coronavirus/>

⁴⁶ https://beyond.co.ao/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Memorando-de-propostas-de-medidas_Codiv_19_AO.pdf

⁴⁷ <https://www.governo.gov.ao/VerNoticia.aspx?id=50027>

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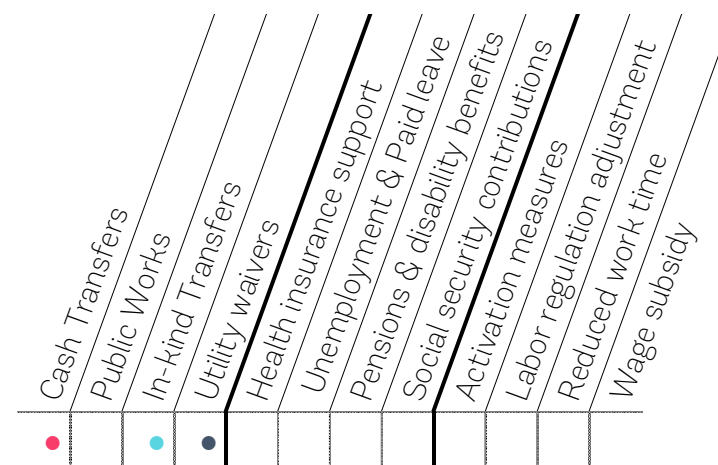
Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For those that do not qualify for the Unemployment Benefit offered by the social security system, the Government will provide support direct financial support of up to EC\$800 (US\$296) per month, payable at the end of every month for a period of 3 months beginning 30th April 2020. (new)⁵²
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	
	School feeding	
	Public works	
	Utility waivers	
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	

⁵² <http://www.gov.ai/documents/finance/Information%20for%20Employers%20and%20Employees%20re%20Governments%20Assistance%20Benefit.pdf>

	Unemployment benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reintroduction of a temporary unemployment benefit to cater to the unemployed and underemployed through the social security system. The temporary unemployment assistance benefit through the Social Security Board will provide financial assistance of up to EC\$1,000.00 (US\$370) per month, to contributors to the fund whose jobs and wages have been severely impacted by the pandemic.⁵³
	Social security contributions	
Labor Markets	Activation measures	
	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	

⁵³ <http://www.gov.ai/documents/2020%20Budget%20Address.pdf>

Antigua and Barbuda



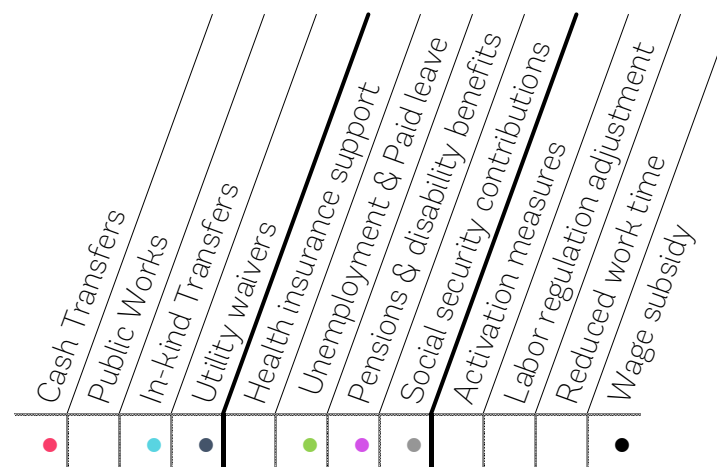
Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Relief packages will be made available to single-parent and no-income households, with further details of that package to be disclosed⁵⁴.
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Ministry of Social Transformation is providing relief packages of food and medication to elderly living alone, persons with disabilities, and unemployed adults with children.⁵⁵
	School feeding	
Social Insurance	Public works	
	Utility waivers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 20 percent reduction in electricity costs to the public and fuel costs to fishermen for 90 days
	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	

⁵⁴ <https://antiguaobserver.com/government-to-provide-relief-packages-to-some-families/>

⁵⁵ <https://www.facebook.com/675762122516480/videos/221429098944378/>

Labor Markets	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions	
	Activation measures	
	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	

Argentina



Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Argentina has instituted an Increase in money transfers, equivalent to an additional payment of the Universal Child Allowance (AUH) and the Universal Pregnancy Allowance for \$3,100 Argentine pesos (US\$47) for 12 million people (Total: \$14 billion Argentine pesos or US\$215 million).^{56 57} The government introduced the Emergency Family Income (Ingreso Familiar de Emergencia) (non-contributory). A lump sum payment of \$10,000 (US\$155) provided for the month of April to one member of the family. The total number of expected beneficiaries: 3.6 million families including; Informal workers, "Monotributistas" of category A and B, Domestic workers (all new). *UPDATE* the government officially announced on June 1st 2020, that the national government will again pay the \$ 10,000 of the Emergency Family Income (IFE) to the almost 9 million people who collected it the first time, with a payment schedule that will start on June 8.⁵⁸

⁵⁶ <https://www.lanacion.com.ar/economia/quienes-cuando-cobraran-bono-extraordinario-anunciado-anses-nid2344443>

⁵⁷ https://socialprotection.org/sites/default/files/publications_files/Nota%20Tecnica%203_v3.pdf

⁵⁸ <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/el-gobierno-oficializo-la-segunda-etapa-del-pago-del-ife>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There will be an extraordinary bonus of \$3,000 Argentine pesos (US\$45) for the people who receive social programs (556,000 people). (vertical expansion) ⁵⁹
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beneficiaries of the non-contributory system (including those from Pension Universal para el Adulto Mayor, PUAM): 1,597,100 people beginning April. Cost estimated at 4.7B pesos.
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Ministry of Social Development ruled that families who have not yet received the food support can card (Tarjeta de alimentar) receive the value of this amount through the Universal Child Allowance (AUH), a temporary measure that is part of a series of provisions to strengthen food policies, after Social, preventive and compulsory isolation be decreed for the entire population until March 31. The plan is to deliver more than 1,500,000 cards (2,800,000 recipients). ⁶⁰ To date the food card has reached 1,100,000 people, with nearly 400,000 households will receive this additional amount through the AUH until they receive their food support card. The Minister of Social Development of the Nation, Daniel Arroyo, announced the payment of an extraordinary reinforcement for holders of the Food Card , which will be accredited next Wednesday, April 29. Those families with a daughter / or will receive a bonus of 4000 pesos ; and those who have two or more children, will receive an extraordinary reinforcement of 6000 pesos . The objective is to guarantee access to food for the most vulnerable sectors in the context of the emergency caused by Covid-19. ⁶¹

⁵⁹ <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/coronavirus-refuerzos-en-la-politica-alimentaria-planes-sociales-y-auh>

⁶⁰ <https://agenciapais.com/2020/03/20/quienes-aun-no-recipientes-la-tarjeta-alimentar-recibiran-el-dinero-por-medio-de-la-auh/>

⁶¹ <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/tarjeta-alimentar-se-acreditara-un-refuerzo-extraordinario>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In order to guarantee supply and control the abuse of prices during the health emergency, the Ministry of Productive Development ordered that from March 20 and for 30 days, the Basic food basket prices, beverages, toiletries and cleaning will maintain, at most, the price they had as of March 6. The measure covers hypermarkets, retail and wholesale supermarkets, mini-markets, warehouses and self-services⁶²
	School feeding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The government is distributing the remaining school feeding food stocks as take-home rations.⁶³
	Public works	
	Utility waivers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To guarantee the basic rights of Argentines, the Government has prohibited the eviction of persons renting accommodation until the 30th September. Simultaneously, all rental contracts are extended until the same date regardless of current expiration of date. In turn, the freezing of the price of the rental contracts is provided, and the amount corresponding to the month of March of the current year must be paid until September 30th.⁶⁴ The government has ruled that key utilities such as energy, gas and water - as well as telecommunication, internet and television services cannot be suspended during the crisis even if 3 consecutive or alternate bill payments are missed. The measure will govern for 180 days and includes users who are holders of the AUH and AUE, retirees and pensioners, those who receive unemployment insurance, and other groups.⁶⁵ 05/18/2020. Freezing of fixed and mobile telephony, internet and pay TV rates: In the current context and based on social, preventive and compulsory isolation, information and communication technologies

⁶² <https://www.boletinoficial.gob.ar/detalleAviso/primera/227052/20200320>

⁶³ <https://cdn.wfp.org/2020/school-feeding-map/>

⁶⁴ <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/coronavirus/medidas-gobierno>

⁶⁵ <https://www.boletinoficial.gob.ar/detalleAviso/primera/227120/20200325>

		<p>(ICTs) were declared an essential activity for the population. With the aim of containing the situation of affected people and guaranteeing connectivity and full access to services, the National Government established the suspension of price increases until August 31 for mobile and fixed telephony, internet and pay TV. . At the same time, the provision of inclusive postpaid, mobile prepaid and fixed internet mobile phone plans for all people requesting the benefit was agreed, with a fixed price until October 31. The measure includes the commitment of the provider companies not to make layoffs during the term of the agreement.⁶⁶</p>
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paid leave for adults over 60 years old, pregnant women and people with health conditions that present a risk (until the quarantine declaration on 3/20 when the leave was extended to all workers who are not in the excepted sectors: health, production, distribution and sale of food and hygiene items and pharmacy, among others) • Paid leave for all workers, public and private, who have dependent sons and daughters and must attend to care needs due to the emergency (until the declaration of quarantine on 03/20 when the leave was extended to all workers who are not in the excepted sectors: health, production, distribution and sale of food and hygiene items and pharmacy, among others).
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beneficiaries of the contributory system: those who receive the minimum pension (15,892 pesos) will receive an additional 3,000 pesos for April only. This concerns 2,774,465 beneficiaries and an expenditure estimated at 8.3B pesos. Beneficiaries who receive a pension of more than 15,892 pesos and up to 18,892 pesos will receive an additional benefit equal to the difference to reach 18,892 pesos. This affects 277,252 beneficiaries and with an expenditure estimated at 416M pesos.

⁶⁶ <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/coronavirus/medidas-gobierno>

	Unemployment benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emergency Work Assistance Program envisaging the following benefits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A comprehensive unemployment benefits system: the workers who meet the requirements will receive an economic unemployment benefit.
	Social security contributions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emergency Work Assistance Program envisaging the following benefits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Postponement or reduction of 95% of the payment of contributions employers to the Argentine Integrated Social Security System. Compensatory Salary Allowance: Allowance paid by the State for all workers and female workers in the private sectors for companies up 100 workers.
Labor Markets	Activation measures	
	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> See the Emergency Assistance Program for Work above. The allocation amount will be determined according to the following parameters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For employers with up to 25 workers: 100% of the gross salary, with a maximum value of 1 current Minimum Wage. For the employers of 26-60 workers: 100% of gross salary, with a maximum value of up to 75% of the current Minimum Wage.. For the employers of 61-100: 100% of gross salary, with a maximum value of up to 50% of the current Minimum Wage

Armenia



Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional) ⁶⁷	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The government will provide \$60M as extra social assistance payments.⁶⁸ Specifically, the Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs (MLSA) is planning a 3-months emergency benefit (54,000 AMD = \$108) to households registered in the Family Benefit Program, but not yet receiving it (about 20,000 households). MLSA and SRC (State Revenue Committee) are closely cooperating to provide cash payments to those who sent to mandatory leave and/or being laid off (about 70,000 registered employees) (new). On 25 and 30 March the Government approved a comprehensive action plan to counter the adverse coronavirus impact and several measures to offset its economic and social consequences with a total envelope of at least 300M USD. These included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assistance to families with children under 14, who face bottlenecks due to the shrinking labor market (formal employees (with certain criteria) released from work after March 13, 100,000 AMD (US\$201) lump sum payment for every child)).

⁶⁷ <https://www.gov.am/en/>

⁶⁸ <https://www.azatutyun.am/a/30495643.html>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Support to persons in formal employment (receiving less than 500,000 AMD for the past two months) who lost their job after 13 March in the amount of monthly minimum wage. - Support to pregnant women who are not employed until 30 March and whose husband lost the job after 13 March in the amount of a 100,000 AMD (US\$201) lump sum payment. - Support to hired workers and individual entrepreneurs (formal employment) in Armenia's private sector most affected by the spread of coronavirus, specifically, in hotel and hostel, public catering, tourism, barber shops and beauty parlors, retail trade. . This was expanded to cover also hired workers and individual entrepreneurs from the following sectors: ground transport operations (route transport); preschool institutions (private kindergartens); sporting activities (sports clubs, swimming pools); entertainment and other leisure activities. The amounts would range between 68,000 and 136,000 AMD. (US\$137-274).⁶⁹ (all new) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On 13 and 14 April, the Government announced a new package of measures, which include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Support package number 9 (social) - Beneficiary: Family with a child aged 0-18, where both parents do not have a registered job as of March 12, 2020, and no part-time or full-time work from March 12-March 31. This was expanded to cover parents, who were as of March 12, 2020, in child care leave for children under the age of 3 - Support type: lump-sum assistance for each child in the amount of AMD 26,500 (about 55 USD). - Basic conditions: the children and at least one of the parents reside in the Republic of Armenia, the family is not eligible for a family benefit; at least one of the parents did not have a job with a
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⁶⁹ <https://armenpress.am/eng/news/1010183.html>

		<p>monthly salary of over 500,000 drams before March 1, 2020. (all new)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support package No 13: One-time assistance at the rate of 50% of the amount of the social benefit or family benefit for those families enrolled in the family benefit system and eligible as of April 2020. There is no need to apply. 70% of the assistance will be available as a cash payment in addition to the amount of the family allowance for April; the balance of 30% will be transferred to the utility operator on behalf of the subscriber of electricity. If the beneficiary has a debt, the funds will be used to settle the arrears. In the absence of overdue bills, they will come as a prepayment for services. If the beneficiary is not an electricity subscriber, this part of the funds shall be offered to the beneficiary as a cash payment. For example, if a family receives an average family benefit of 31,350 AMD (app. 66 USD), then 21,945 AMD (46.2 USD) would go as top-up cash payment and 9,405 AMD (19.8 USD) for electricity (or if no electricity, then also as cash). (new) Support package No 14: three different options of assistance for students. 1) semester tuition fees for Bachelor's, Master's, and PhD students with a GPA of 90 or more and in graduate course of the existing system of state universities will be 100% paid by the Government. Semester tuition fees for non-graduate students with a GPA of 90 or more will be paid 75 percent. Graduate students who do not have a tuition fee debt may turn down the assistance, or receive the amount if it has been paid by an individual. And if the graduating student's fee is paid through a student loan, the money will be directed to pay the loan. 2) the procedure for providing student loans will be simplified. Interest rates on current and new loans for students with a GPA of more than 80 will be zeroed for 2020, including for the students at state-accredited universities; 3) Loan interest rates for students with a GPA less than 80 will be subsidized by 5%; that is, loans will be available at 4 percent. (new)
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	

	Food, vouchers, others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MLSA in collaboration with the Armenian Red Cross will provide between one and three food and hygiene packages to 1,400 citizens. The packages will mainly go to elderly people living alone and people with disabilities, including Syrian-Armenian refugees and people in social housing. The initiative is funded from the State budget, while the Int'l Red Cross provides volunteers. Also, MLSA is planning the provision of food packages and other protective measures for 2 months to about 90,000 households (including 50+ year old unemployed and people with disabilities).
	School feeding	
	Public works	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support package 15: The program aims to create temporary jobs for socially vulnerable groups in the agricultural sector while tackling environmental problems through a reforestation program protecting the riverbed from erosion and floods. Those hired will plant local willow tree cuttings along several rivers in the country as well as fencing off the planted areas. The minimum daily salary of AMD 10,000 has been calculated per person (21 USD), accepting as a basis the calculation that 200 trees can be planted on a daily basis (50 AMD per tree (0.10 USD)).
	Utility waivers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Public Services Regulatory Commission has recognized the coronavirus as force majeure when utility payments can be delayed without the consequence of light, water or gas outages. The government will reimburse 50% of the February expenditures on natural gas and electricity for those consumers whose gas and electricity bills did not pass 10,000 AMD (about 21 USD) and 5,000 AMD (about 10 USD) respectively. The government will reimburse 30% of the February expenditures on natural gas and electricity for those consumers whose for gas and electricity bills were 10,001-30,000 AMD (about 21-62 USD) and 5,001-10,000 AMD (about 10-21 USD) respectively. These transfers will be automatic and universal, with no obligation to apply. Government covers 30% of the citizens' electricity and gas bills for February if 5001-10.000 AMD and 10.0001-30.000 AMD respectively. If already paid the bill for February they will receive the

		<p>reimbursement. Beneficiaries: 280.000 households. No application needed, the procedure is done automatically.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PSRC declared COVID19 force major which let beneficiaries to pay the utilities March 15-May 15 in June with no disruption risks.. • Support package 16: lump-sum assistance to beneficiaries for utilities. 30% for natural gas, if the bill was between 30,001-40,000 AMD (February), 50% for electricity, if the bill was between 10,001-25,000 AMD (February) and 50% for drinking water/drainage service for up to 3000 AMD (March).
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All pensioners who receive their pensions in cash will not need to go to the post office and will have their pensions delivered to them by HayPost (Nationwide Postal Office) employees. (admin adaptation)
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions	
Labor Markets	Activation measures	
	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A total of \$50M will be allocated to firms in the form of partial reimbursement of loans taken to cover the salaries of their workers. MLSA proposed amendment to the Labor Code to allow employees to receive compensation from employers equal to the minimal hourly rate (409 AMD) set for the minimum wage (68,000AMD), flexible working hours, etc. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Government pays 49.000 business entities who have 2-50 employees 20% of the overall monthly salary fund. Once the personal income statement is submitted online by the company her, they can receive the refund within 5 days.

Aruba (Netherlands)

Cash Transfers	
Public Works	
In-kind Transfers	
Utility waivers	
Health insurance	
Unemployment support	
Pensions & Paid leave	
Social security contributions	
Activation measures	•
Labor regulation adjustment	•
Wage subsidy	

Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	
	School feeding	
Social Insurance	Public works	
	Utility waivers	
	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
Labor Markets	Social security contribution	
	Activation measures	
	Labor market regulations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flexibility with the working hours based on the individual needs to be proven by every company. Employees retain the right to receive payment for the hours they have worked, this in mutual agreement

		<p>between employer and employee. The Government urges companies to maintain working agreements active; it is recommended to grant paid vacation before going over to reduce working hours while still keeping five vacation days as a buffer. Noncompliance with any of the above-mentioned conditions and failing to prove financial reasons to terminate working agreements will result in the layoff permit submitted, not being granted.</p>
	Reduced work time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction of a flexibility package for 3 months effective April 1, including an Emergency Social Assistance Fund (FASE)⁷⁰ to avoid mass employment termination due to the Coronavirus. Government has also allowed businesses to reduce working hours to 0 or pay employees for the hours worked. FASE assists those who have been laid off or lost income due to the Coronavirus; been sent home without payment; seen their income reduced to less than Afl. 950 (US\$528) monthly; or have been laid off⁷¹. To qualify, employers must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pay the March 2020 payroll as usual. - Present a detailed plan on how they are going to tackle the financial consequences of the Coronavirus crisis, keeping the workers' interest in mind. - Prove their willingness to be flexible with the working hours of their employees partially before abruptly reducing working hours completely. <p>Failing to meet these requirements will disqualify employers from the relief being offered and the employees retain all the rights to claim their income with their employer.</p>
	Wage subsidies	

⁷⁰ http://www.gobierno.aw/news/news_47033/item/flexibility-package-for-covid-19-crisis_48794.html

⁷¹ http://www.gobierno.aw/news/news_47033/item/procedure-for-the-emergency-funds-for-social-assistance-fase_48785.html

Australia



Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cash for households: The Government is providing two separate \$750 payments to social security, veteran and other income support recipients and eligible concession card holders. The first payment was made from 31 March 2020 and the second payment will be made from 13 July 2020. Around half of those that benefit are pensioners. These payments will help to support confidence and domestic demand in the economy. The second payment will not be made to those eligible for the Coronavirus supplement.^{72 73} • Cash for individuals: Coronavirus Supplement: the government announced a time-limited coronavirus supplement to be paid at a rate of AUD 550 per fortnight (around USD 330) to recipients of Jobseeker payment, parenting payment, youth allowances and other payment types. The Newly Arrived Residents Waiting Period for recent migrants was temporarily waived for eligible recipients.⁷⁴ This supplement will

⁷² <https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/individuals/services/centrelink/coronavirus-supplement/how-much-you-can-get>

⁷³ https://treasury.gov.au/sites/default/files/2020-05/Overview-Economic_Response_to_the_Coronavirus_3.pdf

⁷⁴ <https://www.dss.gov.au/about-the-department/coronavirus-covid-19-information-and-support>

		<p>be in place for the next six months at a cost of AUD 14.1bn (USD 8.5bn).⁷⁵ ⁷⁶(new)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Tasmanian State Government will provide a one-off emergency relief payment of \$250 for individuals and up to \$1,000 for families who are required to self-quarantine. This will be available to informal casual workers and those on low incomes⁷⁷. (new)
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	
	School feeding	
	Public works	
	Utility waivers	
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Self-employed have access to special unemployment benefits for sickness absence due to COVID-19 or quarantine⁷⁸ Paid pandemic leave to aged care workers⁷⁹ Australia will introduce a pandemic leave payment for workers who have run out of sick leave but need to be quarantined because they have been directed to stay at home due to the novel coronavirus. Prime Minister Scott Morrison said Monday (Aug 3).⁸⁰
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The government is allowing individuals affected by the Coronavirus to access up to \$10,000 of their superannuation in 2019-20 and a further \$10,000 in 2020-21. Eligible individuals (including unemployed individuals on temporary work visas) will be able to apply online to access up to \$10,000 of their superannuation before 1 July 2020. They

⁷⁵ https://treasury.gov.au/sites/default/files/2020-03/Overview-Economic_Response_to_the_Coronavirus.pdf

⁷⁶ https://treasury.gov.au/sites/default/files/2020-05/Overview-Economic_Response_to_the_Coronavirus_3.pdf

⁷⁷ http://www.premier.tas.gov.au/releases/ministerial_statement_covid-19_response_measures

⁷⁸ https://read.oecd-ilibrary.org/view/?ref=134_134797-9iq8w1fnju&title=Paid-sick-leave-to-protect-income-health-and-jobs-through-the-COVID-19-crisis

⁷⁹ <https://www.smh.com.au/politics/federal/aged-care-workers-across-australia-will-be-given-paid-pandemic-leave-20200727-p55fyy.html>

⁸⁰ <https://www.channelnewsasia.com/news/world/covid-19-australia-pandemic-leave-payment-scott-morrison-12985996>

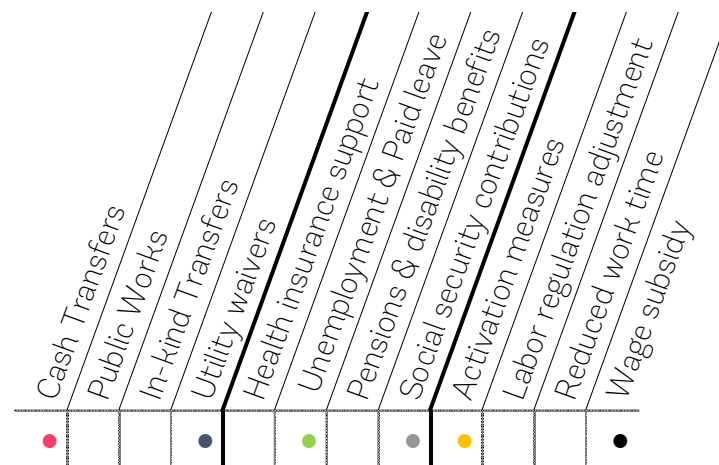
		<p>will also be able to access up to a further \$10,000 from 1 July 2020 for approximately 3 months (exact timing will depend on the passage of the relevant legislation)⁸¹.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA) has also suspended all new license applications from pensions and insurance sectors. (admin adaptation)
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions	
Labor Markets	Activation measures	
	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wage subsidy of 50% of the wage of apprentices and trainees from January to September 2020; the subsidy is up to AUD 21,000 per person and for a total cost of AUD 1.3 billion. The Australian government is injecting a further A\$1.5 billion (\$1.1 billion) into a wage subsidy programme to counter rising unemployment as the country posted the biggest rise in coronavirus cases since early April.⁸² Australia is providing a wage subsidy (so-called "JobKeeper payment") for all permanent, part-time and casual workers who have worked for at least a year with their employer and were employed as of March 1, 2020. It is up to AUD 1,500 (USD 909) per two weeks for a period of six months, which is around 70 percent of the national median wage. Firms must show major reductions in turnover to qualify, which is 50 percent reduction in turnover for large firms and 30 percent for smaller firms. This is expected to cover around 6 million of the 13 million strong workforce.⁸³

⁸¹ https://treasury.gov.au/sites/default/files/2020-03/Fact_sheet-Early_Access_to_Super.pdf

⁸² <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-health-coronavirus-australia/australia-expands-wage-subsidy-scheme-as-covid-19-cases-surge-idUSKCN24H049>

⁸³ <https://www.abc.net.au/news/2020-03-30/coronavirus-subsidies-government-businesses-workers/12103108>

Austria



Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cash assistance for one-person companies and freelancers affected by the crisis (e.g. service providers, artists, etc.) through a hardship fund, implemented by the Austrian Economic Chamber. Design details to be announced⁸⁴. The maximum amount of compensation for the net loss of income per observation period is € 2,000 (therefore a maximum of € 12,000 in total), but at least € 500 if the eligibility requirements are met. In the case of additional income over € 2,000, the net loss of income will not be replaced. Funding duration is increased from three to six months. The observation period is extended to mid-December⁸⁵
	One-off cash transfers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To support families, the federal government is providing 650 million euros for families with children with the child bonus. The Corona crisis has meant financial losses or additional costs for many families. For every child who is eligible for family allowance in September 2020, there is therefore the child bonus of 360 euros. Payment is made

⁸⁴ <https://www.wko.at/service/haertefall-fonds-epu-kleinunternehmen.html>

⁸⁵ <https://www.bmf.gv.at/public/top-themen/corona-hilfspaket-faq.html>

		<p>automatically and without an application. This also applies to people who receive increased family allowances, for example people with disabilities.⁸⁶</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support for job seeker: The corona crisis hit the labor market hard. The federal government has therefore decided to offer unemployment benefits. Anyone who was unemployed for 60 days between May and August receives a one-off payment of 450 euros. That means if someone starts a job in early July, he or she can receive the one-off payment in September [200 million euros are made available for unemployment benefits.]⁸⁷
	Childcare support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Temporary waiving of conditionalities to receive the childcare benefit (i.e. obligatory health examinations that usually have to take place at fixed times during pregnancy until age 5 of the child).
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	
	School feeding	
	Public works	
	Utility waivers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From April 2, households could delay rent payments to their landlords until end-2020
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employees with care responsibilities for one or more children under the age of 14 can take up to 3 weeks of care leave (Sonderbetreuungszeit) with full wage replacement (1/3 of the salary will be reimbursed to the employer by the government)⁸⁸. • 'According to the Epidemic Act, an employee who is quarantined by the doctor or the authorities because of the coronavirus, i.e. infected or suspected to be infected (and is therefore unable to work) is entitled to sick pay from the employer (can be refunded by the state). Benefit level and duration is the same as for a sick worker (and workers would also receive a sickness benefit if they would be in quarantine longer

⁸⁶ bmafj.gv.at/Services/News/Unterstützung-für-Familien-und-Arbeitssuchende.html

⁸⁷ bmafj.gv.at/Services/News/Unterstützung-für-Familien-und-Arbeitssuchende.html

⁸⁸ <https://news.wko.at/news/niederoesterreich/coronahotline.html>

		than 6-12 weeks). The employee does not need a sickness certificate in this case because he/she is not necessarily sick. This does not apply to employees who are quarantined abroad. An employee who self-isolates because of belonging to a risk group (due to age, pre-existing or current conditions) is also entitled to sick pay, paid by the employer and refunded by the state. However, the risk-group status must be certified by a doctor (via phone or visit) and this does not apply to workers of the core sectors like health, transportation or supermarkets.
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Temporary waiving of the conditionality to regularly meet the case worker at the labor market service to receive unemployment benefits⁸⁹ (admin adaptation)
	Social security contributions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 billion euros for the deferral of personal and corporate income taxes (for 2020), social security contributions (3 months), and VAT payments (until end-September 2020)⁹⁰
Labor Markets	Activation measures	
	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Corona short-time working allows the temporary reduction of normal working hours (up to 10 percent on average over the entire period) and of wages due to economic difficulties. Its purpose is to temporarily reduce the labor costs for the companies and at the same time to keep the employees. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Net remuneration guarantee: Employees receive the following remuneration from the employer, irrespective of the working hours during short-term corona work: with gross monthly wages before short-time work of less than 1,700 euros 90% of the net wage before short-time work;

⁸⁹ <https://www.gesundheitskasse.at/cdscontent/?contentid=10007.857901&portal=oegknportal&viewmode=content>

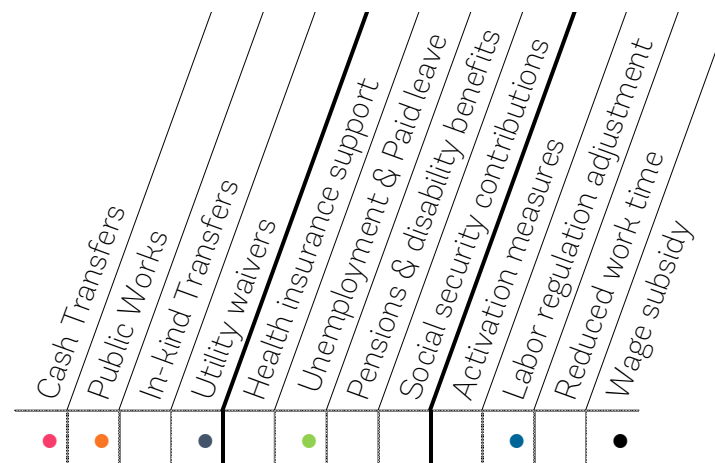
⁹⁰ <https://www.imf.org/en/Topics/imf-and-covid19/Policy-Responses-to-COVID-19>

	Wage subsidies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • for gross wages between 1,700 euros and 2,685 euros 85%; • for gross wages over 2,685 euros 80% (also above the maximum contribution basis!); • Apprentices receive 100% of their previous net wages⁹¹ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The government is covering up to 90% of wages/salaries of workers to stay employed, rather than being laid-off.⁹² Implemented by Austrian Labour market service, companies can register their employees to short-time work over a period of up to 3 months (starting from now onwards) – with potential extension of another 3 months (depending on future developments). The working time of employees registered for short-time work can be reduced down to 10% of their normal working time during this period (Working time can be organized flexibly, e.g. this could also mean that employees do not work at all during the first and second month and 30% during the third month of short-time work) and will usually have to consume their old leave entitlements. Employees will receive 80-90% (depending on their current gross salary) of their net salary over this period (reimbursed to the employer by the labor market service). Employers get incidental wage costs for the non-working time reimbursed (up to gross salaries of 5,370 Euros).
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⁹¹ <https://www.bmf.gv.at/public/top-themen/corona-hilfspaket-faq.html>

⁹² https://www.oegb.at/cms/S06/S06_0.a/1342627789286/home/rechenbeispiele-zeigen-warum-corona-kurzarbeit-fuer-alle-sinnvoll-ist

Azerbaijan



	Cash-based transfers	
Social Assistance	<p>Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As one of the measures to increase government support for low-income families in Azerbaijan, the coverage of the targeted state social assistance program is expanding, Trend reports referring to the Ministry of Labor and Social Protection of the Population. According to the ministry, from April 1 to date, the number of citizens receiving targeted social assistance has grown by 12,000 families and reached 82,000. Meanwhile, the number of family members receiving social assistance this month increased by 50,000 and currently stands at 340,000 people. The average monthly amount of social assistance for each family continues to grow, reaching 222 manat (\$130.5). As the ministry noted, the support was also provided to low-income families whose term for receiving targeted state social assistance during the special quarantine regime has expired. The term for the provision of this assistance to them has been extended to one month following the end of the quarantine regime⁹³. Another key support tool in the social protection sphere is lump-sum payments in the amount of living wage - 190 manats (\$112) to 200,000 unemployed citizens of the country. The payment is

⁹³ <https://www.azernews.az/nation/164515.html>

		considered for two months. ⁹⁴ Update: On June 23, the Cabinet of Ministers announced a one-time extension of social assistance announced as part of the April 4 relief package for the unemployed and low-income people who lost earnings because of the special quarantine regime. An additional lump-sum payment of AZN 190 will be paid once to the individuals who received social assistance under the April 4 relief package ⁹⁵
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	
	School feeding	
	Public works	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure public works participation for 50 thousand new beneficiaries
	Utility waivers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase by 100 kWh the volume of discounted electricity limit for the population in April-May. Cover the tuition fees of students from vulnerable families.⁹⁶ • Payment of tuition fees to the following categories of individuals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - recipients of targeted state social assistance; - where both parents (if there is a single parent, the same person) or legal representatives belong to any of the following categories: persons with I- and II-degree disabilities; those registered as unemployed; labor pensioners by age; or recipients of age-related social benefits⁹⁷.
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	

⁹⁴ <https://caspiannews.com/news-detail/azerbaijan-takes-measures-to-mitigate-covid-19-impact-on-economy-social-life-2020-4-6-1/>

⁹⁵ <https://www.imf.org/en/Topics/imf-and-covid19/Policy-Responses-to-COVID-19>

⁹⁶ <https://cabmin.gov.az/az/document/4382/>

⁹⁷ <https://cabmin.gov.az/az/document/4381/>

	Unemployment benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide a lump-sum payment in the amount of the subsistence minimum (AZN 190, around USD 112) to jobseekers registered with the State Employment Service. (new) • Expand the coverage of unemployment insurance payments and create proactive appointment mechanism. Continue to pay insurance payments and stipends during the special quarantine regime for persons whose unemployment insurance payments have expired but are not employed, and students who are in break from vocational training courses.
	Social security contributions	
Labor Markets	Activation measures	
	Labor market regulations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prevent unjustified dismissal, layoffs of public sector employees and ensure the maintenance of salaries of employees on leave. Conduct legislative work on employers and ensure daily control in order to prevent unjustified dismissals and layoffs of employees in the private sector •
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A program of compensating for the damage caused to the entrepreneurs and their employees. The amount of which is lower than 712 manat (\$418) will be fully paid by the state to the enterprise. • A program on providing micro entrepreneurs and private entrepreneurs: the amount of funds to be paid to micro entrepreneurs or private entrepreneurs will not be less than 250 manat (\$147) and the maximum amount will reach 5,000 manat (\$2,941).⁹⁸

⁹⁸ <https://cabmin.gov.az/az/document/4371/>

Bahamas



Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Government is funding a Government Funded Unemployment Assistance for COVID-19 that will provide weekly payments of \$200 to persons to self-employed tourism workers for a period of up to eight weeks. The delivery of the transfer is being managed by the National Insurance Board.⁹⁹ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update: The Ministry of Finance has confirmed that \$48 million has been allocated to finance an expansion (13-week extension starting July 17) of the government's unemployment assistance programs administered via the National Insurance Board (NIB).
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Persons with disabilities under the age of 16 who normally receive their services every two months, had their April assistance advanced to them in the month of March to facilitate whatever preparations they

⁹⁹<http://www.bahamas.gov.bs/wps/portal/public/gov/government/news/>

		needed to make. Similar arrangements were also made for persons receiving foster care subsistence ¹⁰⁰ .
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Department of Social Services continues to provide assistance to persons in need by assessing them for Emergency, Temporary or Permanent Food Assistance. This includes special food assistance to those persons who – as a result of the closure of the tourism sector – found themselves on reduced workweeks¹⁰¹.
	School feeding	
	Public works Utility waivers	
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions	
Labor Markets	Activation measures	
	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	

¹⁰⁰ <http://magneticmediatv.com/2020/04/campbell-outlines-measures-undertaken-by-social-services-in-light-of-covid-19/>

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Bahrain



Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Social security benefits for 17,000 families, to be distributed in mid-April, were doubled, as were disability pensions for 12,000 individuals. A budget of BD 5.5 million was allocated for this purpose.¹⁰²
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	
	School feeding	
	Public works	
	Utility waivers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Electricity and Water Authority will pay individuals and businesses' utility bills for 3 months from April 2020 (up to the costs incurred during the same period in 2019). Update: extend the payment of electricity and water bills for Bahrainis for a further three months starting in July 2020;^{103 104}

¹⁰² <https://www.bna.bh/en/HRHPremierorderstodoublethevalueofsocialsecuritybenefits.aspx?cms=q8FmFJgiscL2fwIzON1%2BDnsLIEDOxXSIjsQrjGI7IjM%3D>

¹⁰³ <https://www.imf.org/en/Topics/imf-and-covid19/Policy-Responses-to-COVID-19>

¹⁰⁴ <https://www.moh.gov.bh/COVID19/Details/3969>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At end-July 2020 the authorities approved the exempting households from paying municipality fees on their first residence for three months
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Private sector employees who are registered with the national Social Insurance Organization will have their salaries paid for 3 months from April 2020 from the unemployment fund. A total of 100,000 Bahraini will benefit from the measure (cost of BD 215 million)^{105 106}
	Social security contributions	
Labor Markets	Activation measures	
	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	The new measures include i) payment of 50 percent of salaries for Bahrainis working in the most affected sectors for a further three months starting in July 2020; ¹⁰⁷

¹⁰⁵ <https://www.moh.gov.bh/COVID19/Details/3969>

¹⁰⁶ <https://www.moh.gov.bh/COVID19/Details/3982>

¹⁰⁷ <https://www.imf.org/en/Topics/imf-and-covid19/Policy-Responses-to-COVID-19>

Bangladesh



Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina announced the disbursement of Taka 1,250 crore cash assistance among 50 lakh poor families (5 million households) hit hard amid the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) crisis.¹⁰⁸ The total fund of Taka 2,250 will be distributed among the 50 lakh families through the mobile financial services (MFSs)¹⁰⁹
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Food subsidies would include selling rice at Tk5/kg through OMS, down from Tk30/kg The government is set to distribute 10-kilogramme rice for free to each of over one crore "ultra-poor and destitute families" ahead of Eid-ul-Azha. The food aid will be given to 1,00,06,869 vulnerable group feeding (VGF) card holders across the country to mitigate the consequences of disasters like flood and coronavirus outbreak¹¹⁰

¹⁰⁸ <https://tbsnews.net/coronavirus-chronicle/covid-19-bangladesh/pm-launch-disbursement-cash-aid-50-lakh-families-tomorrow>

¹⁰⁹ <https://pmo.gov.bd/site/news/fafbd633-d404-4159-9960-3a7b78b7897c/Prime-Minister-Sheikh-Hasina-launches-disbursement-of-cash-aid-for-50-lakh-families%E2%80%A6>

¹¹⁰ <https://www.thedailystar.net/frontpage/news/food-aid-eid-free-rice-1-crore-poor-1926725>

	School feeding	
	Public works	
	Utility waivers	
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions	
Labor Markets	Activation measures	
	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The government would pay the salaries and wages of select factories (details to be announced) ¹¹¹

¹¹¹ <https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/unprecedented-bailout-package-the-way-1885042>

Barbados



Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establishment of "Household Survival Programme" (BBD 20 million or USD 10 million) incl. several initiatives to assist the vulnerable, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - an increase of 40 per cent in all rates and fees paid by the Welfare Department to its clientele that it serves on an annual basis (up to BBD 10 million) - Barbados Vulnerable Family Survival Programme assisting 1,500 vulnerable families identified by the Welfare Department and the Household Mitigation Unit with BBD 600 monthly (total of BBD10 million).¹¹² (new) An increase of 40 per cent in all rates and fees paid by the Welfare Department to its clientele that it services on an annual basis (up to BBD 10 million) (vertical expansion)
	One-off cash transfers	

¹¹² <https://gisbarbados.gov.bb/blog/vulnerable-programme-put-in-place-for-families/>

	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The government has distributed 4,000 care packages, comprising a 14-day supply of basic food and sanitary items, to vulnerable groups, such as the elderly, the disabled and the impoverished in the community, as identified by social service agencies, incl. the National Assistance Board, the National Disabilities Unit, Barbados Council for the Disabled, the Welfare Department, Salvation Army, Jabez House, Prison Fellowship.¹¹³
	School feeding	
Social Insurance	Public works	
	Utility waivers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There will be a six-month payment moratorium on all existing loans and mortgages for persons and businesses who are directly affected and impacted by COVID-19. Persons must go to their bank and work out those programmes.
	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Persons who are laid off will immediately have the opportunity to get their unemployment benefits, guaranteeing them 60 per cent of their insurable earnings, up to a limit of 26 weeks. The National Insurance Board has agreed to relax the requirement to visit the employment exchange at Warrens
	Social security contributions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For those employers who are prepared to retain three quarters of their workforce, even if some on short week, Government will defer their obligation to pay the employer's contributions for three months, in the first instance, with the preparation to extend it for another three months if the crisis continues beyond that period¹¹⁴.
	Activation measures	

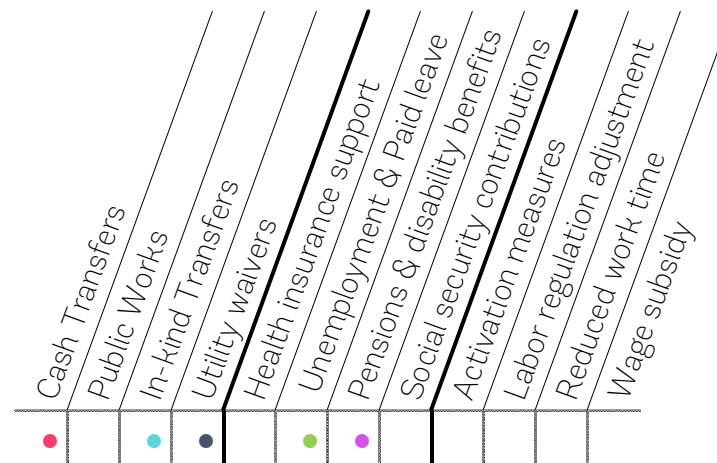
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¹¹⁴ <https://barbadostoday.bb/2020/03/21/welfare-cheques-boost-to-help-families/>

Labor Markets	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The National Insurance Board will give those on short weeks 60 per cent of their earnings for those days. For example, if a person is put on a three-day week, then the Board will pay 60 per cent of the wages the person would have earned for the other two days¹¹⁵.

¹¹⁵ <https://www.stlucianewsonline.com/coronavirus-barbados-announces-20m-survival-stimulus-package-landlords-told-not-to-evict/>

Belarus



Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On May 18th, 2020, the President signed the Decree “On Financial Incentives for Staff Members of the Organizations Providing Social Services”, which stipulates additional fees for staff members of the public social support institutions working with persons who have infectious diseases and their first contacts who are not admitted to health institutions by medical indications. These additional fees are paid to staff members working in the rotating scheme. The rotating scheme means working for 14 days continuously not leaving the institution. The amount of the additional fee depends on the category of the employee and the frequency of their contact with the infected persons. When infections or contacts with infected persons or with first contacts are found in such organizations, the additional fees should be 1,500 Belarusian roubles (621 USD) for medical workers who are physicians, 1,300 Belarusian roubles (538 USD) for medical workers who have secondary special medical education, and 900 Belarusian roubles (373 USD) for other workers. When no cases of infection and/or first contacts are found in the organizations, the relevant additional fees should make: 500 Belarusian roubles (207 USD) for medical workers who are physicians, 400 Belarusian roubles

		<p>(166 USD) for medical workers who have secondary special medical education, and 250 Belarusian roubles (103 USD) for other workers. In addition, social service workers who work according to the rotating scheme are provided with living accommodations in such organizations and additional remunerations (9 Belarusian roubles, or 3.7 USD) per working day according to such scheme, as stipulated by the legislation. When a new staff team is employed, mandatory testing should be made in order to identify persons who may be infected.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On May 18th, 2020, the President issued the Decree “On Social Support for Specific Categories of Individuals”. This Decree stipulates a longer period of public targeted social support to families with many children in the form of a monthly social benefit which is extended up to 12 months (up from the current 6 months), as well as higher means-testing from 100% to 115% of the minimum subsistence budget (MSB) per capita which is used to appoint such benefit (increased to 283.80 Belarusian roubles, or 117.5 USD, from the current amount of 246.78 Belarusian roubles, or 102.1 USD).
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On March 25, 2020, “Belpochta” (Belarusian Post Office) announced that it provides pensions home-delivery service by post worker because of the coronavirus situation. Pensioners can also pay their communal services when they receive pensions/benefits. 116 (admin adaptation)
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On April 6, 2020, the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection informed that the social services are ready to provide support to elderly people and people with disabilities and to deliver foods and medicines. This support is provided by social workers and volunteers through the territorial centres of social protection of population.

¹¹⁶ <http://www.belpost.by/press-centre/news-company/5025.html>

		<p>Belarus has 146 such centres, located in every district of the country. The number of people living alone and people with disabilities is about 830,000, including almost 160,000 persons who have no close relatives.¹¹⁷</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Ministry of Anti-Monopoly Regulation and Trade introduced state regulation of prices on medical masks and disinfectants (antibacterial and decontaminating agents).¹¹⁸
	School feeding	
	Public works	
	Utility waivers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The National Bank of Belarus asked banks of the country to announce payment holidays for their clients, who are natural persons: "in order to decrease the credit load on people because of worsening of their financial situation and impossibility of proper implementation of their obligations, we recommend that banks should consider the provision of additional time to pay credits and interests on the credits, i.e., payment holidays".
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The terms of sick leaves for people who have coronavirus or are first- or second-level contacts are specified in Ordinance of the Council of Ministers no. 208 "On Self-Isolation Measures".¹¹⁹ According to this document, the first-level contacts should be self-isolated for 14 days from the time of the last contact, whereas the second-level contacts should be self-isolated during the period when they manifest respiratory symptoms. People who work and pay fees to the Social Protection Fund (or such fees are paid by their employers) are eligible for sick-leave benefits during the period of self-isolation. When a person breaches the self-isolation requirements, the sick-leave is paid at 50 percent of the benefit calculated according to the legislation. Non-compliance with the self-isolation behaviour rules or other sanitary and epidemiological requirements entails administrative

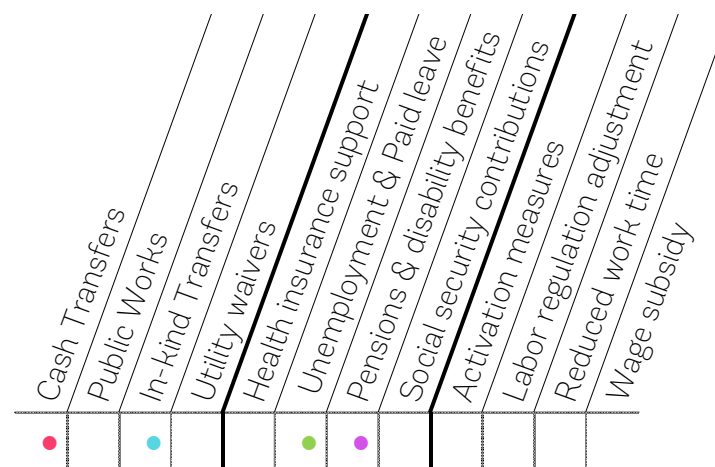
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¹¹⁸ https://www.mart.gov.by/news/price_control_mask

¹¹⁹ http://pravo.by/upload/docs/op/C22000208_1586379600.pdf

		liability (a fine up to 50 base rates (1 base rate = 27 belarusian rubles) or administrative arrest) or criminal liability (including deprivation of freedom).
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The terms of sick leaves for people who have coronavirus or are first- or second-level contacts are specified in Ordinance of the Council of Ministers no. 208 "On Self-Isolation Measures". According to this document, the first-level contacts should be self-isolated for 14 days from the time of the last contact, whereas the second-level contacts should be self-isolated during the period when they manifest respiratory symptoms. People who work and pay fees to the Social Protection Fund (or such fees are paid by their employers) are eligible for sick-leave benefits during the period of self-isolation. When a person breaches the self-isolation requirements, the sick-leave is paid at 50 percent of the benefit calculated according to the legislation. Non-compliance with the self-isolation behaviour rules or other sanitary and epidemiological requirements entails administrative liability (a fine up to 50 base rates (1 base rate = 27 belarusian rubles) or administrative arrest) or criminal liability (including deprivation of freedom).
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions	
Labor Markets	Activation measures	
	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	

Belize



Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The government will also upscale transfers through BOOST, The conational cash transfers program (9,911 beneficiaries)^{120 121}.
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	
	School feeding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children on national school meal programs will receive take-home rations and high schools are encouraged to do same¹²².
Social Insurance	Public works	
	Utility waivers	
	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	

¹²⁰ https://www.google.com/search?q=junio+in+english&rlz=1C1GCEB_enUS897US897&oq=junio+in+&ags=chrome.0.0j69i57j0l6.1869j1j7&sourceid=chrome&ie=UTF-8

¹²¹ <https://www.breakingbelizenews.com/2020/03/30/pm-barrow-says-stipends-for-the-unemployed-to-be-disbursed-this-week-discusses-other-financial-measures/>

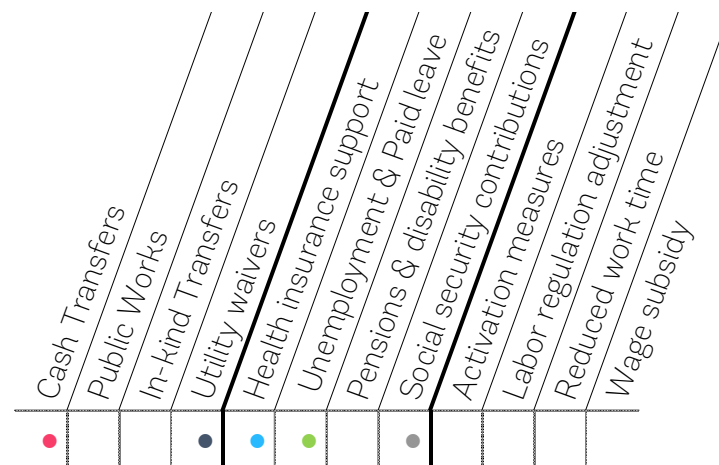
¹²² <https://www.breakingbelizenews.com/2020/03/18/minister-faber-confirms-school-closures-on-covid-19/>

	Pensions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advancing one month of pension payment¹²³
	Unemployment benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A new Unemployment Relief Program to provide temporary benefits to the unemployed and persons who directly lost their as a result of the crisis. Employed and self-employed who lost their jobs directly as a result of the COVID19 crisis will receive BZ\$150 every 2 weeks for 12 weeks (US\$450). Persons who were unemployed prior to the crisis will receive BZ\$100 every 2 weeks for 12 weeks (US\$300). Applications are processed online.¹²⁴
	Social security contributions	
Labor Markets	Activation measures	
	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	

¹²³ <https://www.breakingbelizenews.com/2020/04/01/find-out-if-you-qualify-for-the-covid-19-unemployment-relief-program/>

¹²⁴ <https://www.breakingbelizenews.com/2020/04/03/citizens-can-now-apply-for-unemployment-relief-program/>

Belgium



Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Temporary parental allowance for self-employed workers with a monthly allowance of 532.24 euros (875 euros for single-parent families) for the months of May and / or June 2020 for parents of a child under 12 or disabled¹²⁵
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	
	School feeding	
	Public works	
	Utility waivers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extension of the seasonal suspension of evictions from dwellings (la trêve hivernale). Some jurisdictions will temporarily cover utility costs for households with a worker facing temporary employment; utilities (water, gas, power) will not be disconnected during the Covid-19 crisis¹²⁶.

¹²⁵ <https://socialsecurity.belgium.be/fr/news/allocation-parentale-temporaire-pour-les-travailleurs-independants-20-05-2020>

¹²⁶ OECD database <http://www.oecd.org/social/Covid-19-Employment-and-Social-Policy-Responses-by-Country.xlsx>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Brussels government has extended by one month - until April 30 inclusive - the period of prohibition on gas and electricity cuts in order to cushion the social consequences of the measures taken to combat the spread of the coronavirus¹²⁷
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Self-employed workers who are incapacitated for work for at least 8 days are entitled to an incapacity for work benefit payable by the health insurance scheme from the first day¹²⁸.
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Temporary unemployment available and the associated benefits are increased 65-70% (the ceiling being set at € 2,754.76 per month). Temporary unemployment due to Coronavirus (force majeure) will be extended by 3 months (till June 30, 2020). In addition to the unemployment benefit, workers get an extra €5.63 per day. A professional withholding tax of 26.75% will be deducted from this compensation¹²⁹. Currently, the "droit passerelle" allows self-employed individuals who are mainly active and who cease or interrupt their activity to benefit from a monthly replacement income of 1,291.69 euros (1,614.10 euros if dependent on family) and the maintenance of rights in sickness and invalidity insurance. Minister Denis Ducarme has relaxed the conditions for access to this replacement income for the months of March, April, May, June, July and August 2020. Granting is now automatic for the self-employed who are forced to cease their activity due to the preventive measures of the National Security Council as well as the self-employed whose activity is limited as a result of these measures: the self-employed in the catering industry, as well as restaurateurs who continue to work (take away, home delivery, caterer) but who can no longer provide room service, hotel managers who stop their bar and restaurant activities, hairdressers who only work by appointment yourself, as well as traders who close

¹²⁷ https://www.rtb.be/info/regions/detail_coronavirus-a-bruxelles-l-interdiction-de-couper-gaz-et-electricite-est-prolongee-jusqu-au-30-avril?id=10460931

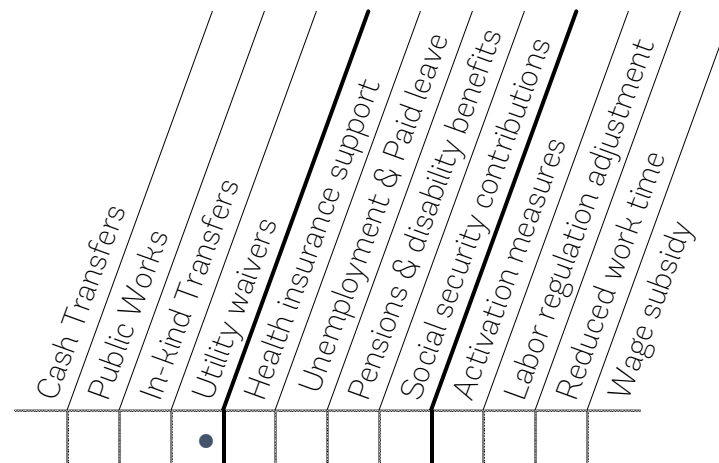
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¹²⁹ <https://www.onem.be/fr/nouveau/chomage-temporaire-la-suite-de-lepidemie-de-coronavirus-covid-19-simplification-de-la-procedure>

		<p>their doors on weekends and any other activity impacted by the health measures taken to limit the spread of the coronavirus. By "automatic" is meant that this aid will be granted on request - a simplified form is available from your social security fund and on their website - without examining a seven-day interruption¹³⁰</p>
	Social security contributions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Self-employed workers who are affected by the consequences of the coronavirus can submit a written request to their social insurance fund to request a 1-year deferral of the payment of provisional social contributions, without being charged any increases and with no effect on benefits.
Labor Markets	Activation measures	
	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	

¹³⁰ <https://www.lecho.be/monargent/travail/coronavirus-les-aides-financieres-pour-les-independants/10214335.html>

Benin



Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Part of the government response package was a total of CFAF 50 billion to help the most vulnerable segments of the population through various forms of cash transfers. Since July, the majority of beneficiaries began by receiving this subsidy via cash transfers on their mobile phones.^{131 132}
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	
	School feeding	
	Public works	
	Utility waivers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To promote the use of electronic payment tools the Western Africa Central Bank (BCEAO) is providing more flexible measures to open a mobile money and making transfers between people backed by electronic money free.

¹³¹ <https://www.imf.org/en/Topics/imf-and-covid19/Policy-Responses-to-COVID-19>

¹³² <https://www.gouv.bj/actualite/756/>

Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
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	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions	
Labor Markets	Activation measures	
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	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	

Bermuda (UK)



Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduction of an unemployment benefit for laid-off employees who are not on financial assistance. The transfer amount was set at 60% of gross earnings up to a maximum of \$500 a week. Where the eligible applicant is receiving a percentage of their salary from their employer, and the amount is less than \$500 per week, the applicant will be entitled to the different up to a gross amount of \$500. Eligible applicants must meet the definition of an employee under employment legislation, and be Bermudian, the spouse of a Bermudian, a permanent resident's certificate holder, or a work-permit holder unable to leave Bermuda (UK) (UK) because of travel restrictions. They must have been in full-time employment and have been laid off or had their employment terminated because of the Covid-19 pandemic, put on mandatory medical quarantine without compensation from their employer, or be self-employed and no longer at work because of the illness.¹³³ (new)
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	

¹³³ <http://www.royalgazette.com/labour/article/20200324/weekly-500-safety-net-for-laid-off-workers>

	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	
	School feeding	
	Public works	
Social Insurance	Utility waivers	
	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction of an unemployment benefit for laid-off employees who are not on financial assistance. The transfer amount was set at 60% of gross earnings up to a maximum of \$500 a week. Where the eligible applicant is receiving a percentage of their salary from their employer, and the amount is less than \$500 per week, the applicant will be entitled to the different up to a gross amount of \$500. Eligible applicants must meet the definition of an employee under employment legislation, and be Bermudian, the spouse of a Bermudian, a permanent resident's certificate holder, or a work-permit holder unable to leave Bermuda (UK) (UK) because of travel restrictions. They must have been in full-time employment and have been laid off or had their employment terminated because of the Covid-19 pandemic, put on mandatory medical quarantine without compensation from their employer, or be self-employed and no longer at work because of the illness.
	Social security contributions	
Labor Markets	Activation measures	
	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	

Bhutan



Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The government introduced Druk Gyalpo's Relief Kidu which provides Immediate financial support for people who have been laid off or placed on reduced salaries, or their livelihood is impacted. Eligibility based on application: individuals who have been laid off, placed on unpaid leave or on reduced pay from businesses as well as self-employed individuals who have lost their earnings either partially or completely. The Relief Kidu benefit amount is at Nu. 12,000 (~USD 160) per person per month for recipients of the full amount of the Kidu and Nu. 8,000 (~USD 106) per month for recipients of the partial amount of the Kidu. Additional support of Nu. 800 (~USD 10.5) per child per month is granted to eligible beneficiaries with children. By May 25th, the Druk Gyalpo's Relief Kidu has granted Nu. 150 million (USD 1.95 million) as the first disbursement of the Relief Kidu to 13,006 people. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update: The Druk Gyalpo's Relief Kidu was launched on 14 April 2020 for three months (April – June 2020) to provide income support to affected individuals. The Relief Kidu has provided immediate relief to over 23,000 individuals who had lost their livelihoods either partially or completely because of the coronavirus pandemic. The individuals also received additional

		<p>child support Kidu – over 12,800 children were covered.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Relief Kidu has been extended for three months, from July to September 2020. Individuals who received the Kidu in Phase I need to re-apply for further assessments. Applications are also open to new applicants who have been displaced by the coronavirus pandemic.¹³⁴
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	
	School feeding	
	Public works	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Build Bhutan program through a cross-ministerial effort, the Build Bhutan program aims to provide relief and support recovery through reskilling and provision of jobs to newly unemployed and at the same time address shortages of labor in sectors that previously relied on foreign workers. Currently the program aims to provide support to 7,000 newly unemployed. The budget for the program is still under consideration.¹³⁵ Tourism Stimulus Package: A much smaller income support program titled Tourism Stimulus Package was announced on April 17th. The program will cover only 2,436 people formally affiliated with tourism sector and will provide support to them through cash for work and cash for reskilling style programs. Work provided under this program includes beautification of the main tourist attractions, maintenance of relevant infrastructure, hotel assessments, support to carrying out of survey and studies aimed to improve performance of the sector, as well as waste management. Those eligible will be provided Nu 6,000 (~USD 80) per month in case of selecting in training, and Nu 15,000 (~USD 200) per month in case of opting out for construction and development work. The duration of the program was not specified.

¹³⁴ <https://www.royalkidu.bt/>

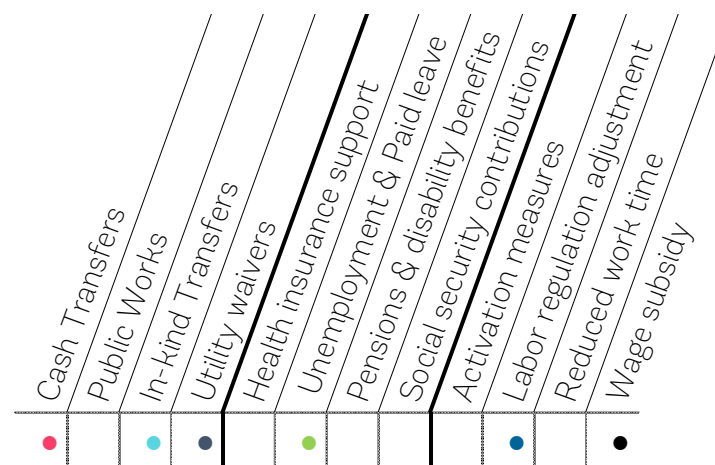
¹³⁵ <https://www.businessbhutan.bt/2020/05/19/build-bhutan-project-to-engage-7000-job-seekers-in-construction-sector/>

		Total budget of the programs is Nu 286 million (~USD 3.8 million). ¹³⁶
	Utility waivers	¹³⁷
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions	
Labor Markets	Activation measures	•
	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	

¹³⁶ <https://southasiamonitor.org/bhutan/bhutan-announces-tourism-stimulus-package>

¹³⁷ <https://kuenselonline.com/tourism-stimulus-package-to-benefit-2436/>

Bolivia



Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	<p>The GoB has created three new temporary cash transfer programs Bono Familia (BF), Bono Canasta Familiar (BFC) and Bono Universal (BU) that together provide economic support for households impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Initially two cash transfer programs were designed – BF and BCF – that both rely on a temporary increase of the value of existing social protection interventions to meet the additional needs of the current beneficiaries (vertical expansion).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Bono Familia is a one-time only transfer of Bs500 (US\$72) for each child enrolled in elementary, primary and secondary schools (public or private). BF is expected to directly and indirectly cover 65.3 percent of the population • The Bono Canasta Familiar is a one-time payment Bs400 (US\$58) transfer to 1.6 million low income households in rural and urban areas to cover the cost a monthly basic food basket. BCF is expected to indirectly and directly cover 23.9 percent of the population and the transfer amount is Bs \$ 400. By design, it mostly reaches the elderly (86.2 percent of the population 65 years or older), but also pregnant women, mothers of children below 2 years old, and people with disabilities accessing subsidies.

		<p>Despite significant inclusion errors of BF and BCF, the GoB introduced a third program, the Bono Universal, in order to minimize the exclusion of informal workers and self-employed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bono Universal is estimated to directly and indirectly cover 46.5 percent of the population and the transfer amount is Bs \$ 500. Together, BF, BCF and BU are expected to reach 3.3 million households and their 11.1 million members (comprising both direct recipients and indirect beneficiaries, who are other household members), or 97.9 percent of the entire population. Two new transfers to households were announced (pending in Congress): Bono Salud for all individuals who previously received the universal transfer. And Bono Contra el Hambre, for all individuals eligible for the universal transfer as well mothers who are already recipients of targeted cash transfer and people with disabilities.¹³⁸
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> the government plans to deliver food to 1.5 million of families (\$US 58 per family)¹³⁹
	School feeding	
	Public works	
	Utility waivers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Families (and companies) that cannot meet financial obligations are exempt from paying their mortgages and credits. This relief will apply for 2 months. The government plans to pay the electric energy bills of for three months for the consumers with lower consumption, and pay 50 percent of the potable water and gas for all households
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As part of revised paid leave requirements, Bolivia is permitting reduction of working hours; paid leave for older adults, pregnant women and people with health conditions; paid leave for workers with dependent children and who must meet care needs due to the

¹³⁸¹³⁸¹³⁸¹³⁸ <https://www.noticiasfides.com/nacional/politica/sancionan-34bono-contra-el-hambre-34-de-bs-1000-pero-condicionan-liberacion-de-fondos-405894>

¹³⁹ <https://www.imf.org/en/Topics/imf-and-covid19/Policy-Responses-to-COVID-19>

		emergency; and paid leave for all workers, public and private, that are suspected cases of having contracted COVID-19.
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions	
Labor Markets	Activation measures	
	Labor market regulations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The GoB introduced telework in the labor code as a special modality of service provision in the public and private sectors
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The government is creating a fund of approx. \$US 219 million to support the operations of micro, small and medium businesses. This fund will provide soft loans to companies so that they may pay wage bills without layoffs for two months (companies can withdraw \$US 1230 per employee, repayable in 18 months)¹⁴⁰

¹⁴⁰ <https://www.imf.org/en/Topics/imf-and-covid19/Policy-Responses-to-COVID-19>

Bosnia and Herzegovina



Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Individual local governments are providing significant sums to assist the elderly and families with low or no income (\$250,000 thus far from Sarajevo municipality Stari Grad). Plans are underway for larger-scale assistance.
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	
	School feeding	
Social Insurance	Public works	
	Utility waivers	
	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A total of Eur 5.5M is allocated for unemployment benefits for 2020, but this could increase to another Eur 10M to support job retention and/or increase unemployment benefits.

	Social security contributions	
Labor Markets	Activation measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The government has allocated Eur 33M for 2020 for activation programs which may be reallocated for immediate assistance to unemployed.
	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	

Botswana



Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> P114,839,250 has been approved for Food Hampers for the month of April, 2020. Food baskets have been distributed to over 325,000 HHs (ie more than half of all households).¹⁴¹
	School feeding	
Social Insurance	Public works	
	Utility waivers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 months' moratorium or an interest free period to allow businesses to build enough cash flow reserves before they start repaying their loans for informal sector business owners
	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	

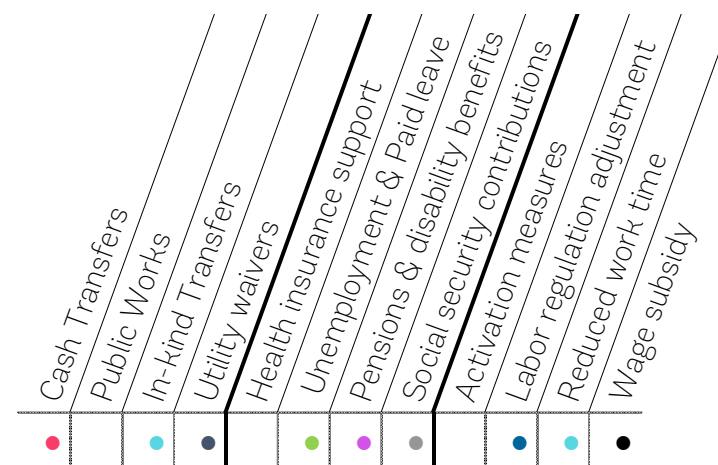
¹⁴¹ <https://allafrica.com/stories/202004290670.html>

	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions	
Labor Markets	Activation measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The government will finance a waiver on training levy for a period of 6 months (150 million pula).¹⁴²
	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Businesses that are registered for tax will be eligible for COVID-19 wage subsidies regardless of whether they owe tax. Unless specifically exempted such subsidies are taxable¹⁴³. 50% of basic salary of employees of affected businesses and the subsidy range between P1000 – P2500 per month for 3 months (April, May and June 2020). 165 681 employees as beneficiaries has been approved for disbursement in April 2020. Total budget allocation is (P1 billion).
	Wage subsidies	

¹⁴² <https://www.imf.org/en/Topics/imf-and-covid19/Policy-Responses-to-COVID-19>

¹⁴³ <https://home.kpmg/content/dam/kpmg/us/pdf/2020/04/tnf-botswana-apr6-2020.pdf>

Brazil



Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The government is allocating R\$3 billion for the Bolsa Familia program to add 1 million families vertically expanding Bolsa Familia program. (53,229,083 beneficiaries) ¹⁴⁴ In Brazil, a 3-month emergency cash transfer of \$115 per month (or 60% of the minimum wage) for adults who don't have a formal job (informal workers) up to a maximum of two benefits per family; have per capita family income lower than half of the minimum wage or 3 minimum wages in total family income; and don't receive other government transfers (except Bolsa Familia). The beneficiaries will be identified through Cadastro Unico, the country's social registry, but those eligible individuals not in the social registry will be able to apply through an online platform to be launched April 7. Single mothers will receive double benefit, i.e., \$230 per month. (new) The city of Maricá in Brazil will increase the existing cash transfers amount from R\$130 (\$25) to R\$300 per month (\$60) at least through

¹⁴⁴ <https://g1.globo.com/economia/noticia/2020/03/16/ministerio-da-economia-anuncia-novas-medidas-para-reduzir-impacto-do-coronavirus-veja-lista.ghtml>

		June. Total beneficiaries of this scheme will 42,000 of the city's lowest-income residents. Moreover, End-of-year bonuses will be advanced to make April's payment an even larger R\$430 per person ¹⁴⁵ (new)
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The 13th salary for retirees, salary bonus allowances and benefits for people with disabilities as well as sickness benefits will be anticipated
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	
	School feeding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A law allowing mayors to use FNDE (Federal fund for school feeding) resources to purchase and distribute food baskets to students was signed on 7 April. In advance of the signing of the law, mayors and governors began distributing food baskets¹⁴⁶ or topping up Bolsa Familia with the value of the school meal (sometimes more)¹⁴⁷.
	Public works	
Social Insurance	Utility waivers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Electric Energy Agency (Aneel) suspended energy supply cuts for 90 days. The term of payroll credit loans will be extended to 84 months and the maximum interest will be reduced. Furthermore, debt collection will be suspended and the terms will be easier to renegotiate
	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The government is allowing the possibility of withdrawal from the FGTS for formal workers (21,500 million Brazilian reais or US\$4 billion); advance of the salary payment for formal workers (12.8 billion Brazilian reais or US\$2.5 billion); and advance of the end of year payment (thirteenth month) for pensioners (23 billion Brazilian reais or US\$4.5 billion). (revised rules)

¹⁴⁵ <http://bostonreview.net/class-inequality/paul-katz-leandro-ferreria-brazil-basic-income-marica>

¹⁴⁶ https://twitter.com/IPC_IG/status/1250000996253794304

¹⁴⁷ https://twitter.com/IPC_IG/status/1250046319705698306

	Unemployment benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Through the introduction of the program “Benefício Emergencial de Manutenção do Emprego e Renda” the unemployment insurance value of the worker won’t be affected¹⁴⁸ Advanced withdraw of FGTS (unemployment savings account) up to 1 MW.
	Social security contributions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Postponement of Social Security Contributions, PIS/PASEP, Cofins and FGTS (FGTS payments for March – May will be collected from July onwards) Reduction of 50% of Sistema S contributions for 3 months¹⁴⁹
Labor Markets	Activation measures	
	Labor market regulations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teleworking, anticipation of individual holidays, grant collective vacation benefits, suspension of required administrative medical examinations connected to employment¹⁵⁰ Relaxing or suspending eligibility criteria or conditionalities by allowing companies to rehire employees before the 90 days period¹⁵¹
	Reduced work time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Banco de Horas – allows to interruption of working hours and compensate at a later stage by working up to 45 hours per week (work outs can be compensated 18 months after the end of the “State of public calamity”)
	Wage subsidies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Benefício Emergencial de Manutenção do Emprego e Renda: The government introduced a program, which allows <ol style="list-style-type: none"> firms to reduce the workday by 25%, 50% and 70% for 3 months. The government will compensate lost salary taking Seguro Desemprego as a basis for calculations; firms guaranty to employ the worker after those 3 months for the same time frame the subsidy was used for; firms can suspend the contract for up to 2 months with the condition to hire the worker for the corresponding time after the suspension ended¹⁵²

¹⁴⁸ Benefício Emergencial de Manutenção do Emprego e Renda

¹⁴⁹ http://www.planalto.gov.br/ccivil_03/_ato2019-2022/2020/Mpv/mpv927.htm

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¹⁵¹ <https://blogs.oglobo.globo.com/lauro-jardim/post/governo-passa-permitir-que-empresas-recontratem-funcionarios-demitidos-ha-menos-de-90-dias.html>

¹⁵² http://www.planalto.gov.br/ccivil_03/_ato2019-2022/2020/mpv/mpv936.htm

British Virgin Islands (UK)



Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As part of the government's \$62.9m stimulus package, \$10 millions will be allocated to the Covid-19 Unemployment Relief Fund, which will support residents affected by the pandemic for a period of up to three months. Compensation will be on a case by case basis and individuals have to provide the relevant information on how they were affected by the pandemic. The SSB will administer and monitor the initiative. Those applying must have paid at least 13 out of 20 weeks of SSB contributions before March 30, 2020; be financially impacted by Covid-19; and be actively seeking employment. The benefit will be calculated at a rate of 50 percent of insurable earnings up to a maximum of \$1,000 and a minimum of \$500 a month.^{153 154}
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	

¹⁵³ <https://www.bvibeacon.com/62-9m-stimulus-package-unveiled/>

¹⁵⁴ http://www.virginislandsdailynews.com/breaking/covid-19/bvi-rolls-out-62-9-million-covid-19-economic-stimulus-package/article_bcff1ba6-ff08-50cc-b048-85df36f4578f.html

	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assistance with food supplies delivered to over 800 families' homes during the 24h curfew period, jointly organized by the Social Development Department, BVI Red Cross and the Family Support Network. It prioritizes the needs of the most vulnerable, including the elderly, persons with chronic illnesses and with children first, then the unemployed or those with reduced incomes. They can register with BVI Red Cross hotline at 494-6349 and are then cross-referenced with the list of Social Development Department and other agencies. Items included in each package are basic and essential products such as flour, rice, beans, water and fruits and vegetables.^{155 156}
	School feeding	
	Public works	
	Utility waivers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Water and Sewerage customers across the Territory have been given a month's suspension in payment of their water charges.¹⁵⁷
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions	
Labor Markets	Activation measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Government allocated \$6.5 million to help businesses that have been affected by the Covid-19 pandemic and government-enforced closures. Businesses can apply for a grant, and recipients are expected to make a genuine effort to keep their staff employed.¹⁵⁸
	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	

¹⁵⁵ <https://bvinews.com/high-response-from-residents-in-need-of-food-supplies/>

¹⁵⁶ https://scontent.fbgi2-1.fna.fbcdn.net/v/t1.0-9/93308675_1313972948993232_2304899477913206784_n.jpg?_nc_cat=107&_nc_sid=110474&_nc_ohc=K96NBcwmC2lAX9pl0HQ&_nc_ht=scontent.fbgi2-1.fna&oh=82977560a151239fd6574c946c9ec00f&oe=5ECEA767

¹⁵⁷ <https://bvi.gov.vg/media-centre/water-charges-suspended-one-month>

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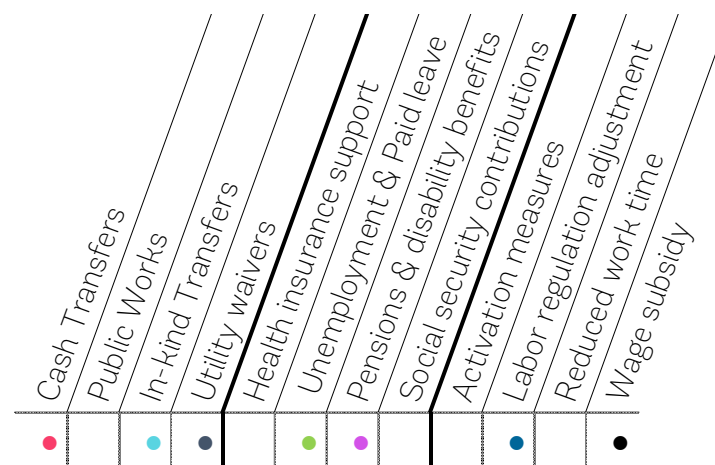
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Health insurance	
Unemployment support	
Pensions & disability leave	
Social security contributions	•
Activation measures	
Labor regulation adjustment	
Wage subsidy	

Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	
	School feeding	
	Public works	
Social Insurance	Utility waivers	
	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	

	Social security contributions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The fiscal measures include amongst others, the deferment of payments on Employees Trust Fund (TAP) and Supplementary Contributory Pension (SCP) contributions.¹⁵⁹
Labor Markets	Activation measures	
	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	

¹⁵⁹ <https://www.imf.org/en/Topics/imf-and-covid19/Policy-Responses-to-COVID-19>

Bulgaria



Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	
	One-off cash transfers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Ministry of Labour and Social Policy is introducing a one-off cash transfer of BGN 375 (EUR 192) to parents of children under 12 who are on unpaid leave for at least 20 days due to inability to work from home during the state of emergency. This assistance will be means tested as the monthly income per family member should not be higher than the minimum wage BGN 610. Other conditions: parents should not have any other income from rents, services or additional contracts, should not receive other assistance under the Social Assistance Act, should not to be included in the scheme for wage subsidies to employers 60/40 and should have exhausted their paid leave Children should have attended kindergarten or school before 13 March 2020, and the parents should have been insured in the last six months.¹⁶⁰ (new) The Government decided to expand the coverage of the one-off cash transfer to include parents of children up to 14 years as well as families in which one or both parents have lost their jobs but are not

¹⁶⁰ <https://www.mlsp.government.bg/index.php?section=PRESS2&prid=1977&lang=>

		entitled to unemployment benefits. The aid will be paid in the event that the parents applying for it are not covered by the job-saving compensation scheme, which has gained popularity as the measure 60/40. Both parents or the single parent must be insured under the Social Insurance Code within the last 6 months. This condition will not apply to unemployed parents without the right to unemployment benefits. The assistance may be granted if the child/children in the family attended a nursery, kindergarten or school before 13 March 2020. It will also be granted to foster families and families of relatives, in which the child is placed under the Child Protection Act. They must meet the criteria.
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Ministry of Labour and Social Policy reallocated BGN 45 million (US\$ 24.8 million) under Operational Programme Human Resources Development for expanding the coverage and scope of the home visiting services provided to elderly people and other vulnerable groups (people with disabilities), including the delivery of food and medicines. The services are provided by the municipalities. Expanding the coverage and scope of in-kind support for the elderly, people with disabilities, and people living under the poverty line. This includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> provision of individual food packages by the Bulgarian Red Cross to an additional 41,000 beneficiaries¹⁶¹; provision of hot meals through municipalities to 50,000 additional recipients.¹⁶²
	School feeding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Over 420,000 children and students from more than 3,200 schools will receive their products under the food schemes "School fruit" and

¹⁶¹ <https://www.mlsp.government.bg/index.php?section=PRESS2&prid=1969&lang=>

¹⁶² <http://asp.government.bg/bg/koronavirus-covid-19/agentsiyata-za-sotsialno-podpomagane-publikuva-utvardena-ot-ministara-na-truda-i-sotsialnata-politika-tseleva-programa-topal-obyad-u-doma-v-usloviyata-na-izvanredna-situatsiya-2020-g>

		"School milk" in their homes. Fruit and dairy products will be delivered to schools and after that will be distributed to families through the home visiting services of the Ministry of Labour and Social Policy. The measure will be valid for the entire period of the emergency situation and deliveries will be made on a weekly basis. ¹⁶³
	Public works	
	Utility waivers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Ministry of Energy introduced a deferral for the payment of utility bills for electricity for up to 30 days. At the same time the possibility for each client to negotiate and rescheduling the amounts due for electricity is preserved.¹⁶⁴
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All medical certificates determining the degree of lost working capacity (the validity of these documents for people below standard retirement age is between 1 and 3 years; working capacity of people above standard retirement age doesn't need to be reassessed) which expire during the period of the state of emergency and have to be renewed, are automatically renewed for the whole period of the state of emergency + 2 months after that. Approximately 75,000 disability pensioners will benefit from that measure. All pensions of working pensioners will be recalculated officially as of 1 April on the basis of the data in the administrative registers. In Bulgaria, pensioners can work and receive a pension and a salary without restrictions. Now, pensioners are not required to submit any documents and to contact the NSSI's staff. The idea is to limit the number of visitors of the NSSI's offices as a precautionary measure and to reduce the risk COVID-19 spread. Approximately 258 000 pensioners will benefit from that measure.

¹⁶³ <https://www.mzh.government.bg/bg/press-center/novini/nad-420-000-deca-i-uchenici-she-poluchat-polagashi/>

¹⁶⁴ <https://www.me.government.bg/bg>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase in pensions with 50 leva a month for a period of three consecutive months. (318 million leva) ¹⁶⁵
	Unemployment benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On Monday (23 March) the National Assembly adopted an Emergency Measures and Actions Act, which was later amended. For the moment, the period of the state of emergency is two months, i.e. from 13 March to 13 May. Over this period, the Unemployment Fund will pay 60% of the income of the employees from sectors most heavily influenced by the COVID-19 crisis for up to three months. The Council of Ministers has adopted the criteria and procedures according to which employers will be able to receive support. In addition to employers in sectors, where operations have been suspended as a result of the social distancing measures (tourism, sports, culture, etc.), any other employer that can prove a 20% y/y drop in revenue in March is also eligible for the 60% salary subsidy. • Unemployment benefit claims shall be submitted by the claimants through the local employment offices at the same time when they get registered as jobseekers. National Employment Agency (a structure to the Minister of Labour and Social Policy) will inform NSSI through the means of electronic data exchange about the submitted claims. Further measures are under consideration ¹⁶⁶.
	Social security contributions	
Labor Markets	Activation measures	
	Labor market regulations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provisions allowing employers to hire workers who are on unpaid leave from other companies without the authorization of the first employer unless there is an explicit prohibition in the main labour contract of the worker. There are no restrictions on the time that employees can work under the second employment contract while on unpaid leave. The

¹⁶⁵ <https://sofiaglobe.com/2020/07/27/covid-19-bulgarian-cabinet-adds-1-9b-leva-to-stimulus-funding-to-extend-epidemic-declaration/>

¹⁶⁶ <https://dv.parliament.bg/DVWeb/showMaterialDV.jsp?idMat=147150>

		only requirement is for the second employer to ensure observance of daily and weekly rest periods. ¹⁶⁷
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BGN 1 billion was allocated for paying 60% of the wages of workers who risk being laid off because of the crisis in the course of three months, provided that their employees cover the remaining 40 per cent. According to latest data from MLSP, 7,403 employers have submitted applications for 101,849 employees (as of 29 April 2020).¹⁶⁸ • Another BGN 200 million was conferred to BBD for providing portfolio guarantees to commercial banks so that they can provide unsecured interest-free loans in the amount of up to BGN 1,500 (US\$827) to workers who are put on unpaid leave.^{169 170} • Finally, a supplementary pay in the amount of BGN 1,000 (US\$552) was accorded to medical staff and other front-line responders to the pandemic

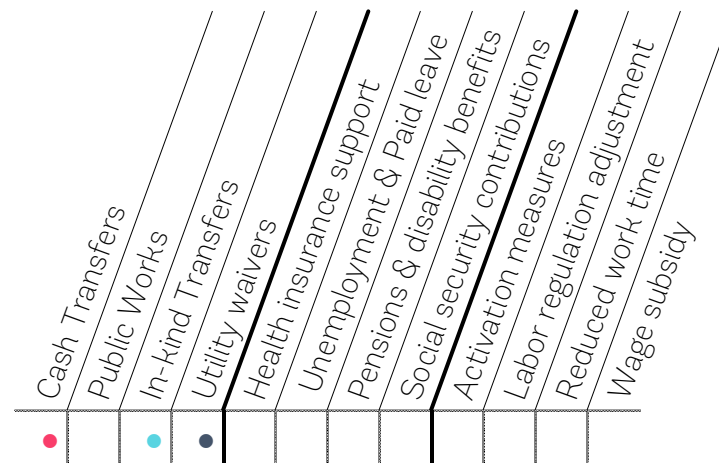
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¹⁶⁹ <https://www.bnt.bg/en/a/coronavirus-government-allocates-funds-for-increased-costs-of-ministries>

¹⁷⁰ <https://www.investor.bg/ikonomika-i-politika/332/a/dyrjavata-zadelia-45-mlrd-lv-za-podkrepa-na-ikonomikata-zaradi-koronavirusa-301072/>

Burkina Faso



Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cash transfers to informal sector workers (fruits and vegetable sellers). Total cost of US\$10 million (5 billion CFA) to help the fruits and vegetable informal retailers affected by the situation, particularly women. More details to be announced¹⁷¹. (new)
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Price controls for staple foods. Type of food included in this measure are cereals (rice, millets, sorghum, maize, beans) and others food items (sugar, oil) but also gasoline and cooking gas In-kind transfers to market vendors. This aimed at the most-vulnerable people of the markets that have been closed due to the outbreak.

¹⁷¹ <https://lefaso.net/spip.php?article95931>

	School feeding	
	Public works	
	Utility waivers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To promote the use of electronic payment tools the Western Africa Central Bank (BCEAO) is providing more flexible measures to open a mobile money and making transfers between people backed by electronic money free. • Several utilities support including: subsidies for water bills and water points, subsidies for electricity bills (100% for certain types of connections, 50% for others), removal of penalties on water and electricity bills, reduction of costs of solar panel kits by 50% for poor households, and finally, subsidies on water and electricity costs for market vendors. Moreover, vehicle tax is delayed to late June 2020
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions	
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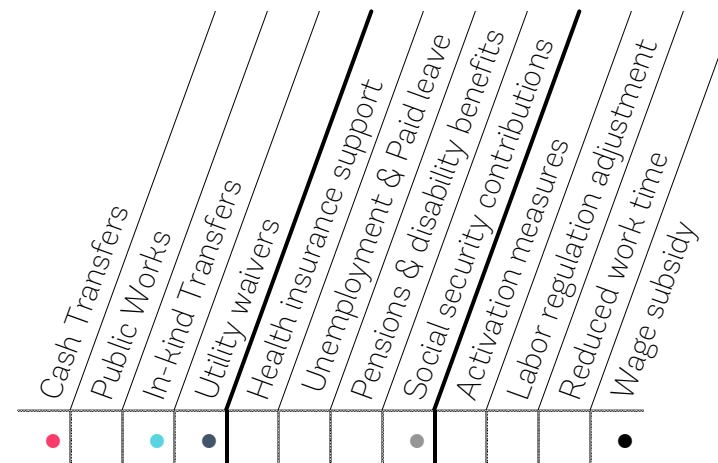
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Social Insurance	School feeding	
	Public works	
	Utility waivers	
	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
Labor Markets	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions	
	Activation measures	
	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	Subsidies are planned to help pay salaries in these sectors and avoid massive layoffs. Salaries for suspended services such as those

provided at the Melchior Ndadaye International Airport will continue to be paid with government support.

Cabo Verde



Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expansion of CTs under the existing SP project to 8,000 families (from original 5,000) a monthly income of 5,500 escudos (US\$53) ¹⁷²
	One-off cash transfers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support for workers in micro and small enterprises and self-employed in the informal sector, including sellers of informal commerce and municipal markets. These workers are guaranteed a value of 10,000 escudos (US\$100) for one month. 30,000 workers are expected to benefit. ¹⁷³
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Immediate Food Assistance to 22,500 families (around 90,000 people), whose income is below the minimum wage or without any source of income

¹⁷² <https://www.mfis.gov.cv/index.php/about-us-2/blog-2-columns-view/205-governo-implementa-medidas-de-protecao-social-para-as-familias-e-ao-protecao-do-rendimento>

¹⁷³ <https://www.mfis.gov.cv/index.php/about-us-2/blog-2-columns-view/205-governo-implementa-medidas-de-protecao-social-para-as-familias-e-ao-protecao-do-rendimento>

	School feeding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support for school feeding for around 30,000 children who belong to the most vulnerable households.¹⁷⁴
	Public works	
	Utility waivers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Households and firms that borrow from banks will, according to a decision announced by the Central Bank of Cabo Verde, have a three-month moratorium on payment of debt instalments.
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One of the measures include the cancellation of contributions to Pension Fund for three months.
Labor Markets	Activation measures	
	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Employees will get 70% of gross salary in the event of the labor contract being suspended. 35% will be paid by the employer and 35% by INPS (National Institute of Social Security).¹⁷⁵

¹⁷⁴ <https://expressodasilhas.cv/pais/2020/03/27/governo-garante-rendimento-a-30-mil-trabalhadores-informais/68653>

¹⁷⁵ <https://www.asemana.publ.cv/?MEDIDAS-PARA-APOIAR-AS-EMPRESAS-E-AUMENTAR-A&ak=1>

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Cambodia



Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The government will spend \$25 million a month to provide money to 610,000 households identified by an existing program as the poorest. The program will provide 80,000 ren (USD \$20) to rural families and 120,000 (USD \$30) to urban families. Update: so far the government spent 24 million U.S. dollars to support more than 560,000 poor families (in June), and the spending rose to 28 million dollars (in July) after we had found another 50,000 new poor families.^{176 177}
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Food distribution to pagodas and poor population (6,580 poor families in Ponhea Krek District, Tbong Khmum Province and Cheach Commune, Kamchay Mear District, Prey Veng Province)¹⁷⁸

¹⁷⁶ <https://www.nst.com.my/world/region/2020/06/602383/cambodia-provide-handouts-millions-affected-covid-19>

¹⁷⁷ http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2020-07/21/c_139229272.htm

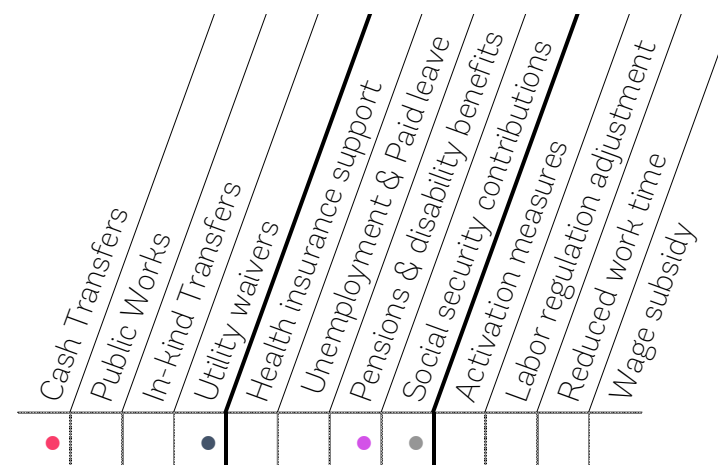
¹⁷⁸ <http://www.mosvy.gov.kh/article/491>

	School feeding	
	Public works	
	Utility waivers	
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suspension of monthly contributions to NSSF for enterprises in the garment and tourism sectors¹⁷⁹
Labor Markets	Activation measures	USD 64 mn has been allocated for wage subsidies and skill training program for suspended workers/employees in the garments and tourism industries
	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Companies wishing to suspend employment contracts must first submit an application to the Ministry of Labor and Vocational Training (MLVT). If approved, the suspended employees can receive monthly allowances from the government.¹⁸⁰ The maximum period for suspension is two months but this can be extended further depending on the circumstances.
	Wage subsidies	

¹⁷⁹ <https://www.aseanbriefing.com/news/incentives-obligations-announced-businesses-cambodia-tourism-garment-industries/>

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Cameroon



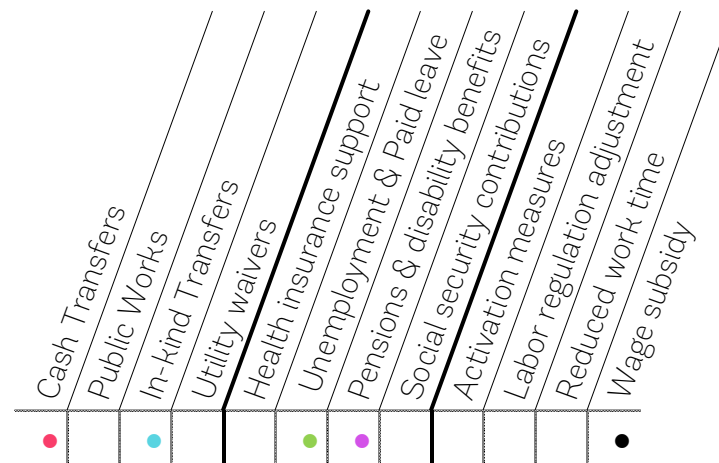
Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase in family allowance from CFAF 2,800 to CFAF 4,500 ¹⁸¹
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	
	School feeding	
	Public works	
	Utility waivers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MTN Cameroon announces the suspension, effective Friday, 20 March 2020, of the payment of fees on money transfers between MTN Mobile Money accounts. This measure suspending the payment of fees concerns money transfers for amounts up to 20,000 FCFA (twenty thousand francs). The measure will be limited to 3 transactions per day, per account, and will be valid for a period of 30 days. This may be reviewed based on the evolution of the health crisis. MTN Cameroon, by suspending the payment of money transfer fees between Mobile Money accounts, seeks to provide its support in the fight against this

¹⁸¹ <http://www.crtv.cm/2020/04/covid19-prime-minister-joseph-dion-ngute-unveils-19-relieve-measures/>

		Coronavirus, by reducing the use of cash as much as possible, and favoring distance payments ¹⁸² .
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 20% increase in pensions for those that did not benefit from the revaluation following the 2016 reform
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions	spreading the payment of the social security contributions for the second quarter over three instalments and canceling late fees.
Labor Markets	Activation measures	
	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	

¹⁸² <https://mtn.cm/2020/03/19/mtn-cameroon-suspends-payment-of-money-transfer-fees-by-mobile-money-to-fight-against-the-spread-of-covid19/>

Canada



Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Income support is provided for those who don't qualify for employment insurance, including a payment of \$2,000 per month for the next 4 months.¹⁸³ ¹⁸⁴ British Columbia will provide a one-time CAD 1,000 payment to people who lost their incomes due to COVID-19.¹⁸⁵ Other provisions under the B.C. Emergency Benefit for Workers include tax credits, suspension of evictions of tenants in subsidized and affordable housing, temporary rent supplements of up to CAD 500 per month paid to landlords, six-month freeze on student loan payments, and payment deferral and/or subsidies for water bills. (new – BC)
	One-off cash transfers	

¹⁸³ <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/coronavirus-disease-covid-19.html%20https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/03/canadas-covid-19-economic-response-plan-support-for-canadians-and-businesses.html>

¹⁸⁴ <https://www.theglobeandmail.com/politics/article-trudeau-says-new-merged-benefits-will-help-workers-affected-by-covid/>

¹⁸⁵ https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/employment-business/covid-19-financial-supports?bcgovtm=20200319_GCPE_AM_COVID_4_NOTIFICATION_BCGOV_BCGOV_EN_BC_NOTIFICATION#BCEBW

	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	
	School feeding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> British Columbia arranged to provide school meals for at-risk students.
	Public works	
Social Insurance	Utility waivers	
	Paid sick leave	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The usual one-week waiting period will be waived for people who are in quarantine or have been directed to self-isolate and are claiming for Employment Insurance (EI) sickness benefits (estimated cost of \$5M). Eligible workers with no or limited paid-leave benefits through their employers can apply for up to 15 weeks of employment insurance if they cannot work for medical reasons such as cancer, a broken leg, or in this case, being quarantined in a public-health threat. The current EI payment is 55% of earnings up to a maximum of \$573 a week.¹⁸⁶ Self-employed have access to new temporary sickness benefit for sickness absence due to COVID-19 or quarantine
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> OSFI freezes defined benefit transfers and annuity purchases, extends regulatory deadlines – The Office of the Superintendent of Financial Institutions (OSFI) has announced that it would implement certain regulatory adjustments in light of the extraordinary circumstances posed by the COVID-19 crisis. OSFI has announced a temporary freeze on portability transfers and annuity purchases relating to defined benefit provisions of pension plans. Additionally, the deadlines for certain actions and filing requirements under federal pension legislation have been extended Seniors to receive up to \$500 in a one-time payment to offset added costs due to COVID-19¹⁸⁷
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions	

¹⁸⁶ <https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/corporate/notices/coronavirus.html>

¹⁸⁷ <https://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/seniors-supports-covid19-1.5565743>

Labor Markets	Activation measures	
	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 75% wage subsidy up to CAD 847 per week or CAD 58,700 per employee for eligible employers for up to 24 weeks, retroactive to August 29 ,2020 to prevent job losses and allow for rehiring workers. The subsidy is available for a subset of employers, excluding public bodies, experiencing a drop of at least 30% of their revenues.^{188 189}

¹⁸⁸ <https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/economic-response-plan/wage-subsidy.html>

¹⁸⁹ <https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/subsidy/emergency-wage-subsidy.html>

Caribbean (Netherlands)



Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Households or persons who, despite the income schemes and support from their immediate environment, do not have enough money for food, can apply for food package support¹⁹⁰
	School feeding	
	Public works	
	Utility waivers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Households and companies in Bonaire can expect a reduction in costs of the electricity and water bills of nearly USD 60.00 per month as of May 1st until the end of this year. For St. Eustatius this is more than USD 50.00 per month and for Saba USD 44.00 per month¹⁹¹.

¹⁹⁰ <https://english.rijksdienstcn.com/covid-19/news/2020/april/24/food-aid-for-the-most-vulnerable-households>

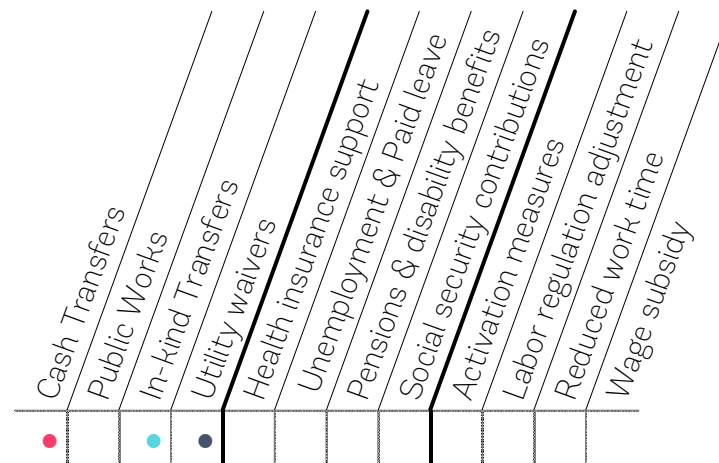
¹⁹¹ <https://english.rijksdienstcn.com/covid-19/news/2020/may/5/reduction-in-costs-for-households-and-companies-caribbean-netherlands>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Households in need can qualify for support when paying fixed costs such as rent, WEB or internet bills.¹⁹²
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions	
Labor Markets	Activation measures	
	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To prevent employers from having to dismiss employees, there is a temporary emergency regulation for employers on Bonaire, Saba and St. Eustatius. Employers can receive a contribution towards labor costs. Independent entrepreneurs or people who were employees, but no longer have an employer because of the coronavirus, can also apply for this emergency regulation. The arrangement was initially for a period of three months, until June 12th, 2020. The arrangement will be extended by four months until October 12th, 2020 at the latest.¹⁹³

¹⁹² <https://english.rijksdienstcn.com/covid-19/news/2020/april/24/food-aid-for-the-most-vulnerable-households>

¹⁹³ [https://english.rijksdienstcn.com/covid-19/emergency-package-government/emergency-Cayman Islands](https://english.rijksdienstcn.com/covid-19/emergency-package-government/emergency-Cayman%20Islands)

Cayman Islands (UK)



Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An additional KY\$425 (US\$510) stipend to those on permanent financial assistance, as well as to seamen and veterans.¹⁹⁴
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work permit holders who urgently require food supplies and who have insufficient income or savings to sustain themselves could, if they qualify, be eligible for a KY\$150 (US\$180) food voucher, effective Wednesday, 1 April. The voucher will provide interim support over a two-week period to those who qualify until the airport reopens or they can resume their jobs.¹⁹⁵
	School feeding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cayman Islands government will organize voucher and daily lunch Programme with distribution through school cafeteria providers and

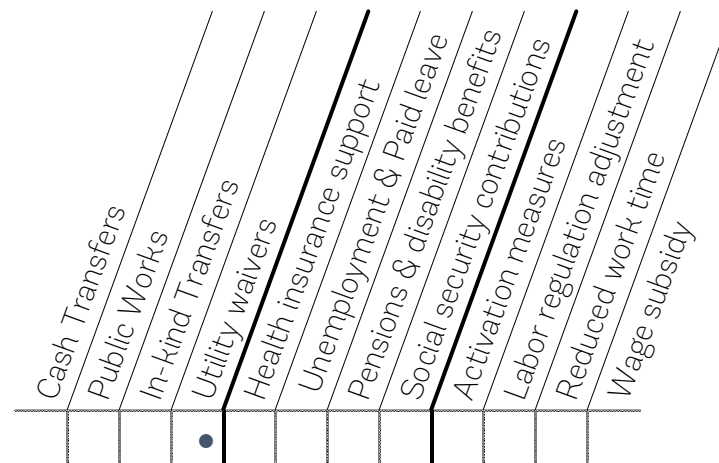
¹⁹⁴ <https://www.caymancompass.com/2020/04/01/one-off-payments-made-to-vulnerable-caymanians/>

¹⁹⁵ <https://caymannewsservice.com/2020/03/nau-receives-81-new-applications/>

		<p>NGO partners.¹⁹⁶ The Department of Education has support from Kiwanis and Feed Our Future (FOF) to run a voucher and daily lunch programme. At the Government Primary school level, Feed our Future will continue to work through school canteens to prepare hot meals for delivery through the help of their dedicated bus services provider from the week of March 23. At the Government Secondary school level, Feed our Future will be working with school counsellors to distribute supermarket food vouchers in staged intervals across the period of the school closure to families in order to ensure access to food.</p>
	Public works	
	Utility waivers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support for Rent and Utilities is also being provided to Needs Assessment Unit clients..
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions	
Labor Markets	Activation measures	
	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	

¹⁹⁶ <https://cdn.wfp.org/2020/school-feeding-map/>

Chad



Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	
	School feeding	
	Public works	
	Utility waivers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Electricity and water bill of vulnerable households will be paid by the State throughout the territory for six months (water) and three months (electricity)
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions	

Labor Markets	Activation measures	
	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	

Chile



Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Ministry of Social Development has introduced the <i>Ingreso Familiar de Emergencia</i> – a new, transitory transfer program intended for households that depend on informal work for their livelihood. Nearly 2 million households are expected to receive the transfer which will be granted for a maximum of three months. The first payout corresponds to 100 percent of the full transfer amount, the second payout 85 percent and the third 65 percent. The transfer amount depends on household type (whether the households is exclusively informal, or whether the households is vulnerable and partially informal) and size of the household. As an example, a household with four members that are exclusively dependent on income from the informal sector will receive a first transfer corresponding to CLP \$ 280,000 (USD \$ 340). Partially informal households will receive half of that amount.¹⁹⁷ Subsidio Familiar: This grant is awarded to those families that belong to the Chile Seguridades y Oportunidades program and the Family Subsidy, especially those in extreme poverty.¹⁹⁸

¹⁹⁷<http://portal.nexnews.cl/showN?valor=MzFSNjk4MjYyRDE2NjM1MjQyMDcyNTEwMTI0ODE5MjUzOTUxMzY1MDE1NDU5MTUxNjgxNTQ2NTE0NTM1MjU0NDYyMDY0MFC1NTU1NTU1NTU1>

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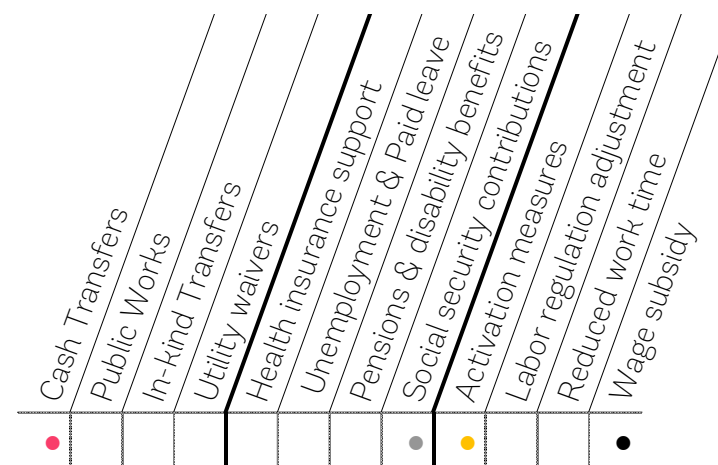
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	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The President of Chile just announced “Alimentos Para Chile” a new program that will deliver food baskets to vulnerable families. Approximately 2.5 million baskets of nonperishable food and hygiene products will be delivered directly to the homes of the beneficiaries. According to the president, 70 % of the most vulnerable will benefit from this program. The deliveries will start no later than May 25 and will be carried out with help of the Armed Forces and the Carabineros de Chile.¹⁹⁹
	School feeding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Distribution of food packages out of special buses, at schools or from alternative distribution sites. Some schools remain open only for the food distribution. The government has designed a food delivery system to continue to benefit 1,600,000 children and adolescents. Individual baskets will be delivered, containing breakfasts and lunches for ten (10) business days²⁰⁰.
	Public works	
	Utility waivers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Postponement of payment of the first installment of contributions, and forgiveness of interest and fines for taxes and late declarations and facilities to enter into payment agreements in the Treasury. Reduction to 0% of the Stamp and Stamp Tax for 6 months.
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leave with pay (guaranteed through the Solidarity Unemployment Fund) for all workers, public and private, who due to emergency reasons must remain at home without the possibility of remote work (USD \$ 2 billion).
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	

¹⁹⁹ https://www.cnnchile.com/pais/gobierno-entrega-2-millones-canastas-alimentos_20200518/

²⁰⁰ <https://cdn.wfp.org/2020/school-feeding-map/>

	Social security contributions	
Labor Markets	Activation measures	
	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	

China



Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The latest government policy directive (6 March 2020) instructed local governments to extend coverage of dibao and temporary assistance programs, simplify the application and approval process, and increase the benefit level to cover the families who are affected by the epidemic (both directly through infection and indirectly through economic impacts). Examples are available at local level (information collected by WBG): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In Hubei province, RMB 500 for urban Dibao recipients and RMB 300 for rural Dibao recipients were transferred as temporary living allowance subsidies. Temporary assistance (emergency help in nature) supported more than 13000 people with cash transfer of RMB 30 million and provided temporary resettlement for more than 6000 people in 69 sites. In Chongqing, a transfer of twice the monthly Dibao amount was introduced to some recipients if they were infected as temporary assistance. In Shenzhen, the amount of cash transfer as temporary assistance could range between 2-18 times of the local Dibao threshold based on the individual recipient's situation.

		<p>- Total top up is RMB 156 billion (\$22 billion) by June 2020 and total new beneficiaries 62 million by March 2020²⁰¹</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unemployment social assistance for up to 6 months for the unemployed not eligible for unemployment social insurance benefits. Increased social assistance to families in difficulties (2.38 million workers by March 2020).²⁰² • Provide emergency income and social support to the stranded population. The emergency assistance costs RMB 37.6 million (\$5.3 million) by March 2020 and benefited 15,000 who received cash transfers and 6,000 received temporary resettlement by March 2020²⁰³
	One-off cash transfers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cash transfer for retention migrant population in Wuhan. One-time cash assistance of RMB 3000. (new – Wuhan)
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	
	School feeding	
	Public works	
	Utility waivers	
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Between February and June 2020, all enterprises enrolled in China's Social Security Schemes are exempt from making employer contributions to pension, unemployment, and work-related injury insurance schemes.²⁰⁴ For instance, this is the case of the Hubei province. For other provinces and cities (except Hubei), micro, small, and medium-sized enterprises are exempt from making employer

²⁰¹ China Economic Update - July 2020

²⁰² http://www.gov.cn/zhengce/content/2020-03/20/content_5493574.htm

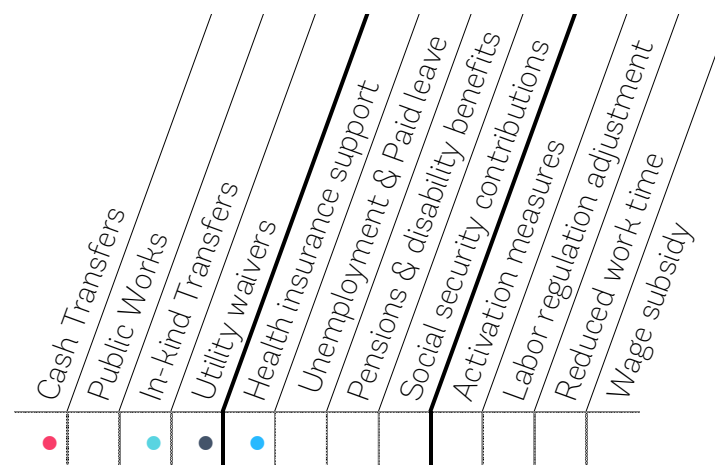
²⁰³ China Economic Update - July 2020

²⁰⁴ <https://home.kpmg/cn/en/home/insights/2020/02/china-tax-alert-15.html>

		contributions to pension, unemployment, and work-related injury insurance schemes. Large enterprises may reduce employer contributions to pension, unemployment, and work-related injury insurance schemes by 50% (.RMB 600 billion (\$84.6 billion) by June 2020) ²⁰⁵
Labor Markets	Activation measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The measures include: (i) coordination across line ministries and between migrant-sending and receiving regions to provide transportation and employment services to support return to work; (ii) enhanced use of UI funds to provide public employment and online learning and training services; and (iii) expanded online recruitment, online employment guidance and postponing face to face interview to support job search of college graduates.
	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time Wage subsidies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As part of general guidance to provinces, China is encouraging the use of unemployment insurance funds to provide wage and job subsidies to enterprises, in particular for SMEs. The amount varies by locality, but for example in Nanjing, it has been 100 yuan per worker per day

²⁰⁵ http://www.mohrss.gov.cn/gkml/zcfg/gfxwj/202002/t20200221_360350.html

Côte d'Ivoire

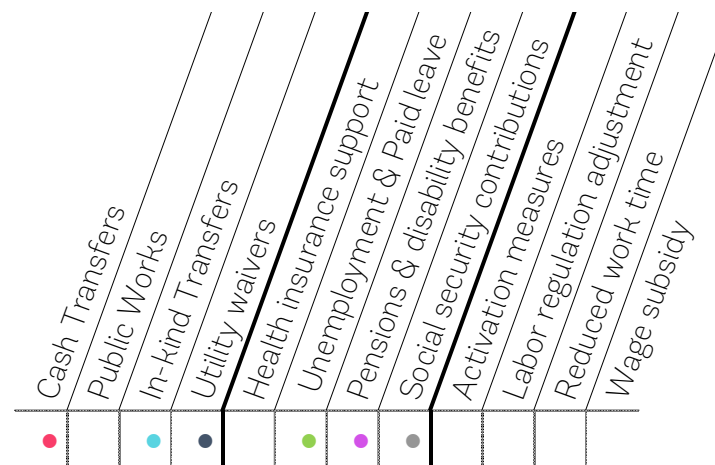


Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Government of Côte d'Ivoire established a Solidarity Fund in April 2020 to provide financial support to households impacted by Covid-19. Poor households and individuals (active in the formal and informal sector) who have lost their job or face substantial income losses due to measures in place are eligible for support. For the transitory phase, the 170 billion FCFA Fund is planning to assist 177 000 households in the Greater Abidjan area, through a three-month emergency cash transfer program. Discussions are currently underway to decide whether support will be expanded to the rest of the country, potentially targeting up to 1 million households²⁰⁶
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> food provision and basic supplies to quarantined populations
	School feeding	
	Public works	

²⁰⁶ based on note produced by Solene Rougeaux as part of the G2Px initiative

	Utility waivers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To promote the use of electronic payment tools the Western Africa Central Bank (BCEAO) is providing more flexible measures to open a mobile money and making transfers between people backed by electronic money free. Postpone, for all subscribers, the payment deadlines for electricity and water bills, from April to July 2020, and from May to August 2020. To this end, payment facilities will be offered for relieve populations. Moreover, the government will take charge of the electricity and water bills, to be paid in April and May 2020, disadvantaged groups, that is households subscribed to the social electricity tariff, and households billed only in the social tranche for water. This concerns more than a million households, or around 6 million of our fellow citizens.
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> three months of Universal Health Coverage (Couverture Maladie Universelle, CMU) premiums to all beneficiaries of financial support in the form of cash transfers
	Pensions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions	
Labor Markets	Activation measures	
	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	

Colombia



Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two existing programs will pay additional benefits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> One additional cash payment to 2.6M households (10,548,119 individuals) that are beneficiaries of Familias en Acción. Transfer is of COP 145,000 (\$98 in 2011 PPP) One additional cash payment to 204,000 beneficiaries of Jóvenes en Acción (COP 356,000, or \$240). (all vertical expansion) Another special measure consists in anticipating the implementation of the VAT Refund to the Poor Program that is expected to distribute 3% of the funds collected as VAT to the most vulnerable families. The transfer is nearly COP 80,000 per household (\$47). This program was scheduled to start on January 2021, with a pilot of 100.000 families; however, now it will start on April 8, 2020, and will include around 1M people among the most vulnerable segments of the population²⁰⁷.

²⁰⁷ <https://www.eltiempo.com/politica/gobierno/coronavirus-en-colombia-medidas-del-gobierno-para-evitar-el-pico-del-covid-19-475032>

	One-off cash transfers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New cash transfer program, “solidarity income”, includes a one-off payment of COP 160,000 (\$108)²⁰⁸ for informal workers and their families. These include 3M households identified by via SISBEN and tax collection databases. Payment is planned for week of March 30-April 5 through bank account for half of identified households who have those; through electronic payments through cells phones for others.²⁰⁹ (new) • A program called “Bogotá Solidaria En Casa” will provide poor and vulnerable families of the District with cash for the 23-day quarantine (03/25-04/13) to prevent them to have to get out their home to a daily subsistence income. The transfer is estimated to cover ~70% of their expenditure. Conditions and requirements include comply with quarantine and not having been reported of domestic violence. It will benefit 500,000 families (350,000 ‘poor’ and 150,000 ‘vulnerable’ ones) identified via 2018 Census, SISBEN, and District’s own data (plus data from cell phone operators). Transfer includes COP 423,000 (\$286) for the poor, COP 178,000 for the vulnerable (\$120). (new – Bogota)
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anticipation of cash payment to 1.7M beneficiaries of Colombia Adulto Mayor program to support consumption (This is the old-age subsidy program for the poor and extreme poor over 60+ years old population). This includes 3 monthly payments for March, April, and May (total of COP 70,000) advanced to March 25 and April 6. • Colombia Mayor (Unconditional transfers for destitute older adults, who do not have a pension or live in extreme poverty or indigence) will pay a single payment for 1.7 million older adults worth COP \$240,000 (US\$68). (new)
	In-kind transfers	

²⁰⁸ <https://www.eltiempo.com/politica/gobierno/ultimas-medidas-anunciadas-por-ivan-duque-antes-de-la-cuarentena-nacional-476678>

²⁰⁹ <https://id.presidencia.gov.co/Paginas/prensa/2020/Hoy-tenemos-identificados-3-millones-hogares-en-la-informalidad-sabemos-donde-estan-y-en-municipios-afirmo-Diego-Mol-200325.aspx>

	Food, vouchers, others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ICBF delivers “reinforced food baskets for children and women at nutritional risk” to 1.7M household beneficiaries of ICBF programs. • Voucher for food basket delivered by the Red Cross and including in-kind donations from supermarket chains (people and firms can donate through a new platform: bogotasolidariaencasa.gov.co)
	School feeding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On March 24, 2020, the government of Colombia announced that children that benefit from the national school feeding programme - Programa de Alimentación Escolar (PAE) – will continue to receive meals at home during the COVID-19-induced nation-wide school closures. The government intends to implement the measure within the same week of the announcement and will not only cover the next few weeks but also plans to cover the coming few months^{210 211}
	Public works	
	Utility waivers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water services are provided free of charge for low income families (strata 1 and 2).²¹² Also, financial relief measures will be provided to individuals and families (and all-sized enterprises) that are not able to pay their financial obligations. This relief will be active for around two months. The measure includes the possibility to freeze all credit payments, including mortgages, car loans, credit cards, etc. • The district government will issue a decree that would allow the exemption of the payment of public services for a month for the houses and apartments of Bogotá. The measure would apply to services utilized between March 20 and April 20.²¹³ • In addition, large financial institutions such as Bancolombia, Grupo Aval and Davivienda froze for three months all credit payments

²¹⁰ <https://id.presidencia.gov.co/Paginas/prensa/2020/Ministra-de-Educacion-anuncia-que-los-estudiantes-beneficiarios-del-PAE-recibiran-alimentos-en-sus-casas-200324.aspx>

²¹¹ <https://cdn.wfp.org/2020/school-feeding-map/>

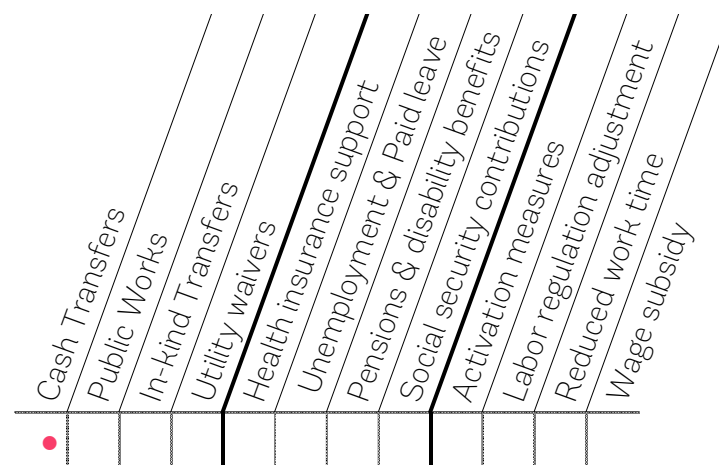
²¹² <https://www.colombia.com/actualidad/nacionales/ivan-duque-anuncia-medidas-economicas-a-causa-del-covid-19-264409>

²¹³ <https://www.dinero.com/pais/articulo/coronavirus-por-que-el-distrito-no-cobrara-un-mes-de-servicios-publicos/283207>

		including mortgages and consumption credits for individuals, and microcredits for SMEs.
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anticipation of cash payment to 1.7M beneficiaries of Colombia Adulto Mayor program to support consumption (This is the old-age subsidy program for the poor and extreme poor over 60+ years old population). This includes 3 monthly payments for March, April, and May (total of COP 70,000) advanced to March 25 and April 6.
	Unemployment benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unemployment Payments and paid social security (health and pensions payments) for formal workers that lost their jobs due to the COVID-19. The Ministry of Labor, through the Cajas de Compensaciones, will provide three monthly unemployment payments for those formal workers that lost their jobs due to the COVID-19. Over the three months, the beneficiaries will receive up to 2 monthly minimum wages in total (COP 1'961.314) and paid social security mandatory contributions to the health and pensions systems. 214
	Social security contributions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advances from the Unemployment Mandatory Savings (Cesantías). The Ministry of Labor issued a decree allowing workers affected by the COVID-19 to request an advance from their Unemployment Mandatory Saving (Cesantías) to cover any labor income gap caused by the COVID-19. (admin adaptation) • A two-month suspension of pension contributions by both employees and employers.
Labor Markets	Activation measures	
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²¹⁴ <https://coronaviruscolombia.gov.co/Covid19/acciones-25-marzo.html>

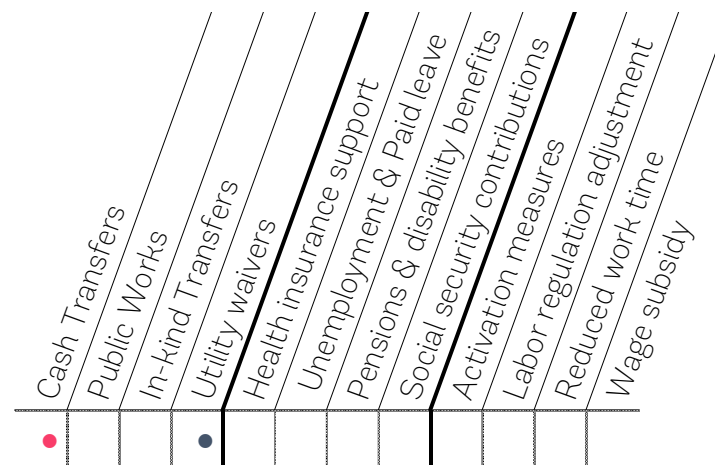
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Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Government plans to provide emergency support to the vulnerable in need, through social cash transfers. The number of beneficiaries is estimated to be equal to 23.5 percent of the total population, approx 160 000 people
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	
	School feeding	
Social Insurance	Public works	
	Utility waivers	•
	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
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Labor Markets	Labor market regulations	
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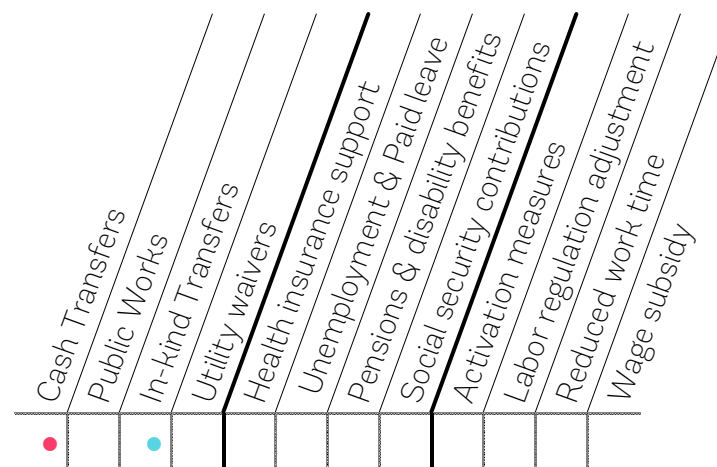
Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The government is planning a cash transfers in Kinshasa and other affected provinces within the context of COVID-19. 2 million social transfer beneficiaries are expected to benefit from this transfer. Total budget allocated is US\$50 million ²¹⁵
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	
	School feeding	
Social Insurance	Public works	
	Utility waivers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> the State is providing free water and electricity services to all households for two months ²¹⁶
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	

²¹⁵ based on note produced by Alphonsus Nji T Achomuma as part of the G2Px initiative)

²¹⁶ <https://zoom-eco.net/a-la-une/rdc-letat-rend-gratuite-la-fourniture-deau-et-delectricite-aux-menages-durant-deux-mois/>

	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions	
Labor Markets	Activation measures	
	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	

Congo



Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100, 000 families affected by COVID-19 to receive around 50 000 CFA each (around 5 billion CFA).
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 16, 000 people chiefly elderly, children and student looked down to receive food and hygiene packages. For the entire 12 administrative regions of the country, communication packages on covid-19 and hygiene materials have been distributed (the cost is over 200 million CFA)
	School feeding	
	Public works	
	Utility waivers	
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	

	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions	
Labor Markets	Activation measures	
	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	

Cook Islands



Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For each child (age 0-16), currently already on the child benefit, an additional \$100 on top of the current \$50 will be allocated for every fortnight during closure of school outside of the school holidays. Application process not required. For each child, not currently on the child benefit, an allocation of \$100 will be allocated for every fortnight during closure of school outside of the school holidays. Application process required.²¹⁷ (vertical expansion)
	One-off cash transfers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One-off Payment to be paid on top of the current welfare payment next fortnight in the amount \$400.00 per beneficiary. This one-off support is to assist the most vulnerable as they are not only at health risk from the COVID19 but also likely to be exposed to its economic impact. The cash is only available to those who are currently on the welfare list of infirm, destitute and pensioners.²¹⁸ The Emergency Hardship Fund seeks to provide a quick response to alleviate financial hardship and stress related to the COVID-19 impact

²¹⁷ <https://www.intaff.gov.ck/covid19-response-package/family-elderly-children/school-closure-support/>

²¹⁸ <https://www.intaff.gov.ck/covid19-response-package/family-elderly-children/one-off-support-to-our-existing-beneficiaries-on-welfare-support/>

		<p>in the Cook Islands. The purpose of the fund is to provide essential relief for families and individuals during emergency situations that cannot be supported through other available benefits, subsidies or grants. This is a temporary fund that will be available until 31 December 2020. To be eligible, the applicant should be receiving no income and their annual household income is \$9,000 or below per adult household member, and \$4,500 or below for each child. The Emergency Hardship payment amount is determined by the number of family members in a household, and whether or not other family members are receiving an income or benefits. Individual applicants will receive a fortnightly payment of \$150 for up to 2 months, or a one-off payment of \$600 depending on the circumstances being faced. For families, \$25 per fortnight is added for each eligible family member, up to a family of 5.²¹⁹</p>
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	
	School feeding	
	Public works	
	Utility waivers	
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This support will only cover self-isolation as defined under the public health guidelines, where the employee is: (i) not sick, cannot perform work remotely and has been advised by the Ministry of Health to self-isolate; (ii) not sick but has to care for dependents who are required to self-isolate or who are sick with COVID-19. In cases where the affected employee is not sick and can perform work remotely whilst in mandatory isolation, they will continue to be paid as per their usual rate of pay in agreement with their employer.²²⁰
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	

²¹⁹ [http://www.mfem.gov.ck/images/ COVID19 ERP/Emergency Hardship Fund - ERP Phase II.pdf](http://www.mfem.gov.ck/images/COVID19_ERP/Emergency_Hardship_Fund_-_ERP_Phase_II.pdf)

²²⁰ <https://www.intaff.gov.ck/covid19-response-package/businesses/self-isolation-and-quarantine-cover/>

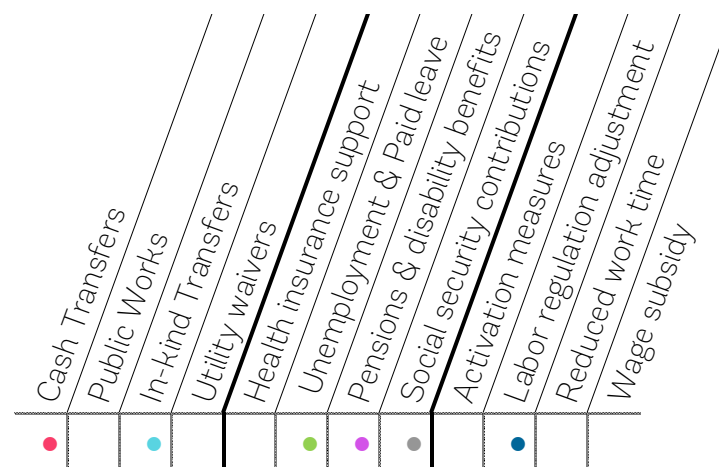
	Social security contributions	
Labor Markets	Activation measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To assist businesses in upskilling their employees to improve their productivity for recovery phase. The training subsidy is based on minimum wage for 35hrs/weekly over an additional period of 3 months, available only to those businesses qualified for the wage subsidy. Employees have to be enrolled in an official training by the 1 July 2020 and to commence by 30 July 2020. If training has occurred prior to these dates, the payment will only be available from 1 July 2020. All training courses must be endorsed or provided by an approved training entity and must run for a period of at least two months, at a minimum of 10 hours per week. Courses may include those provided through the Cook Islands Tertiary Training Institute, University of the South Pacific, and other courses offered by recognized official organizations, such as those offered by online institutions.²²¹
	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wage Subsidy at the minimum wage for a 40-hour week (raised from the current 35-hour week) for employers affected by COVID-19, for up to 3 months (until September), subject to a monthly eligibility review.: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$320 per week for a full-time employee working 20 hours per week or more; \$160 per week for a part-time employee working between 5 and 19 hours per week.²²² The estimated total cost of the Phase II Wage and Training Support Initiative is \$19 million over the next 3 months.²²³

²²¹ <https://www.intaff.gov.ck/covid19-response-package/businesses/training-subsidy/>

²²² <https://www.intaff.gov.ck/covid19-response-package/businesses/wage-subsidy/>

²²³ [http://www.mfem.gov.ck/images/ COVID19 ERP/Wage and Training Subsidy - ERP Phase II.pdf](http://www.mfem.gov.ck/images/COVID19_ERP/Wage_and_Training_Subsidy_-_ERP_Phase_II.pdf)

Costa Rica



Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The implementation of the conditional cash transfer program Avancemos will keep being active with transfers depending on grade levels (\$40-\$62). Similarly, the Crecemos program, which delivers an average of \$35 scholarship per student, will not be interrupted. Emergency benefit (one-off 125k colones – USD 223K) for 33K poor families in the social registry (SINIRUBE) who do not receive any social transfers²²⁴ Monthly subsidy of 200K colones (USD 352) for three months to 375,000 families economically affected by COVID-19
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Social services for social transfer beneficiaries – nurseries open for those workers that need to work even during the containment measures/partial lockdown²²⁵

²²⁴ <https://www.facebook.com/InstitutoMixtodeAyudaSocial/posts/4444580622234748>

²²⁵ <https://www.presidencia.go.cr/comunicados/2020/04/red-nacional-de-cuido-y-desarrollo-infantil-mantiene-operaciones/>

	Social pensions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expansion of 10K non-contributory social pension²²⁶
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Special food packages and sanitary items are delivered for families in extreme poverty.²²⁷
	School feeding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Government switched to take home rations, after unsuccessfully piloting to keep school canteens open amid school. Food baskets include perishables and fresh foods sourced from smallholder farmers.
	Public works Utility waivers	
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> About 70% of pensioners will receive their pension in advance of a week early.²²⁸ Authorization for complementary pension operators to provide partial funds to employees affected by COVID-19.
	Unemployment benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As compensation for the reduction in working hours and pay (legislation passed as response to the Covid-19 crisis), for dismissal and for fall in informal worker income, the government has put forward the Bono Proteger. Noitice. Two levels of benefit: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) 125k colones (USD 223) – unemployed, contract suspended, formal workers with more than 50% cut in working hours and pay and informal workers (ii) 62,500 colones (USD 112) – less than 50% reduction in working hours and pay.
	Social security contributions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3-month deferral for social security contribution and some taxes (including self-employed workers)

²²⁶ <https://semanariouniversidad.com/pais/mas-de-126-000-personas-recibiran-beneficios-de-inyeccion-millonaria-a-regimen-no-contributivo-de-la-caja/>

²²⁷ <https://www.presidencia.go.cr/comunicados/2020/03/gobierno-declara-estado-de-emergencia-nacional-impide-llegada-de-extranjeros-y-se-suspende-lecciones-en-todos-los-centros-educativos-del-pais/>

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Labor Markets	Activation measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To compensate (formal) workers having experienced reductions in working hours or contract suspensions, the government approved changes in the criteria to access the fund for severance payments (FCL).
	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	

Croatia

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Public Works	
In-kind Transfers	
Utility waivers	
Health insurance	
Unemployment support	
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Social security contributions	
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Reduced work time	
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	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	
	School feeding	
Social Insurance	Public works	
	Utility waivers	
	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Government of Croatia will pay pension contributions for both public DB scheme and funded DC individual accounts for the next 3 months (with possibility of extension for another three months) parallel with

		net wage subsidy of HRK 4000 per employee in a sector/establishment that qualifies for the support.
Labor Markets	Activation measures	
	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Payment of HRK 4,000 (-USD 570) net per worker to support entrepreneurs who are facing difficulties preserving jobs or paying workers' salaries. Additionally, the Government will cover the health and pension benefit costs of these workers, or HRK 1,460 per employee. The government has also instituted full or partial exemption from income tax, profit tax and health and pension benefits for all coronavirus-stricken entrepreneurs, i.e for entrepreneurs who have seen a year-over-year decline in revenue of 20-50%. So far, the benefit has been requested by 66,000 entrepreneurs for more than 400,000 employees.²²⁹

²²⁹ <https://vlada.gov.hr/vijesti/vlada-na-sjednici-donijela-mjere-za-pomoc-gospodarstvu/29137>

Cuba

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	Reduced work time	

Wage subsidies

- Wage support for vulnerable people: Older adults and people with some pathology, who are more vulnerable to falling ill with Covid-19, will receive one hundred percent of their salary during the first month they remain at home, and from the second month on, sixty percent of their salary.²³⁰

²³⁰ <http://www.radioreloj.cu/es/destacadas/trabajadores-cubanos-protegidos-ante-el-nuevo-coronavirus/>

Curaçao (Netherlands)

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Utility waivers	
Health insurance	
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Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emergency food and hygiene package of ANG 50, to be provided weekly for the duration of 1 month to 550 families (intended) based on established criteria. Implementing organization: Food Bank. Emergency hygiene package of ANG 16, - with hygienic items in connection with Coronavirus, to be provided monthly to 7,200 welfare recipients for one month. Implementing organization: Kas di Bario"²³¹
	School feeding	
	Public works	
	Utility waivers	
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	

²³¹ <https://www.curacaochronicle.com/post/main/update-covid-19-solidarity-package-emergency-measures-for-mitigating-the-effects-of-the-crisis/>

Labor Markets	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions	
	Activation measures	
	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To provide temporary support to companies affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Ministry of Social Affairs and Employment has introduced the Temporary Emergency Measure Bridging Work for the Preservation of Work (NOW). Pursuant to the Temporary Emergency Measure Bridging of Employment (NOW), employers from certain branches, such as hotels, restaurants, cafes, transport, non-food retail, construction and storage are eligible for compensation in the wage bill of the month April 2020. In order to be able to apply for such compensation, the company must suffer from a loss of revenue of at least 25% due to the corona crisis. The compensation referred to as the NOW-compensation concerns the wages of each of its employees as well as of its statutory directors that were employed with/in service of the company per 28 February 2020 and it varies between 80% (maximum) and 20% (minimum) of the (maximized) wages based on the loss of revenue. The exact percentage of the compensation depends on the expected loss of revenue. Another condition to be eligible for the NOW-compensation is that the employment agreements of the employees will not be terminated and that the payment of their wages will be continued.²³²

²³² <https://www.ekvandoorne.com/en/f/news/subsidy-of-wages-for-employers-on-curacao/>

Cyprus



Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	
	School feeding	Around 13,000 students received a special allowance to make up for the school breakfasts they missed during March and April during the lockdown, the education ministry announced. ²³³
	Public works	
Social Insurance	Utility waivers	
	Paid sick leave	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Granting of a "Special Leave" to parents who are employed in the private sector for the care of children up to 15 years old (including the third grade of gymnasium) due to the suspension of classes in schools, both public and private, in nurseries and kindergartens ²³⁴.
	Health insurance	

²³³ <https://cyprus-mail.com/2020/07/12/special-allowance-for-13000-students-paid/>

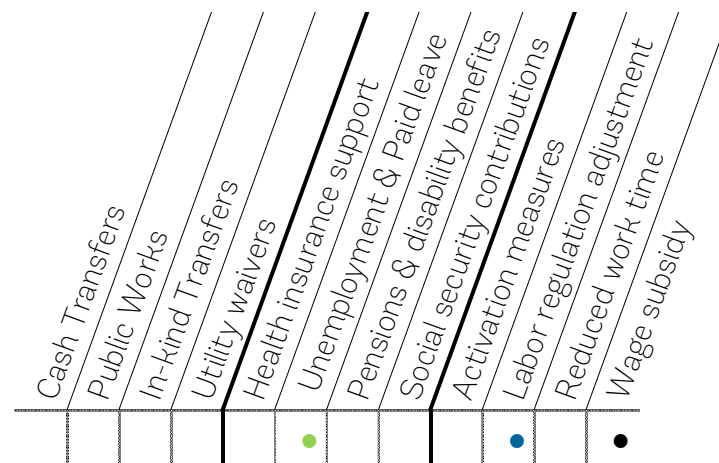
²³⁴ <https://www.pio.gov.cy/en/press-releases-article.html?id=12671#flat>

	Pensions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Payment of Special Unemployment Benefit for workers from suspended businesses ²³⁵
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions	
Labor Markets	Activation measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wage subsidies to small businesses (up to 5 people) ²³⁶
	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	

²³⁵ <https://www.pio.gov.cy/en/press-releases-article.html?id=12971#flat>

²³⁶ <https://www.pio.gov.cy/en/press-releases-article.html?id=12671#flat>

Czechia



Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	
	School feeding	
Social Insurance	Public works	
	Utility waivers	
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> "Antivirus" Employment Protection Programme: An employee who is affected by COVID-19 or ordered into quarantine in connection with COVID-19 is entitled to sick pay. This rule applies to all insured persons notwithstanding the place of quarantine (national territory, another EU member state or a third country). Same rules apply as in the case of a sick worker (the employer has the obligation to pay the employee a salary reimbursement in the amount of 60% of reduced average earnings for the first 14 calendar days of the quarantine, with no waiting period; after 14 days the employee is further reimbursed

		<p>through sickness insurance). The employee has to be covered by Czech sickness insurance to be entitled to this sickness allowance. The programme has now been extended until 31/08/2020.²³⁷</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New law that came into effect on 26 March 2020: Care/nursing allowance (also called attendance allowance) is prolonged for the whole period of school closure as a result of anti-epidemic measures for workers with children aged 0-13 (compared to up to 10 years old before) or persons taking care of disabled persons (regardless of age) if the facility designed for their care has closed. The attendance allowance is provided from sickness insurance by the Czech Social Security Administration and thus not considered as a family benefit. It might or might not be paid at the same level as a sickness benefit.²³⁸
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions	
Labor Markets	Activation measures	
	Labor market regulations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The government approved a proposal for legislative changes in the field of employment. It will now be possible for a job seeker to register at the Labor Office online and from anywhere. Persons registered with the Labor Office will now have up to 3 days to prove a medical certificate in case of illness.²³⁹
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On Tuesday, March 31, 2020, the government approved a proposal to modify the Antivirus program. Applying for wages and salaries will be easy. The Antivirus employment protection program is designed to help businesses protect their jobs. The state will use the Labor Office of the Czech Republic to compensate companies for the funds paid out. This measure will help employers better manage the current situation and will not have to resort to layoffs. Employers whose economic activity will be at risk due to the spread of the disease will be granted a contribution to pay, in whole or in part, wage compensation

²³⁷ https://read.oecd-ilibrary.org/view/?ref=134_134797-9iq8w1fnju&title=Paid-sick-leave-to-protect-income-health-and-jobs-through-the-COVID-19-crisis

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²³⁹ <https://www.mpsv.cz/>

due to the employee due to an obstacle on the part of the employee (quarantine) closure) if it is shown that the obstacle to work is due to COVID-19. The contribution will be provided by the Labor Office of the Czech Republic.

The amount of compensation paid to employers is derived from the average super-gross wage, including mandatory contributions (CZK 48,400) and depends on the reasons why they had to put employees at a barrier to work.

Employers will be able to apply to the Labor Office for a contribution in two modes. Mode A - type of obstacle: in the case of quarantine, the employee is paid 60% of the average reduced earnings; in the event of closure of the operation by a government order, the employee receives 100% wage compensation;

Mode B - type of obstacle:

Obstacles to work on the part of the employer due to quarantine or childcare of a significant part of employees (30% or more) - the employee receives 100% of average wage compensation

Restricting the availability of inputs (raw materials, products, services) necessary for the activity - the employee receives a wage compensation of 80% of the average earnings

Reduction of demand for services, products and other products of the company - employee receives wage compensation 60% of average earnings.²⁴⁰

²⁴⁰ <https://www.mpsv.cz/web/cz/antivirus>

Denmark



Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	
	School feeding	
Social Insurance	Public works	
	Utility waivers	
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sickness Benefits Act amendment (new bill adopted on 17/03/2020) provides a right to receive and be reimbursed for sickness benefits from the first day of absence in case of COVID-19 infection or due to quarantine imposed by health authorities, provided that the other general conditions in the Sickness Benefits Act for receiving and being reimbursed for sickness benefits are met. This applies to both

		employees (standard and non-standard) and self-employed workers. ²⁴¹
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions	
Labor Markets	Activation measures	
	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Danish government would cover 75% of employees' salaries if firms committed not to lay off workers. This program will last for three months, or until July 2020 (initially was June but then it was extended for additional month). The subsidy will cover a maximum of 23,000 Danish krone/month (\$3,418).²⁴²

²⁴¹ https://read.oecd-ilibrary.org/view/?ref=134_134797-9iq8w1fnju&title=Paid-sick-leave-to-protect-income-health-and-jobs-through-the-COVID-19-crisis

²⁴² <https://www.euractiv.com/section/coronavirus/news/danish-corona-hit-firms-get-state-aid-to-pay-75-of-salaries/>

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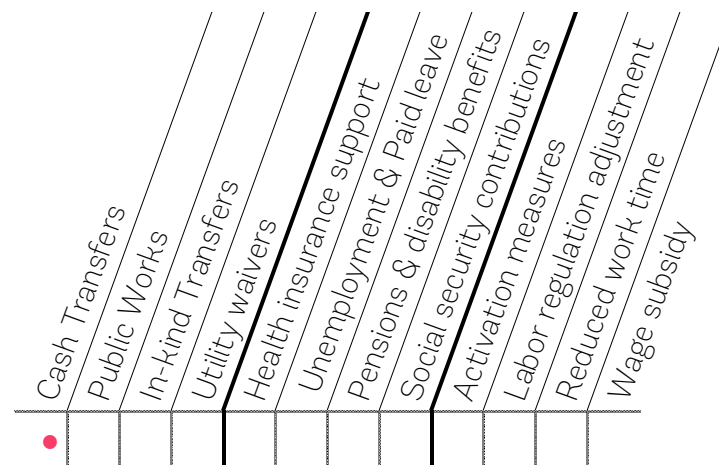
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Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The design and implementation of an emergency food support program. for 65,000 households. Since the start of this health crisis, around 40,000 households across the country have benefited from food distributions²⁴³
	School feeding	
	Public works	
	Utility waivers	
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	

²⁴³ <https://www.presidence.dj/conseilministresuite.php?ID=7&ID2=2020-04-21>

	Social security contributions	
Labor Markets	Activation measures	
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Dominica

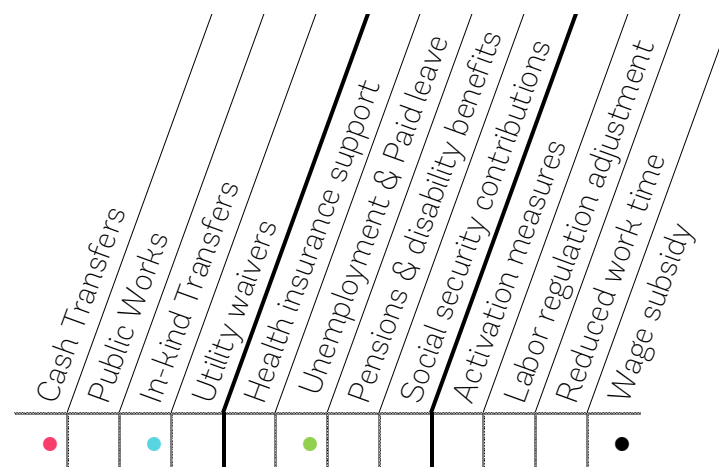


Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (EC)\$8 million approved from the Dominica Social Security to help people who would have lost their jobs (from the Redundancy Fund and the Employment Injury branch of the DSS). • Plus, a minimum of \$9.5 million from the government for relief payments to those who are financially challenged. More details expected new week. • Heads of families and single persons who are unemployed will receive income support in the amount of \$600 and \$400 respectively, for the period April 2020 to June 2020 in the first instance. This assistance will be administered by social security.²⁴⁴
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	

²⁴⁴ Dominica COVID-19 Fiscal Measures document

	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	
	School feeding	
	Public works	
	Utility waivers	
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
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Dominican Republic



Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expansion of the Comer Es Primero cash transfer programme, as follows: Vertical expansion of conditional transfers of the CEP - 100% increase in the amount transferred to families. Horizontal expansion - inclusion of 100,000 families in extreme poverty, moderate poverty and vulnerable sectors on the verge of becoming poor due to the shock of COVID 19. This expansion will deliver the same increased benefits that will be delivered to families that already participate in the program. These inclusions are temporary. Horizontal expansion - inclusion of formalized own-account workers who are listed in the Social Security Treasury (TSS) and who are at risk of falling into poverty due to the impact of the shock of the COVID 19. Government has rolled out a 'Stay at Home' program (Quédate en Casa) with different elements, including (i) top-up to safety net of 5,000 pesos (US\$92) for two months to 811,000 beneficiary families that have the Solidarity payment card to purchase food and basic necessities; (ii) horizontal expansion at the same amount 5,000 pesos

		<p>(US\$92) to 690,000 nonpoor and vulnerable non-beneficiary families in the SIUBEN social registry. The payments are expected from April 1 to May 30; a special transfer totaling 7,000 pesos (US\$129) to over 350,000 households where the household head is vulnerable to COVID19.²⁴⁵</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The government has launched the freelancer/self-employed work assistance program (Pa 'Ti) which provide temporarily support of RD \$ 5,000 to independent workers, who have not been able to work by the measures social distancing imposed by the pandemic, with an unconditional cash transfer that allows them to counteract the economic effects of the measures taken to stop the spread of COVID-19²⁴⁶. Total planned beneficiaries is 2.3 million individual (200,000 actual as of June 2020)²⁴⁷
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Economic Kitchens (Comedores Económicos) is serving more than 100,000 servings of cooked food every day, through its mobile kitchens across the country. More than 22,000 basic food kits are also being distributed to children 0-5.²⁴⁸
	School feeding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The National Institute of Student Welfare (Instituto Nacional de Bienestar Estudiantil) is distributing 1.8 million food kits to parents and tutors of students enrolled in the different modalities of the School Lunch Program (Programa de Almuerzo Escolar), replacing the cooked rations that receive daily.²⁴⁹
	Public works	

²⁴⁵ <https://hoy.com.do/lea-aqui-el-discurso-completo-de-danilo-medina/amp/>

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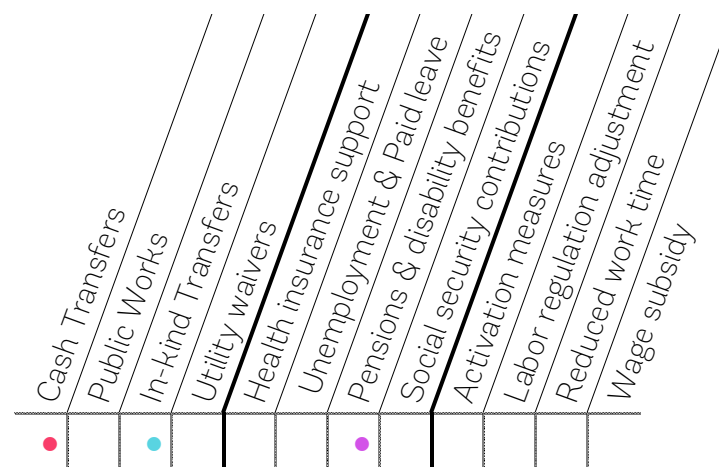
²⁴⁷ https://socialprotection.org/sites/default/files/publications_files/Nota%20Tecnica%203_v3.pdf

²⁴⁸ <https://hoy.com.do/lea-aqui-el-discurso-completo-de-danilo-medina/amp/>

²⁴⁹ <http://inabie.gob.do/index.php/new/244-un-millon-800-mil-raciones-seran-repartidas-en-escuelas>

	Utility waivers	
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paid leave for employees who are over 60 years of age and have a special health condition.
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions	
Labor Markets	Activation measures	
	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The government is covering up to 8,500 pesos (US \$ 157) of the salary of formal employees in economic sectors that have temporarily stopped operations. For those companies that have not yet suspended operations, the Economic Commission will work directly with them to provide coverage of a percentage of the salary, which can reach 8,500 pesos (US\$157) per month, to keep workers on their payroll, thus facilitating job stability and household income. These measures, like the "Stay at Home" program, will be valid for two months.

Ecuador



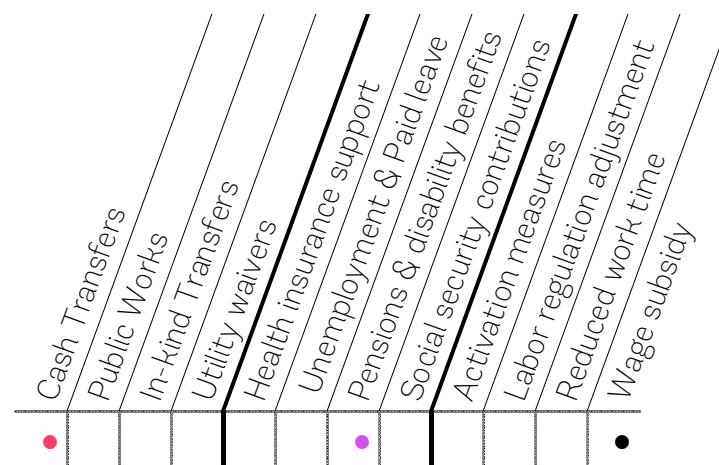
Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New cash transfer of \$60 has been introduced for informal workers earning less than \$400 per month²⁵⁰. (The main cash transfer is Bono de Protección Familiar, a transfer of USD 60 to 950,000 poor households and informal sector workers. The first transfer was made in early April and the second transfer was initiated in mid-May. (new)²⁵¹
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Through the digital platform Giving a Hand, it will be possible to choose kits of 5, 10 and 20 dollars, which will allow donations for people who need it most.
	School feeding	

²⁵⁰ <https://www.eluniverso.com/noticias/2020/03/21/nota/7790391/coronavirus-bono-contingencia-60-dolares-trabajadores-informales>

²⁵¹ based on note produced by Douglas Randall as part of the G2Px initiative)

	Public works	
	Utility waivers	
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The social security institute will postpone the payment of contributions for April, May and June 90 days for voluntary affiliates and non-dependencies.
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions	
Labor Markets	Activation measures	
	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	

Egypt



Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ministry of Social Solidarity added 160,000 new households to Takaful and Karama Program (TKP) bringing the total number of people under to TKP to 3.11 million households (approx. 11 million individuals) The TKP budget will also increase in the new fiscal year from EGP 18.5 billion o EGP 19.3 billion and coverage will reach a total of 3.5m households. Moreover, increased payments are envisioned for women leaders in rural areas (EGP 900 per month instead of EGP 350).
	One-off cash transfers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A one-off monetary compensation of EGP 500 for 3 months is being offered to informal workers registered at the database of Ministry of Labor and Manpower Payment will be done through post offices and banks Registration is still opened and is expected to cover 1.9 million individuals (out of 4.4 million applicants) working in construction, ports, agriculture, fishing, plumber, electrician, etc. The first payment was processed in April 2020 via Post Offices (4,000 branches) and Agriculture Bank of Egypt (1,100 branches) as well as 600 schools used as payment site – a total of 5,700 outlets. Beneficiaries receive a free ATM card with their first payment in order to cash their 2nd and 3rd payment via post offices and/or banks. Accepted beneficiaries are

		notified via SMS regarding the location and time to visit to collect their first payment and ATM card, to avoid overcrowding and ensure the safety of beneficiaries.
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	
	School feeding	
	Public works	
	Utility waivers	
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pensions have been increased by 14 percent in the budget of FY 21. (new) To facilitate payments, pension payments are scattered over different days (depending on the level of your payment) and schools are also being used as payment sites. (admin/adaptation) Mobile payments will be piloted in Luxor and Port-Said for the transfer of pension. (admin/adaptation)
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions	
Labor Markets	Activation measures	
	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Egypt activated the Employees Emergency Fund that provide financial aids and subsidies to employees who had not been receiving salaries from companies facing the risk of closure due to the COVID-19 outbreak. The fund could be equivalent to 100% of basic insurance salary with a minimum of 600 EGP per month. By end of April 2020, The Ministry of Manpower issued payments (EGP 57 million) for 48,000 workers in 205 establishment non-performing companies in tourism sector

El Salvador



Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The government has pledged to give \$300 to some 1.5 million households (75%) who work in the informal economy such as house cleaners and street vendors who lack a financial safety net. The government targeted households using electricity usage: any household with monthly consumption of 0-250 kilowatts/ per hour got the transfers. This criterion spurred some protests from people who demand to be included in the new scheme.²⁵²
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	distribution of 2.7 food baskets to affected families worth US\$ 56 each
	School feeding	
	Public works	

²⁵² <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-health-coronavirus-elsalvador-trfn/lockdown-broken-in-el-salvador-as-crowds-gather-for-government-aid-idUSKBN21H3IB>

	Utility waivers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The government has granted a waiver for utility bills payments for individuals and legal entities directly affected by curfew enacted because of COVID-19 for three months. Utilities include electricity, water, telephone, cable, and internet.²⁵³ Also, mortgage payments, personal loans, credit card payments, business loans were frozen for three months for individuals and legal entities directly affected by COVID-19.
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The government has mandated private companies to ensure quarantine of particular worker categories, including those older than 60, pregnant women or those with preexisting conditions. These workers would receive a paid sick leave for 30 days.²⁵⁴ Also, private companies (except those in the food, medical and other key sectors) that decide to send all of their workers home on paid leave will be eligible for further government support.²⁵⁵ Leave with disability pay for quarantined workers, for the time required by health personnel
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions	
Labor Markets	Activation measures	
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	Wage subsidies	

²⁵³ <https://twitter.com/PresidenciaSV/status/1240409234854088705>

²⁵⁴ <https://www.miamiherald.com/news/nation-world/world/americas/haiti/article241249651.html>

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Equatorial Guinea

Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Decree 43/2020, The government will make contributions to finance the Public Social Guarantees Program against the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Public Social Guarantees Program will guarantee: (I) basic food and basic necessities for identified households, (II) a basic personal and household hygiene kit for identified groups ²⁵⁶ ²⁵⁷
	School feeding	
	Public works	
	Utility waivers	
	Paid sick leave	

²⁵⁶ <https://www.guineaecuatorialpress.com/noticia.php?id=15388>

²⁵⁷ <https://www.cabri-sbo.org/uploads/files/Covid19BudgetDocuments/UNOFFICIAL-TRANSLATION-DECREE-43-2020.pdf>

Social Insurance	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions	
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Estonia



Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
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	Food, vouchers, others	
	School feeding	
	Public works	
	Utility waivers	
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Waiving of the 3-day waiting period: the state decided to reimburse the first three days of sick leave for all workers during an emergency situation (normally not covered: the employer pays sick pay from day 4 to day 8 of sick leave for employees). The first three days of sickness are reimbursed retrospectively to anyone whose sick leave was opened from 13 March. This difference applies to all sick leaves (including the self-employed) that were opened until the end of the emergency, what ended on 17 May.

	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The economic stimulus package includes temporary suspension of second pillar pension scheme payments
Labor Markets	Activation measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The government offers online job search counselling and intermediation²⁵⁸
	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Estonian Unemployment Insurance Fund will compensate 70% of the average wages from the last 12 months but no more than Euro 1,000. The compensation is paid to those workers with no work to carry out, or whose wages were already cut because of the lack of workload. The cost of the decreased wages compensation measure is Euro 250M²⁵⁹.

²⁵⁸ <https://www.tootukassa.ee/eng/content/estonian-unemployment-insurance-fund-stop-serving-customers-all-office>

²⁵⁹ <https://www.sm.ee/en/news/government-approved-measure-supporting-employers-and-workers-difficulties-because-corona-virus>

Eswatini



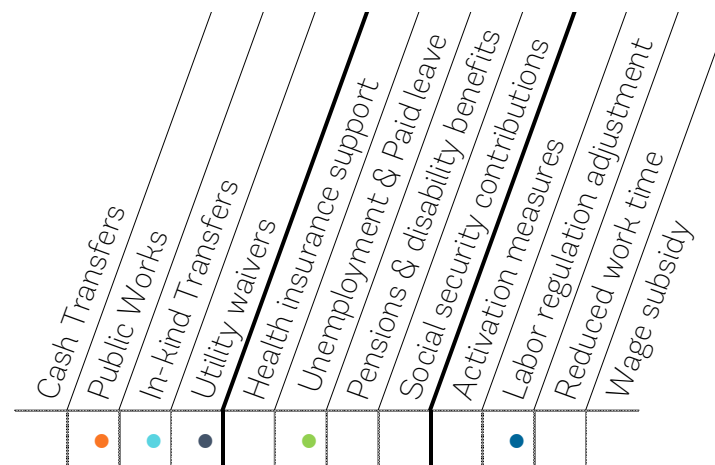
Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The government announced on June 6th that it has sourced E25 million to create a Relief Fund in order to mitigate the effects of COVID-19 on laid off and unpaid workers in the country. This Fund will be managed by Government, employer and employee representatives, ENPF and NDMA. The Ministry of Labour and Social Security will in due course announce the distribution guidelines of the Relief Fund. ²⁶⁰
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	Food assistance has been provided, benefiting over 347,400 people
	School feeding	
	Public works	
Social Insurance	Utility waivers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The increase in the price of electricity has been suspended for two months
	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	

²⁶⁰ <http://www.gov.sz/images/CORONA/PM-statement-5-June-2020-final.pdf>

	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The PM also announce that in addition to the Relief Fund, the ENPF has also made available an amount of E5 million as seed capital for the establishment of an Unemployment Insurance Fund (UIF) for the Kingdom of Eswatini. A comprehensive study and drafting of the enabling legislation for the introduction of the UIF in Eswatini will be activated. Emaswati would appreciate that currently there is no UIF or its equivalent in this country. This generally means that beyond the prescribed severance benefits that employees are entitled to on retrenchment, there is no form of insurance available to protect their loss of income thereafter.²⁶¹
	Social security contributions	
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Ethiopia



Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
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	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amhara Regional State: started providing flour, oil and sugar to "the poorest of the poor" in city of Bahir Dar²⁶² City of Adama (Oromia): started providing bread and water for those who need assistance during the stay at home order²⁶³

²⁶² <https://twitter.com/EthiopiaLiveupd/status/1246746208854519808>

²⁶³ <https://www.facebook.com/adamaastu/?tn=%2Cd%2CP-R&eid=ARAmYt6NH5xmSzfEfVZOGhvdJvfRuZl4Kxt9zc0fUVdT83xUiS55PZrsC9VHU2-XWhl6t7UGurN-KOK>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Addis Ababa City Administration: Allocated 600 million ETB for purchasing stockpile of food/other essential goods and distribute same to 800 retail shops²⁶⁴. \$635 million (0.6 percent of GDP) for emergency food distribution to 15 million individuals vulnerable to food insecurity and not currently covered by the rural and urban PSNPs
	School feeding	
	Public works	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beneficiaries of the Urban Productive Safety Net Project (UPSNP) will receive advance 3 months payment while on leave from their public works obligations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beneficiaries of the UPSNP will be able to withdraw 50% of their savings to cover expenses arising out of the COVID-19 emergency Low-income citizens who are currently not benefitting from UPSNP will be covered by the Project and will receive 3 months advance payment Citizens residing in 16 cities identified to be at high risk of COVID-19 exposure and harm and who need assistance will receive 3 months payment Ethiopia Rural PSNP is adapting the following adjustments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The public works requirement is waived since beginning of April The program will scale up on horizontal and vertical for 3 to 6 months starting July. The estimated scale-up caseload is 1,000,000 people. Estimated cost \$50-70 million. It is likely that benefits will include a cash/ food mix. The cash benefit value will increase by about 22% for scale-up.
	Utility waivers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Expansion of free public transport: government buses to provide free transportation service to the public in order to reduce overcrowding in the public transport system.²⁶⁵

²⁶⁴ https://www.facebook.com/MayorofAddis/?_tn_&id=ARAHIQ19jivML1AMAsZiUOPtOzTjjYdvNrBYBD0Jf6wRGAU0RdB1_Nst6cDdiJXyCYKnFOOK6MEBmfF1&hc_ref=ARS2qs4MJZpGY3xygiBIXVvYlrr41ve96kDwWAIXHrGQURJjpDplzQT2YeBdY5CJZk&fref=nf

²⁶⁵ <https://twitter.com/PMEthiopia/status/1239483664926457856>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tigray State: a moratorium on evictions and reduction of rents by half.²⁶⁶
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harari State: government employees who are at higher risk of COVID-19 (elderly, pregnant women, those with underlying conditions) to stay home while receiving their salaries²⁶⁷
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions	
Labor Markets	Activation measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ethiopia prohibited companies from laying off workers and terminating employment in measures introduced as part of a state of emergency to stop the spread of the coronavirus.²⁶⁸
	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	

²⁶⁶ <https://addisfortune.news/news-alert/tigray-state-orders-cafes-restaurants-closure/>

²⁶⁷ <https://twitter.com/EthiopiaLiveupd/status/1243116327461629952>

²⁶⁸ <https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2020-04-11/ethiopia-prohibits-company-layoffs-under-state-of-emergency>

Faroe Islands (Denmark)

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Wage subsidies

- ALS, the employment service, has so far paid out DKK 52 million in stimulus payments as part of the government's job retention scheme. The scheme supports companies hit by the corona crisis by temporarily helping to pay the wages of people who cannot do their jobs, thus allowing employees to stay on the payroll despite not working due to the lockdown. More than 4,000 people have signed up to the scheme. However, with the gradual lifting of the lockdown, many have now returned to work, leaving the current number of people registered in the scheme at 3,575. Update: The job retention scheme, which was due to expire on 31 August, will be extended until 31 October and will also include people registered as being in quarantine ²⁶⁹ ²⁷⁰

²⁶⁹ <http://kvf.fo/greinar/2020/04/27/more-4000-sign-job-retention-scheme>

²⁷⁰ <http://kvf.fo/greinar/2020/08/25/changes-covid-programmes>

Fiji

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Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	
	One-off cash transfers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Informal sector in the lockdown areas entitled to one-off Government relief payment of FJ\$150 (US\$66) where holding a street trader or hawker license Fijians in the informal sector who tested positive for the virus to be paid a one-off sum of FJ\$1,000 (US\$443) ²⁷¹
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	
	School feeding	
	Public works	
	Utility waivers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Banks and hire purchase companies to offer six month deferral of loan repayments for Fijians who have lost their jobs or had their hours reduced. Also available to businesses

²⁷¹ <https://home.kpmg/xx/en/home/insights/2020/04/fiji-government-and-institution-measures-in-response-to-covid.html>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Banks to waive all charges on minimum balances in customer's accounts and remove minimum purchasing requirement for electronic transactions
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Government to fund 21 days COVID- 19 leave for Fijian employees earning less than FJ\$30,000 who have tested positive for the virus²⁷²
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fijian workers in the hospitality sector who have lost their jobs or have had their hours cut since 1 February 2020 able to access an initial \$1,000 from their FNPf accounts, with additional funds to be considered Employees affected by the nationwide stipulated physical distancing requirements, along with employees in the Lautoka confined area who have been placed on leave without pay or had their hours cut, able to access an initial \$500 from their FNPf accounts
	Social security contributions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Effective from 1 April 2020 to 31 December 2020 reduction in employee and employer FNPf contribution from 8 percent and 10 percent to 5 percent respectively
Labor Markets	Activation measures	
	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	

²⁷² <https://home.kpmg/xx/en/home/insights/2020/04/fiji-government-and-institution-measures-in-response-to-covid.html>

Finland



Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	
	School feeding	
	Public works	
	Utility waivers	
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kela (the national Social Insurance institution) can pay a sickness allowance to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - employees who have been ordered to stay away from work in order to prevent the spread of a communicable disease such as the novel coronavirus. - provider of a child under the age of 16 who is placed in quarantine, making it impossible for the provider to continue working while the quarantine is in effect. - There is no waiting period to qualify for such sickness allowance, and the allowance provides full compensation for the loss of

		<p>income suffered during a period of absence from work, isolation or quarantine.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For employees, the sickness allowance is determined on the basis of the salary they would have earned if able to continue working. For self-employed persons, the allowance is determined on the basis of their annual earnings under the Self-Employed Persons' (YEL) or Farmers' (MYEL) Pensions Acts at the beginning of the absence. - Payment of the allowance requires the affected person to present to Kela a decision from the physician in charge of infectious disease response for the municipality or hospital district which indicates that the affected person has been barred from work or placed in isolation or quarantine. - Persons who have been placed in isolation or quarantine in an EU country can be paid a daily allowance. The placement in isolation or quarantine must be certified by a physician authorized to issue an isolation or quarantine order in the relevant country. - The allowance provides compensation for loss of income and is therefore payable only for days in which the affected person cannot work due to placement in isolation or quarantine. The allowance is not available for example if it coincides with a leave of absence or if telecommuting would be an option. Proof of the loss of income must be presented in the form of documentation from the employer.²⁷³
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workers laid off can claim income-linked benefits, provided they are a member of an unemployment fund through their trade union or independently. • In addition, the government will eliminate the waiting period before people can claim unemployment benefits, and allow freelancers and

²⁷³ https://www.kela.fi/web/en/news-archive/-/asset_publisher/IN08GY2nIrZo/content/sickness-allowance-on-account-of-an-infectious-disease-provides-loss-of-income-compensation-for-persons-placed-in-quarantine

		sole traders to claim unemployment benefits without shutting down their businesses ²⁷⁴ .
	Social security contributions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fiscal measures include lower pension contributions through the remainder of 2020. Pension funds may grant, upon application, a postponement up to 3 months for pension premiums paid by employers and self-employed individuals.
Labor Markets	Activation measures	
	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	

²⁷⁴ https://yle.fi/uutiset/osasto/news/finland_announces_15bn_support_package_to_prop_up_economy/11267534

France



Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guarantee payment of benefits by the Family Allowance Funds if the quarterly declaration of resources is not possible. (admin adaptation). An "emergency aid" of 150 euros per family receiving active solidarity income (RSA) or specific solidarity allowance (ASS), to which will be added 100 euros per child will be paid on May 15. Families who do not benefit from the RSA or SSA, but who receive housing assistance, will receive 100 euros per child. Their payment "will be automatic, without any action being necessary" and will concern "more than four million households"²⁷⁵ (vertical expansion)
	One-off cash transfers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A transfer of Euro 1,500 will be provided to the self-employed and other SMEs as part of the solidarity fund²⁷⁶ (new) A bonus for all civil servants who pursue their public service mission, despite confinement, up to 1,000 euros in tax-free bonuses are provided.

²⁷⁵ https://www.lemonde.fr/politique/article/2020/04/15/coronavirus-emmanuel-macron-souhaite-un-moratoire-sur-la-dette-des-pays-africains_6036639_823448.html

²⁷⁶ <https://www.gouvernement.fr/info-coronavirus>

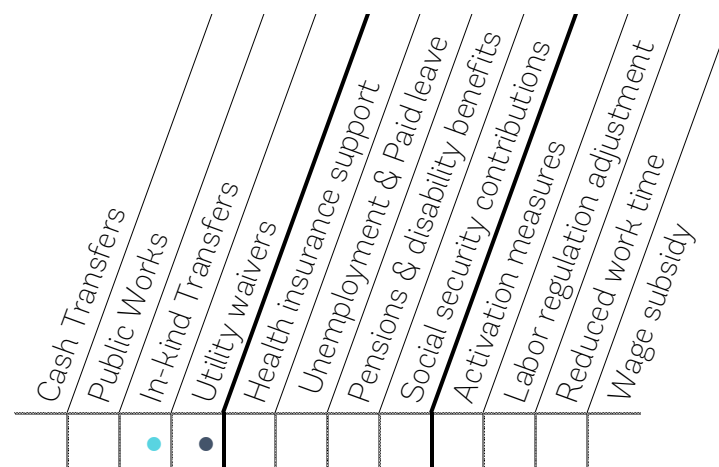
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At the national level, on April 15th, the Government has announced a one-off payment of 100 euros per child for vulnerable families to mitigate the additional financial burden for families because of coronavirus, including the unavailability of nearly free school meals for children.
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	
	School feeding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additionally in France where school feeding programmes are managed at the sub-national level, several modalities have been implemented in different areas of the country. The municipalities of Marseille, Paris or Brest, as well as the county of Haute-Garonne had announced cash transfers or food stamps to mitigate the unavailability of school meals. In the county of Meurthe-et-Moselle, the local authorities have decided to deliver school meals to the home of the most vulnerable children enrolled in middle schools²⁷⁷
Social Insurance	Public works	
	Utility waivers	
	Paid sick leave	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> People placed in isolation will benefit from “sick leave and daily benefits” of up to 20 days without “waiting period”. The measure also applies to parents whose children are subject to isolation and who cannot, therefore, go to work.
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Special unemployment benefits for employees who stop working. The company compensates 70% of gross wages (about 84% of net). Minimum wage earners or less are compensated 100%. The company will be fully reimbursed by the state for those earning up to 6,927 euros gross monthly— that is, 4.5x minimum wage²⁷⁸.

²⁷⁷ <https://cdn.wfp.org/2020/school-feeding-map/index.html>

²⁷⁸ https://www.gouvernement.fr/sites/default/files/contenu/piece-jointe/2020/03/brochure_fiches_pratiques_sur_les_mesures_de_soutien.pdf

	Social security contributions	
Labor Markets	Activation measures	
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	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	

Gabon



Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Granting of food aid to people in distress and emergency situations
	School feeding	
Social Insurance	Public works	
	Utility waivers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Payment of water and electricity bills for the most vulnerable and economically weak people²⁷⁹ Suspension during the time of confinement of rent payments for people with no income²⁸⁰
	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	

²⁷⁹ <https://www.minefcovid19.ga/#>

²⁸⁰ <https://home.kpmg/xx/en/home/insights/2020/04/gabon-government-and-institution-measures-in-response-to-covid.html>

Labor Markets	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions	
	Activation measures	
	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	

Gambia, The



Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vertical expansion to Nafa Quick program targeting 83,000 household and cost US\$10 million. The Nafa Quick package will last for four months. The Nafa Quick package intends to contribute to the mitigation of the social and economic impact of COVID-19 on the population with a view to providing immediate universal cash transfer of D1, 500 per month to each beneficiary household.²⁸¹
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Over GMD734 million (US\$14.7m) are allocated to support 84% of households countrywide. Such support includes rice, oil and sugar.²⁸²
	School feeding	
Social Insurance	Public works	
	Utility waivers	
	Paid sick leave	
Social Insurance	Health insurance	

²⁸¹ <https://allafrica.com/stories/202007220797.html>

²⁸² <http://thepoint.gm/africa/gambia/article/president-adama-barrows-4th-address-to-the-nation-on-the-national-response-to-covid-19>

	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions	
Labor Markets	Activation measures	
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	Wage subsidies	

Georgia



Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Government postpone recertification procedures of TSA beneficiaries, simplified the TSA application and enrollment procedures. (admin adaptation) On May 4th, the Government signed the resolution introducing the three following temporary cash transfers (monthly benefits): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Families with a PMT rating score of 65,000 - 100,000 will receive a flat benefit of 100 GEL for up to 6 months. This will benefit about 70,000 families and 45 million GEL (about \$14.13m/€13.10m) is allocated for it. Families with a PMT rating score of 0 - 100,000 who have three and more children under the age 16 will receive a top-up benefit of 100 GEL for Targeted Social Assistance for up to 6 months. This will benefit about 21,000 families. The budget for this assistance is 13 million GEL (about \$4.08m/€3.78m). Persons with severe disabilities and children with disabilities will receive a direct transfer of 100 GEL for up to 6 months. About 40,000 citizens will benefit and 25 million GEL (about \$7.85m/€7.28m) will be spent on this assistance²⁸³.

²⁸³ <https://agenda.ge/en/news/2020/1273>

	One-off cash transfers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People employed in the informal sector or the self-employed will receive a one-time assistance of 300 GEL (about \$94.19/€87.34) if they can substantiate claims of job loss – the budget for this is 75 million GEL (about \$23.55m/€21.84m)²⁸⁴. • The government will provide GEL 200 one-time assistance to all children below 18. There are 800 thousand citizens of Georgia of this age. The total cost will be about GEL 160 million. The online application process is ongoing.²⁸⁵ • GEL 300 per person benefit will be provided to the self-employed, who lost their job during the pandemic and applied for government assistance, but were refused, as they failed to provide required documents. About 250 thousand self-employed applied for this assistance. o/w 170 thousand people received it. With this measure, the remaining 80 thousand self-employed will receive this benefit. Total cost of this initiative is 24 million.
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food distribution is supported by local governments (municipalities)
	School feeding	
	Public works	
	Utility waivers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Out of pocket co-payments for COVID-related expenditures are fully subsidized by the government for all. • The government announced to subsidize utility fees for three months (March, April, May) which includes electricity bills, sanitary service, gas and water bills for households which consume less than 200 kWh of electricity and 200 cubic meters of natural gas per month. • The government will help the students from vulnerable families (with the social score below 150 thousand) to cover one semester of their university tuition. About 33 thousand students are expected to benefit from this initiative. Total cost GEL 35 million

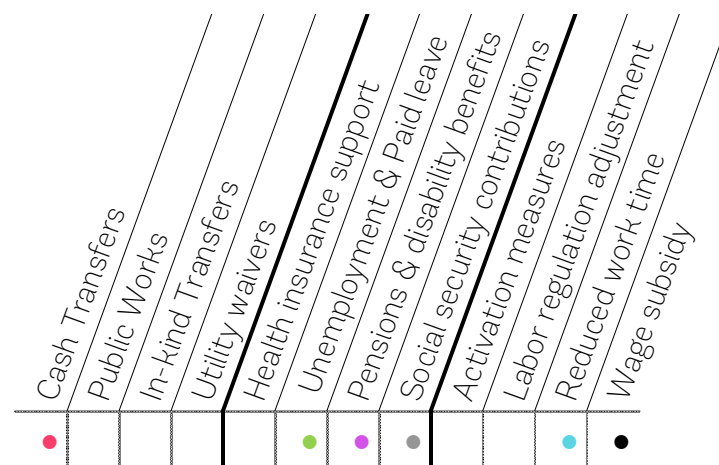
²⁸⁴ <https://agenda.ge/en/news/2020/1273>

²⁸⁵ <http://georgiatoday.ge/news/21985/Children-under-17-to-Receive-One-time-Assistance-of-200-GEL>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The government will cover utility costs of the residents of Georgia during the period November-February (4 months).
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> People who lost their jobs because of the coronavirus crisis or are on unpaid leave will receive 1,200 GEL (about \$376.77/€349.37) over the course of six months, which is 200 GEL (about \$62.79/€58.23) per month. This assistance will apply to 350,000 citizens of Georgia. A total of 460 million GEL (about \$144.43m/€133.92m) is allocated from the budget²⁸⁶
	Social security contributions	
Labor Markets	Activation measures	
	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Over the course of six months, salaries up to 750 GEL (about \$235.48/€218.35) will be fully exempt from income tax - the budget for which is 250 million GEL (about \$78.49m/€72.78m).

²⁸⁶ <https://agenda.ge/en/news/2020/1273>

Germany



Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Freelancers such as artists and nurses are to receive direct grants of up to Euro 15,000 over 3 months. A total of Euro 50B is planned for this purpose²⁸⁷.
	One-off cash transfers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Germany's second €130 bn stimulus contains onetime "child bonus" of €300 for families receiving the child grant ("Kindergeld")^{288 289}
	Childcare support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parents who lose income due to COVID-19 can get easier access to child benefits. In addition, simplified process for a child grant (Kinderguschlag) is put in place, with one-month income proof instead of 6 months. Payment amount is up to Euro 185/child/month until September.
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	
	School feeding	

²⁸⁷ <https://www.spiegel.de/wirtschaft/soziales/coronavirus-bundesregierung-beschliesst-umfangreiches-rettungspaket-a-2e96dfed-b307-4a47-a62b-ca81cf7be4a9>

²⁸⁸ <https://www.france24.com/en/20200603-germany-unveils-130-billion-euro-stimulus-package-to-kickstart-virus-hit-economy>

²⁸⁹ <https://www.bundesfinanzministerium.de/Web/DE/Themen/Schlaglichter/Konjunkturpaket/das-konjunkturpaket.html>

	Public works	
	Utility waivers	
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Where the Infection Protection Act applies, for the first six weeks the amount provided as sick leave corresponds to the net salary, after which the amount equals to sick leave benefits.²⁹⁰
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pensions increase guaranteed by Merkel²⁹¹
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Social insurance contributions that employers must normally pay for their workforce will be fully reimbursed by the Federal Employment Agency.²⁹²
Labor Markets	Activation measures	
	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further extensions to Kurzarbeit regulations (short-time work) allow companies to keep employees instead of laying them off. Employees work a reduced number of hours and get 60% of salary from the employer for up to 12 months (and the government pays their public social insurance contributions). Workers with children get 67% of the salary²⁹³. (The government expects that, for economic reasons alone, 2.15 million employees will benefit from such arrangements in 2020)²⁹⁴. Second stimulus pack has A plan to extend "Kurzarbeit" (reduced work week) measures beyond 2021
	Wage subsidies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further extensions to Kurzarbeit regulations (short-time work) allow companies to keep employees instead of laying them off. Employees work a reduced number of hours and get 60% of salary from the employer for up to 12 months (and the government pays their public social insurance contributions). Workers with children get 67% of the

²⁹⁰ <https://www.bundesgesundheitsministerium.de/en/press/2020/coronavirus.html>

²⁹¹ <https://www.bccourier.com/merkel-guarantees-an-increase-in-pensions/>

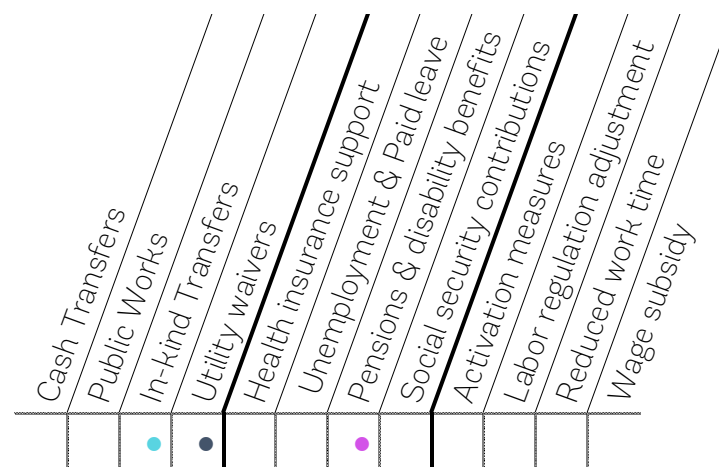
²⁹² <https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-en/issues/kabinett-kurzarbeitergeld-1729898>.

²⁹³ <https://www.spiegel.de/wirtschaft/soziales/coronavirus-bundesregierung-beschliesst-umfangreiches-rettungspaket-a-2e96dfed-b307-4a47-a62b-ca81cf7be4a9>

²⁹⁴ <https://www.spiegel.de/wirtschaft/soziales/corona-krise-bundesregierung-erwartet-mehr-als-zwei-millionen-kurzarbeiter-a-5257c27d-33cc-4679-8c2d-af23f271d177>

		salary . (The Federal Government expects that, for economic reasons alone, 2.15 million employees will benefit from such arrangements in 2020) .
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Ghana



Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The government announced hotlines for communities and households to provide food items during the Covid-19 lockdown. This measure provided food for up to 400,000 individuals in the affected areas of restrictions. Total cost is 280 million cedis.
	School feeding	
	Public works	
	Utility waivers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beginning on Friday March 20, 2020, all mobile money transfers of GH¢100 and below will be free of charge from service providers for the next 3 months.²⁹⁵

²⁹⁵ <https://www.graphic.com.gh/business/business-news/coronavirus-it-is-now-free-to-send-gh-100-and-below-via-mobile-money.html>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ministry of Finance announced tax waiver for health workers and water sanitation bills to cost GHS 441 million cedis. GHS 200 million cedis to cater for bills on water and sanitation and an additional GHS 241 million cedis to cover as a tax waiver for health personnel.
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ghana's SSNIT announces Ghanaian Cedis 500,000 as donation for COVID relief efforts. This money comes out of their reserves.
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions	
Labor Markets	Activation measures	
	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	

Cash Transfers
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Utility waivers
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Labor regulation adjustment
Wage subsidy

Gibraltar (UK)

Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	
	School feeding	
Social Insurance	Public works	
	Utility waivers	
	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Employers in all sectors, during the second quarter of 2020, will be allowed to defer their payments of "pay as you earn" and social insurance (PAYE and SI) contributions by eight weeks from the due date

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The payment of salaries to employees by affected businesses in the hospitality, leisure, distributive, and catering sectors will not be subject to PAYE or employee or employer social insurance contributions for the month of April 2020
Labor Markets	Activation measures	
	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	<ul style="list-style-type: none">

Greece



Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A transfer of Euro 800 to employees in companies/businesses closed because of COVID (also self-employed workers); this also includes payment of their social security contributions²⁹⁶. Beneficiaries of the Social Solidary Income (SSI) Guaranteed Minimum Income program will not be required to submit a new application upon expiration of the benefit recertification period, unless they chose to do so. Three consecutive extensions have been granted for the approved benefits that have been expiring since February. The same extensions are also granted for the housing benefit.
	One-off cash transfers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A special financial support of Euro 534 was introduced for employees in businesses whose operation has been suspended under a State decision. The amount is tax-free, cannot be seized and cannot be offset against any debt.²⁹⁷ One-off income support was granted to households with minor dependents that are GMI/SSI-beneficiaries: Euro 100 for the first child + Euro 50 for all other children and up to max Euro 300 for each

²⁹⁶ https://www.minfin.gr/web/guest/deltia-typou/-/asset_publisher/4kivD0lBdee/content/d-t-topothetese-tou-ypourgou-oikonomikon-k-chrestou-staikoura-gia-te-deutere-desme-metron-antimetopises-ton-epiptoseon-tou-koronoiou?

²⁹⁷ Art. 10, LA 01.05.2020 and JMD 17788/346/8.5.2020 FEK 1779/B/10.5.2020.

		<p>beneficiary (single-parent or co-parent families). The decision was published in the government gazette on May 4, 2020 and the benefit is intended to be paid out in May.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Financial assistance of Euro 400 was introduced for 155,000 long-term unemployed individuals, registered with the Hellenic Manpower Employment Organization (OAED) from April 1, 2019, maintaining their status until April 16, 2020 and not receiving any other benefit from the State.²⁹⁸ Financial aid of Euro 600 to specific professionals i.e. economists / accountants, engineers, lawyers, doctors, teachers and researchers. Employees in the wider national healthcare system as well as civil protection staff, who are in the frontline of the fight against the epidemic received the Easter bonus - a benefit that had been abolished in the public sector during the economic crisis.
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	
	School feeding	
	Public works	
	Utility waivers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Public Power Corporation (PPC) announced discounts on its tariffs, including the abolition of a flat rate charge for all consumers, an additional 8% for vulnerable customers and for consumption of over 2,000 kW as well as a Euro 5 discount for all e-bill customers, old and new. The measure will apply from March 26, 2020 for three months. Tenants whose employment contract is suspended are allowed to pay only 60% of their monthly rent on main residence in March and April. The measure is extended until May for employees whose contract is still under suspension.
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unemployment benefit payments will be extended by 2 months for those whose entitlement ends on 31 March.²⁹⁹

²⁹⁸ JMD 15687/282/2020 FEK 1468/B/16.4.2020.

²⁹⁹ Art. 7, LA - 20.03.2020 as amended by art. 24, LA - 30.03.2020.

	Social security contributions	
Labor Markets	Activation measures	
	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Temporary rotational work scheme was introduced (for up to six months – i.e. until September 2020): businesses that have been financially affected may unilaterally designate staff as safety personnel for the operation of their business. Each employee may work for a minimum of 2 weeks within a reference period of 1 month, continuously or intermittently. The measure shall apply to at least 50% of staff. Employer is required to maintain the same headcount at the time of entering such operation.³⁰⁰ • Eligibility for special leave or part-time work without deduction from pay: all working in public sector parents of children enrolled in educational units whose operation has been suspended under a state decision.³⁰¹ • Eligibility for special purpose paid leave: all working in private sector parents of children enrolled in educational units whose operation has been suspended under a state decision.³⁰²
	Wage subsidies	

³⁰⁰ Art. 9, LA - 20.03.2020 FEK 68/A/20.03.2020.

³⁰¹ Art. 5, par.3, LA - 11.03.2020.

³⁰² Art. 4 par.3, LA - 11.03.2020, MD 17239/Δ1.5936, JMD 17787/520 FEK 1778/B/10.05.2020.

Greenland

Cash Transfers	
Public Works	
In-kind Transfers	
Utility waivers	
Health insurance	
Unemployment support	
Pensions & disability leave	
Social security contributions	
Activation measures	
Labor regulation adjustment	
Wage subsidy	•

Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The SEED CCT adjusted payment delivery, including initiating payment delivery to beneficiaries aged 60 and over at their homes in March; and introducing additional payment points for all beneficiaries in each Parish (district) in April.
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Delivery of care packages of basic food items to affected and vulnerable persons and households in different constituencies. The support is managed by the Prime Minister's Office through Constituency Offices. Some care packages have also been made available due to private sector donations.
	School feeding	
Social Insurance	Public works	
	Utility waivers	
	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	

	Unemployment benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The National Insurance Board (NIB) in Grenada has allocated EC\$10 million for workers who have lost income because of measures taken by the Government to reduce the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19). There will be no distinction between higher- and lower-income workers and the support will not be based on income. Eligible persons must have been contributing to the NIS and must be unemployed as a direct consequence of COVID-19. Persons who are receiving income support or payroll support from the Government of Grenada will not be eligible. Qualified persons will receive a flat monthly payment of EC\$330 per month over a period of six months. Payment will commence during the last week of May 2020 ³⁰³ ³⁰⁴
	Social security contributions	
Labor Markets	Activation measures	
	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	

³⁰³ <https://www.nowgrenada.com/2020/04/fiscal-responsibility-key-to-governments-ability-to-provide-covid-19-stimulus-package/>

³⁰⁴ <https://caribbeanbusinessreport.com/news/nis-grenada-allocates-ec10-million-for-covid-19-unemployment-benefit/>

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Wage subsidies

- Denmark's government is supporting private companies struggling with drastic measures to curb the spread of coronavirus that it would cover 75% of employees' salaries, if they promised not to cut staff³⁰⁵.

³⁰⁵ <https://www.euractiv.com/section/coronavirus/news/danish-corona-hit-firms-get-state-aid-to-pay-75-of-salaries/>

Grenada



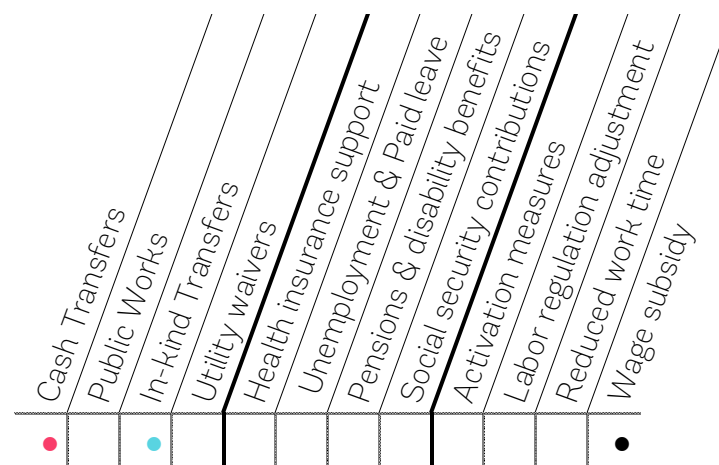
Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The SEED CCT adjusted payment delivery, including initiating payment delivery to beneficiaries aged 60 and over at their homes in March; and introducing additional payment points for all beneficiaries in each Parish (district) in April.
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Delivery of care packages of basic food items to affected and vulnerable persons and households in different constituencies. The support is managed by the Prime Minister's Office through Constituency Offices. Some care packages have also been made available due to private sector donations.
	School feeding	
Social Insurance	Public works	
	Utility waivers	
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	

	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The National Insurance Board (NIB) in Grenada has allocated EC\$10 million for workers who have lost income because of measures taken by the Government to reduce the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19). There will be no distinction between higher- and lower-income workers and the support will not be based on income. Eligible persons must have been contributing to the NIS and must be unemployed as a direct consequence of COVID-19. Persons who are receiving income support or payroll support from the Government of Grenada will not be eligible. Qualified persons will receive a flat monthly payment of EC\$330 per month over a period of six months. Payment will commence during the last week of May 2020 ³⁰⁶ ³⁰⁷
	Social security contributions	
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Guatemala



Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bono Social "Conditional Cash Transfer". Government is waiving conditionality and making more agile payments. (admin adaptation) The government introduced an emergency cash transfer "Bono Familia"³⁰⁸ to reach 2 million beneficiaries during 3 months (1000 quetzals or US\$130 per month/beneficiary) Targeting is based on electricity consumption (<200whg) for areas with electricity (90% of beneficiaries). In areas with limited access to electricity, targeting is based on socio-economic characteristics (10% of beneficiaries). (new)
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expansion of the non-contributory program "Adulto Mayor" (100 million quetzals or 13 million dollars). Implemented by Ministry of Labor.³⁰⁹
	In-kind transfers	

³⁰⁸ Decree 13-2020 April 8 2020 and AG 57 2020 April 16 2020

³⁰⁹ Decree 12-2020 April 1 2020

	Food, vouchers, others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Food transfers and vouchers for food, medicine and inputs to prevent COVID-19. Program for vulnerable families, including elderly, elderly in nursery homes. Program jointly implemented by Ministry of Social Development and Ministry of Agriculture (700 million quetzals or US\$ 91million) ³¹⁰
	School feeding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parent associations, which already received for the school meals program to organize take-home rations for pick up at school level. ³¹¹
	Public works	
	Utility waivers	
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions	
Labor Markets	Activation measures	
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	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wage subsidy to formal workers in private sector whose contract has been suspended with the approval of the Ministry of Labor (75 quetzals or 9.7 dollars per day). Total 2000 million of quetzals (US\$260 million). Executed by National Mortgage Corporation Bank. ³¹²

³¹⁰ Decree 12-2020 April 1 2020

³¹¹ <https://cdn.wfp.org/2020/school-feeding-map/>

³¹² Decree 13-2020 April 8 2020

Guernsey (UK)

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Public Works	
In-kind Transfers	
Utility waivers	
Health insurance	•
Unemployment support	
Pensions & disability benefits	
Social security contributions	
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Labor regulation adjustment	
Wage subsidy	•

Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The States of Guernsey (UK) has set up a Hardship Fund to provide emergency support for people in immediate financial need who may not otherwise qualify for unemployment benefit, sickness benefit or income support. Payments are for essential items such as food, toiletries, cleaning products, etc. The Hardship Fund does not cover rent or mortgage interest payments. The weekly rates payable are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> £100 for the first adult in the household £80 for the second adult in the household £55 per child in the household ³¹³
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
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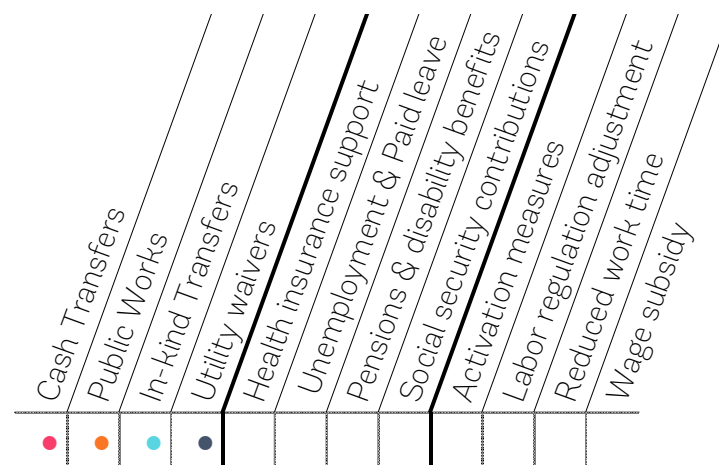
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The government will pay up to 163 euro/week to workers who are unable to work due to illness ³¹⁴
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The government will pay up to 163 euro/week to unemployed people who are looking for work with an employer ³¹⁵.
	Social security contributions	
Labor Markets	Activation measures	
	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The government is launching Coronavirus Payroll Co-Funding Scheme which will pay employees an amount equivalent to Guernsey (UK)'s minimum wage. This is currently set at £8.50 per hour (£8.05 for 16- and 17-year olds). For a 35-hour week this figure would equate to a gross figure of £298. The States of Guernsey (UK) will meet 80% of this figure (i.e. £238 per week based on a 35 hour week). Employers must make up the remaining 20% (equivalent to £60 per week). Employers are encouraged to 'top-up' these amounts further if they are able to do so. The support is available for an initial period of up to three months (13 weeks). This will cover the period to late June ³¹⁶.

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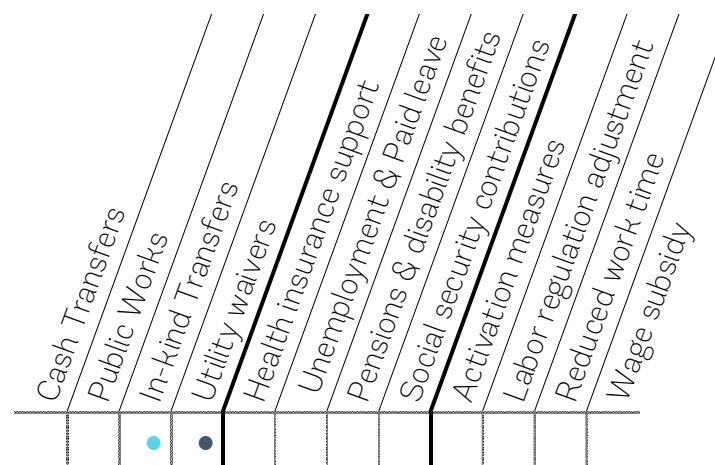
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Guinea



Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ANIES also has introduced a new cash transfers program of 250.000GNF per month for 240,000 households (1.6 million people) in various parts of Guinea including Conakry. The program take place from June to December 2020. (new)
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The country new Social Protection agency, the Agence Nationale d'Inclusion Economique et Sociale (ANIES) will distribute sanitation kits to 130,900 households (more than 850,000 people) in 102 sub-prefectures (1,920 districts) and the special zone of Conakry. This phase will take place from April 2020.
	School feeding	
	Public works	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In addition, a COVID-19 economic response plan was announced on April 6, 2020 including the implementation of labor-intensive public works

	Utility waivers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In addition, a COVID-19 economic response plan was announced on April 6, 2020 including a waiver on the payment of utilities for the most vulnerable.
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
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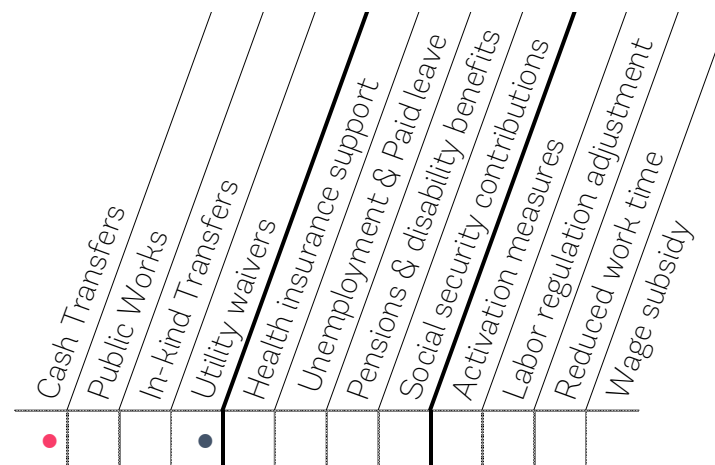
Guinea-Bissau

Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 20,000 bags of rice and 10,000 bags of sugar were distributed across the country, costing CFAF 525 million (US\$ 0.9 million or 0.06 percent of GDP) ³¹⁷
	School feeding	
	Public works	
	Utility waivers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To promote the use of electronic payment tools the Western Africa Central Bank (BCEAO) is providing more flexible measures to open a mobile money and making transfers between people backed by electronic money free.
	Paid sick leave	

³¹⁷ <https://www.imf.org/en/Topics/imf-and-covid19/Policy-Responses-to-COVID-19>

Social Insurance	Health insurance	
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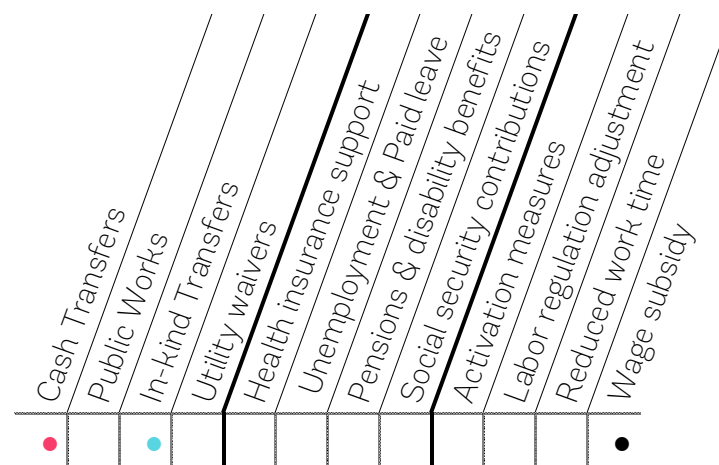
Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advance payment of old-age pension Safeguard and ensure that people older adults can collect their payments pension during the pandemic of COVID-19 ³¹⁸
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
	School feeding	
Social Insurance	Public works	
	Utility waivers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suspending water and electricity utilities for three months (from April 01, 2020 to September 30, 2020). ³¹⁹
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	

³¹⁸ https://socialprotection.org/sites/default/files/publications_files/Nota%20Tecnica%20Abril_FINAL.pdf

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Haiti



Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	
	One-off cash transfers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The government announced a one-off cash transfer to 1.5 million vulnerable families.
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In-kind transfers to 1 million families announced on March 27th.
	School feeding	
Social Insurance	Public works	
	Utility waivers	
	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
Labor Markets	Unemployment benefits	
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Wage subsidies

- Wage subsidies for 60,000 workers were announced for the textile industry as well as compensation for 100,000 teachers.

Honduras

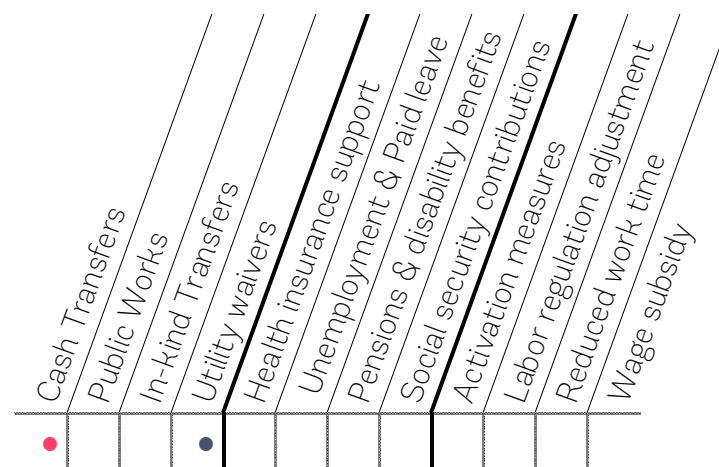


Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The government is implementing an emergency cash transfer program focused on self-employed and informal workers receiving government support under the Covid-19 crisis. The program will benefit around 500,000 people, who are all new beneficiaries³²⁰
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The state-run Honduras Solidaria program will provide food commodities and hygiene products to 800,000 families (an estimated 3.2 million individuals) every two weeks for the next 30 days.
	School feeding	
Social Insurance	Public works	
	Utility waivers	
	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	

³²⁰ based on note produced by *Marcela Roza* and as *Miriam Matilde Montenegro Lazo* part of the G2Px initiative

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Hong Kong (China)

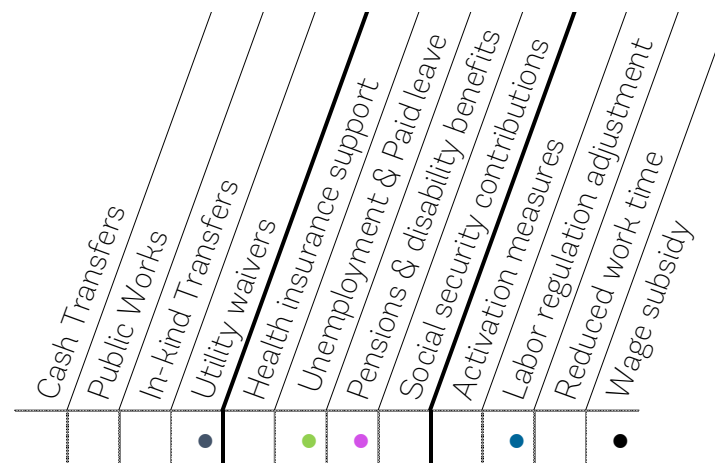


Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An extra 1-month allowance is planned for the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) payment, Old Age Allowance, Old Age Living Allowance, or Disability Allowance. Similar arrangements will apply to the Work Incentive Transport Subsidy.
	One-off cash transfers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A one-off transfer of HK\$ 10,000 (US\$ 1,280) is planned for permanent residents over the age of 18. This measure, which involves a cost of about HK\$71 billion, is expected to benefit about 7 million people. A Community Care Fund has been designated to extend this assistance to more recent immigrants who are low income and have not yet achieved permanent residency status. The first payments to be made as early as July 8³²¹
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	
	School feeding	
	Public works	

³²¹ https://www.scmp.com/news/hong-kong/hong-kong-economy/article/3087965/hong-kong-permanent-residents-can-apply-hk10000?exp_signup=opt-ggl-sign-in&onboard=true#

	Utility waivers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The government will cover one month of rent for lower-income tenants living in public rental units.
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
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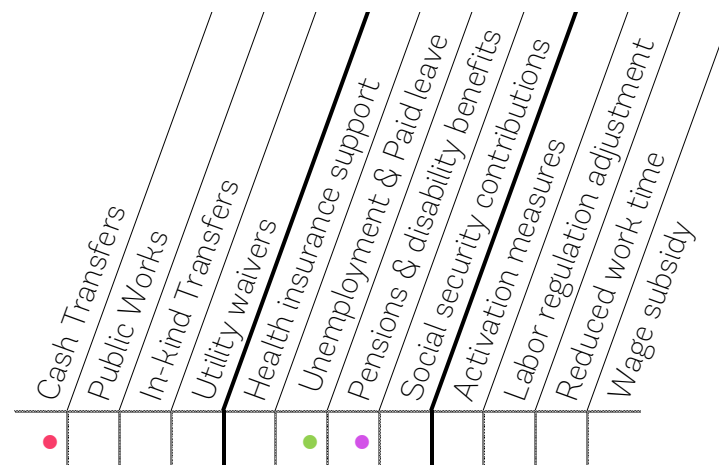
Hungary



Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	
	School feeding	
	Public works	
	Utility waivers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Loan repayment moratorium (both principal and interest) for both private individuals and companies until the end of the year.
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expiring benefits for persons currently on maternity leave will be extended until the end of state of emergency.
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An extra week of pension will be paid out every February during 2021-24.
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sectors particularly affected by the crisis (tourism, hospitality, entertainment, sport, cultural services, personal transportation/taxi companies) are exempting employers from paying social security

		contributions. Employees' contributions are significantly reduced until 30 June; also, the health insurance premium is reduced to the statutory minimum.
Labor Markets	Activation measures	
	Labor market regulations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A plan is under discussion to relax labor regulations and facilitate collective negotiations in order to allow for easier altering of work schedule and to allow for remote work.
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	On May 20, the government announced a new wage subsidy program for new hires, with the condition for a company of keeping a worker for at least nine months On August 25th, the government announced that it will not be expanding the wage subsidy scheme as of end-August.

Iceland



Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tentative plans are underway to stimulate private consumption via tax reduction or increased benefits.
	One-off cash transfers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Families with children under the age of 18 will receive a one-time child benefit payment on June 1, 2020 of ISK 20,000 (US\$ 140) or ISK 40,000 (US\$ 285) per child, depending on their income.
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	
	School feeding	
Social Insurance	Public works	
	Utility waivers	
	Paid sick leave	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Workers incl. self-employed who used up their twelve-month sickness benefit entitlement are still entitled to sickness benefits. Self-employed workers can receive sickness benefits ("quarantine payments") when in quarantine.³²²
	Health insurance	

³²² https://read.oecd-ilibrary.org/view/?ref=134_134797-9iq8w1fnju&title=Paid-sick-leave-to-protect-income-health-and-jobs-through-the-COVID-19-crisis

	Pensions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> During the next 15 months, individuals may withdraw a monthly sum from their voluntary pension savings to a maximum of ISK 800,000 (US\$5,680).
	Unemployment benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As part of an ISK 230 billion (US\$ 1.6 billion) package of COVID-19 economic support, part-time employees, the self-employed, and freelance workers will be allowed to claim up to 75% of unemployment benefits in order to avoid job losses. This will effectively allow for workers at risk of job losses to reduce their hours to 25% of previous levels and access government support of up to ISK 700,000 (US\$ 4,975) per month.³²³
	Social security contributions	
Labor Markets	Activation measures	
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³²³ <https://www.icelandreview.com/politics/icelandic-government-presents-economic-response-package-to-covid-19-crisis/>

India

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Cash Transfers	Public Works	In-kind Transfers	Utility waivers	Health insurance support	Unemployment & Paid leave	Pensions & disability benefits	Social security contributions	Activation measures	Labor regulation adjustment	Wage subsidy
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Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rs1000 (US\$ 13) to all beneficiaries under the National Social Assistance Program (NSAP) for elderly, widows and disabled receiving social pensions (35M beneficiaries). Rs500 (US\$ 6.50) per month between April and June to all female Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) (financial inclusion) account holders, reaching an estimated 200 million women. 87 million farmers who are beneficiaries of the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-Kisan) program will receive a top up of Rs2000 (US\$ 26.50) for 3 months. The state of Uttar Pradesh will provide compensation to poor workers via online payments if they lose their job due to the pandemic. Vegetable vendors, construction workers, rickshaw pullers, autorickshaw drivers, and temporary staff at shops will be targeted by this measure. The state of Uttar Pradesh transferred Rs 611 (US\$ 80M) in cash transfers directly to 27.5 lakh workers of the NGRES.³²⁴

³²⁴ <https://www.outlookindia.com/website/story/india-news-amid-coronavirus-lockdown-up-govt-transfers-rs-611-crore-to-27-lakh-mnrega-workers/349701>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Government of Bihar has decided to transfer funds from the Chief Minister Relief Fund at the rate of Rs.1000 / - per family to the bank account of the labourers and needy persons residing in other states stranded due to lockdown. This scheme is only for those who are in residents of Bihar and are stranded in other states due to the lockdown announced due to corona virus. The Bihar government has transferred money to 10.11 lakh workers, of the total applications from over 13 lakh registered workers ³²⁵ The state of Assam in India is planning a cash transfers – Orunodi scheme -- to families in the state based on income (the composite household income of the applicant should be less than Rs 2 Lakh per annum ³²⁶). From Oct 2, families in Assam will get \$13/month (R1000/month). The transfers are the bank account of a family. But the family has to nominate a woman. A male member is not entitled to get the money in their bank account in this scheme. They have to nominate a female member of the family whosoever she may be. The scheme is going to cover 17 lakh families and the target is to expand it to 25 lakh families in days to come ³²⁷
	One-off cash transfers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Uttar Pradesh in India is providing a one-off benefit of 1,000 Indian rupees to 480,000 daily wagers (street vendors, rickshaw pullers, etc) ³²⁸.
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rs 4000- 5000 (US\$ 53-66) pension will be paid to 850,000 beneficiaries by April 7, 2020.
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Public Distribution System (PDS) allocations for all Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) priority households will be increased for three months (1kg pulses per household, 5kg wheat or rice per individual). The state of Gujarat expanded free grains to households which are Above the Poverty Line (APL) which are officially not covered in the

³²⁵ <https://indianexpress.com/article/business/economy/covid-19-44-5-bihar-cash-transfers-10-lakh-workers-delhi-haryana-maharashtra-6368673/>

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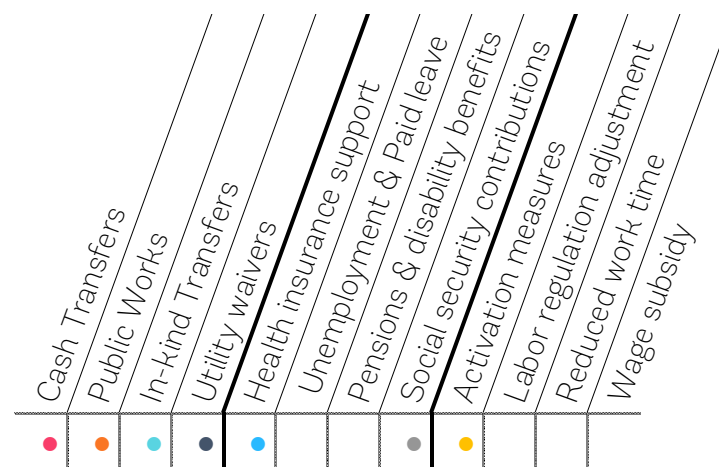
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³²⁸ https://www.ilo.org/wcmsp5/groups/public/---asia/---ro-bangkok/documents/publication/wcms_753550.pdf

		<p>National Food Security Act. APL households have been promised 10kgs of wheat, 3kgs of rice, 1kg of sugar and 1kg of pulses.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Free cylinders will be provided for three months to poor Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) beneficiaries (83M households). Delhi is providing two in-kind measures: free rations, with 50% more quantity than normal entitlements, to 7.2M beneficiaries; and lunch and dinner served free to every person at all Delhi Government night shelters.
	School feeding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Kerala state government will deliver food ingredients for mid-day meals to over 300,000 children studying in 33,115 <i>anganwadis</i> (rural child care center) closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. At the moment, they are delivering such food items necessary for ten days. Before the end of such period, the materials required for the next ten days will be packed and delivered. The materials are being packed and distributed by the teachers themselves.
	Public works	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wages under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee (NREGS) will be increased from Rs180 (US\$ 2.38) to Rs202 (US\$ 2.67).
	Utility waivers	
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> India's Employer's Provident Fund Organization (EPFO) will allow workers to withdraw up to 75 percent non-refundable advance or 3 months' salary from their provident fund account, whichever is lower. India's national pension system (NPS) allows partial withdrawals towards treatment for COVID related illness for subscribers and their spouses and children. The current rules of early withdrawal do not apply to APY (informal sector) subscribers and therefore are applicable only for about 10 million people.
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GOI will pay Employee Provident Fund contributions for employees and employers for the next 3 months. This is targeted to firms with up to 100 workers and where 90% of workers earn less than Rs15,000

		(US\$199) per month. This is expected to cover 1.8 million employees and 400,000 firms.
Labor Markets	Activation measures	
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Indonesia



Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indonesia's flagship CCT program, Program Keluarga Harapan (PKH), will expand the program coverage from 9.2 to 10 million beneficiary families (or 15 percent of the population) and double the benefit level for 3 months (April, May, and June). The PKH program budget has been increased by nearly 29% to reach IDR 37.4 trillion (US\$2.5 billion). Furthermore, benefit payments have become monthly instead of quarterly. A new unconditional cash transfer program (BST) is introduced for eligible residents outside the Greater Jakarta region who have already registered in the social registry but are not recipients of PKH or the Food Assistance Program. Approximately 9 million households will each receive IDR 600,000 (US\$ 40) per month for 3 months, starting in April. The second new unconditional cash transfer program (BLT Dana Desa) is introduced for village residents, who have been negative affected but have not registered in the social registry and are not recipients of PKH/Food Assistance Program/BST. This program is funded via Village Fund and will cover approximately 11-12 million

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> households with the benefit of IDR 600,000 per household per month for 3 months, starting in April.
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The food assistance program, Sembako (previously called BPNT), will be expanded from 15.2 million to 20 million low-income households, bringing the coverage of the program to just short of 30 percent of the population. The benefit level will increase by 33% for a period of nine months. The total program budget is increased by about 55%, reaching IDR 43.6 Trillion (US\$2.93 billion). A new in-kind food assistance program was introduced for Greater Jakarta (Jabodetabek) residents by the Central Government. Starting in April, approximately 1.8 million households will receive food assistance worth of IDR 600,000 (US\$ 40) per household per month for 3 months. In addition, several local governments also provide in-kind food assistance and/or cash assistance to selected residents that do not receive assistance from the Central Government. For example, the Government of Jakarta provides in-kind food assistance to another 1.1 million households and the West Java Government has provided in-kind food assistance worth IDR 350,000 and cash assistance of IDR 150,000 per household for 12,000 households
	School feeding	
	Public works	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Government has allocated IDR 16.9 Trillion (US\$ 1.1 trillion) for cash for work programs implemented by various Ministries: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ministry of Public Works and Housing allocates IDR 10.2 Trillion (US 679 million) for Cash for Work. The program targets 530,000 workers across x. Village Fund will be also be allocated for village-level Cash for Work programs targeting unemployed, poor, and other vulnerable residents of the village. The program targets 59,000 workers.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Other Ministries (Transport, Agriculture, Marine and Fisheries, and Environment and Forestry) will also link their programs with cash for work.
	Utility waivers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Between April and June, the government is offering electricity and mortgage payments waivers, as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Electricity - IDR 3.5 Trillion (US\$ 234 million) to finance the electricity bill for 24 million households, or approximately 40 percent of the population, with a 450 Volt-Ampere (VA) connection. Those with a 900VA connection (another 7 million households) will receive a 50 percent discount. - Mortgage - IDR 1.5 Trillion (US 100.45 million) to support up to 175,000 low-income households requesting a mortgage through both an interest rate subsidy and down-payment subsidy.
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IDR 3 Trillion (US\$ 200 million) to finance contributions to the national health insurance scheme for 30 million non-salaried workers.
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions	
Labor Markets	Activation measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kartu Pra-Kerja, a program that provides subsidized vouchers for unemployed workers for skilling and re-skilling has doubled in its allocated budget from IDR 10 to 20 Trillion (US\$ 668 billion to US\$ 1.3 trillion) and will be launched in April. The program will be accessible to an estimated 5.6 million informal workers and small and micro enterprises who have been affected by COVID-19. • Indonesia National Police will have a program similar to Kartu Pra Kerja, called Safety Program, specifically targeting bus, truck, and taxi drivers. The allocation for this program is IDR 360 Billion (US\$ 24 million) for 197,000 beneficiaries.
	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	

Iran



Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Iran is planning to support around 3 million lower-income families with no permanent jobs with cash transfers up to 6 million rails (US\$ 400) in 4 stages. The government has also announced loans and amenities to the 4 million low-income families whose livelihoods have been affected by the outbreak of Covid-19 (US\$ 500 million); cash transfers to households (US\$ 1.3 billion); and loans to 23 million households which receive cash subsidies.
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	
	School feeding	
	Public works	
	Utility waivers	
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	

	Unemployment benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As part of a wider package of support announced by the President, Iran will provide unemployment insurance to those who have lost their jobs because of Covid-19; a waiver of all health expenditures if incurred due to COVID-19; and approximately US\$ 1.15 billion in fiscal support to the unemployment insurance fund.
	Social security contributions	
Labor Markets	Activation measures	
	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	

Iraq



Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Supreme Committee for National Health and Safety, in collaboration with the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs (MoLSA), launched an assistance package of 30,000 IQD (US\$ 253) per person, with a total cost of around 300 billion Iraqi dinars (\$254 million). This program, called Minha, aims to support the most vulnerable people who have been impacted by the COVID-19 curfew and lockdown measures. In order to be eligible, Iraqis had to self-register by April 16th using a newly launched website. By the deadline, approximately 2.5 million people self-registered.
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Iraqi Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs launched on April 7, 2020 a program named "1,000,000 Food Baskets for the Poor" to alleviate the effects of COVID-19. The aid is targeting poor households registered in the main Cash Transfer Program database. The estimated cost of each basket is about US\$ 15 and 708,360 beneficiaries have received the food basket as of April 13th.
	School feeding	

	Public works	
	Utility waivers	
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions	
Labor Markets	Activation measures	
	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	

Ireland



Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A benefit of €350 (US\$ 385) per week will be paid to the unemployed (self-employed or employees) for the duration of the crisis. It is designed to provide income security for a period during which the unemployed can apply for a full Jobseekers payment. Non-EU/EEA migrant workers are also eligible for this program.
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	
	School feeding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students in Ireland are being sent home packages with fresh foods, including bread, eggs, fruit, and yogurt.
Social Insurance	Public works	
	Utility waivers	
	Paid sick leave	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eligible people will be paid €305 (US\$ 336) per week (as compared with the normal Illness Benefit rate of €203, or US\$ 223). This is available to employees and the self-employed.
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	

	Social security contributions	
Labor Markets	Activation measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional €200 million investment in training, education, skills development, work placement schemes, recruitment subsidies, job search and assistance measures, to help those who have lost their jobs find a new one, retrain, or develop new skills, in particular for emerging growth sectors
	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The government is providing income support payments for those who have been temporarily placed on a shorter working week. The payment is made in respect of regular salary for the days that employees are no longer working. For example, if a working week has been reduced from a 5 to 3 days, the worker can receive support for the other 2 days. Short Time Work Support is paid for a maximum of 234 days. The entitlement will depend on the number of social insurance contributions employees have.
	Wage subsidies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Temporary COVID-19 Wage Subsidy Scheme provides a subsidy up to 85% depending on employees' previous average net weekly pay.³²⁹

³²⁹ <https://www.gov.ie/en/service/578596-covid-19-wage-subsidy/>

Isle of Man

Cash Transfers	Public Works	In-kind Transfers	Utility waivers	Health insurance support	Unemployment support	Pensions & disability benefits	Social security contributions	Activation measures	Labor regulation adjustment	Wage subsidy
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Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Manx Earnings Replacement Allowance ('MERA') provides an income of £200 a week to people who have either been laid off or made redundant from their employment, or have lost their self-employed work, since 2 March 2020 ³³⁰
	One-off cash transfers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grant to support local businesses and self-employed, The Coronavirus Business Support Scheme offers financial support to eligible self-employed* applicants in the form of a grant payment of up to £3,000. ³³¹
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	
	School feeding	•
	Public works	
	Utility waivers	
	Paid sick leave	•

³³⁰ <https://covid19.gov.im/businesses/funding-support/manx-earnings-replacement-allowance-mera/>

³³¹ <https://covid19.gov.im/businesses/funding-support/coronavirus-business-support-scheme/>

Social Insurance	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions	
Labor Markets	Activation measures	•
	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	•
	Wage subsidies	• Government provides salary support for affected businesses ³³²

³³² <https://covid19.gov.im/businesses/funding-support/salary-support-scheme/>

Israel



Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	On April 8, the parliament approved a package of NIS 80 billion (about 6.1 percent of 2020 GDP), which includes NIS 11 billion for health expenses. The package supports the social safety net (NIS 20bn), funding a relaxation in the requirements for unemployment benefits and grants for self-employed workers
	One-off cash transfers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A one-time NIS 500 grant for families with children, the elderly and other vulnerable population groups was also approved by parliament On July 29, the parliament approved a second stimulus package of NIS 80bn, including a one-off grant program amounting NIS 6.72bn for adults and families with children, excluding high earners.
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	
	School feeding	
	Public works	
	Utility waivers	
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Histadrut (General Organization of Workers) and the government have agreed on paid leave for workers in the public sector. It is an agreed pooling system of vacation leave to share with workers who

		need to stay away from work. It stipulates that a non-essential designated employee that is not required to work during the crisis period will take a mandatory vacation at the expense of the workers' accumulated vacation days. Employers in the public sector and the Histadrut will set up a joint vacation days fund for emergencies, which will work to prevent damages to workers' wages that do not have the sufficient accumulated vacation time.
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions	
Labor Markets	Activation measures	
	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	

Italy



Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Decreto di Rilancio - "Relaunch decree" - a stimulus package of €55B signed on May 19, 2020- suspends all conditionalities related to the Guaranteed Minimum Income program, or Reddito di Cittadinanza (RdC), for two additional months, until July 2020, with the exception of accepting an adequate job offer in the municipality of residence. The rationale is the minimization of movement of beneficiaries to social services or to public employment services, where they are expected to sign a social inclusion pact or a labor pact. A separate note stressed the importance of ensuring continuity of social services during the emergency, with a focus on protecting social workers and beneficiaries from contagion, promoting the use of telephone and technology to maintain contact with families, and paying special attention to situation of vulnerability for women and minors. Existing resources aimed at strengthening services for RdC can be reoriented towards activities most needed in response to the pandemic. The Relaunch decree announced a temporary means tested cash transfer, Reddito di Emergenza, Emergency Income, for those vulnerable households not protected by any other social assistance measure. The benefit lasts for two months and the amount varies between €400 to €800 per month, depending on the equivalence scale. Applications are open till the end of June and payments will be

		disbursed during the months of July and August. The total available budget for the measure amounts to €954.6 million.
	One-off cash transfers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Workers with income less than €40,000 (US\$ 44,000) per year are entitled to a nontaxable, one-off benefit of €100 (US\$ 110) for March 2020 if their job required the worker to go to the regular workplace. Workers who carried out their job remotely are not entitled to the bonus. The Relaunch Decree extends the one-off €600 (US\$ 660) bonus to self-employed and professional workers, including agricultural, tourism, cultural sector workers by one additional month for April 2020. In May the bonus increases to €1,000 for those self-professional workers who can demonstrate a 30% reduction in income during March-April with respect to the same period of last year.
	Childcare support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Relaunch decree includes specific support families and workers. It offers funds to private-sector workers to pay for babysitters via a childcare voucher of up to €1200 (US\$ 1320) for workers with children below the age of 12 who decide not to take parental leave. The voucher can reach up to €2,000 (US\$ 2,200) for workers in the health sector. Vouchers can also be used towards summer camps.
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On March 29, the National Civil Protection transferred €400 million (US\$ 440 million) to 7,904 municipalities to purchase food vouchers and/or basic food necessities based on population and income criteria. Mayors are free to decide how to purchase products and how to select beneficiaries. Priority should be given to households that are not beneficiaries of other social assistance programs.
	School feeding	
Social Insurance	Public works	
	Utility waivers	
	Paid sick leave	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parents of children younger than 12 are allowed to take leave for up to 30 (combined) days starting from 5 March 2020 until July 2020 while receiving 50% of the salary paid by the state. Absence from quarantine would be considered as sick leave, with the costs paid by the state.
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	

Labor Markets	Unemployment benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unemployment benefits expiring between March 1 and April 30, 2020 are automatically renewed for two months, as long as beneficiaries do not receive any other benefit.
	Social security contributions	
	Activation measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Relaunch decree introduces incentives for agricultural work: beneficiaries of social assistance measures, including of the GMI <i>Reddito di Cittadinanza</i>, can sign short term work contracts in agriculture up to 30 days, renewable for additional 30 days, and up to Euro 2,000 in 2020. The amount will not be included in the income calculations for the GMI.
	Labor market regulations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Until August 17, 2020 suspension of all firing procedures initiated after 23 February. Parents of children younger than 14 working in the private sector have the right to work from home if the other parent is working and nobody in the family benefits from social assistance measures.
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To discourage layoffs during the crisis, employees of companies that have interrupted their activities will be entitled to receive a benefit in the amount of 80% of the salary paid by the state. The measure would be valid for up to nine weeks – and no longer than August 2020. For those firms that exhausted the nine weeks, four more weeks will be available from September 1 until October 31, 2020.

Jamaica



Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Programme of Advancement through Health and Education (PATH) payments will be paid earlier than scheduled. ³³³ • PATH families with children enrolled in primary and secondary schools are receiving a top-up of J\$150 per day while children in ECD are receiving J\$100 per day for school feeding while school is closed. A total of 23 school days were paid for this benefit in May (360,000 beneficiaries). • Under Government's COVID Allocation of Resources for Employees (CARE) Program, a direct transfer will be made to workers who lost their jobs (details to be announced). Supporting Employees with Transfer of Cash (SET Cash) – which will provide temporary cash transfer to individuals where it can be verified that they lost their employment since March 10, (the date of the first COVID19 case in Jamaica). Individuals who apply and qualify will receive J\$9,000

³³³ <http://jamaica-gleaner.com/article/news/20200316/education-ministry-providing-food-path-students-amid-school-closure>

		(US\$63) per fortnight, paid monthly from the month of their application through to June 2020. ³³⁴
	One-off cash transfers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Persons enrolled in PATH will receive a 'COVID-19 PATH grant' which will add another payment for the April-June payment period under the CARE program. PATH beneficiaries will therefore receive three payments instead of two payments for this payment period. A 'COVID General Grant' under the CARE program will provide one-time grants to different categories of small businesses and self-employed persons, including (i) J\$25,000 (US\$174) to barbers, hairdressers, beauty therapists, cosmetologists, market vendors, taxi and bus operators (who are registered with a Municipal or Transport Authority by April 30, 2020; (ii) J\$40,000 (US\$279) to bar and night club operators registered with a Municipal Authority by April 30, 2020; and (iii) J\$40,000 (US\$279) to craft vendors, and transport operators registered with the Tourism Product Development Company by April 30, 2020. The CARE program's Compassionate Grant of J\$10,000 (US\$70) is available to anyone in need (e.g. tertiary students, unemployed, informally employed, elderly, pensioners, etc.) who completes the required application form, is not formally employed, has not received, and does not intend to apply for any other cash benefit under the CARE Programme, with the exception of the Covid-19 PATH Grant. Persons must possess a valid taxpayer registration number and not be in formal employment. AS of May 6, 2020 - 250,000 applicants were eligible and scheduled to receive payment.³³⁵
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Ministry of Labor and Social Security through its Central Foods Warehouse is delivering relief packages (food and other relief items) to

³³⁴ <https://jis.gov.jm/media/2020/04/CARE-Brochure-Ministry-of-Finance-2020.pdf>

³³⁵ <http://jamaica-gleaner.com/article/news/20200506/250000-compassionate-grants-be-paid-weekend>

		persons in quarantine, elderly, parents of children with disabilities enrolled in the Early Stimulation Program,
	School feeding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Ministry of Education will be providing nutritional support through Nutrition Products Limited to students as part of the Programme of Advancement Through Health and Education (PATH) – a flagship cash transfer scheme. This applies to the period that they will be out of school over the next two weeks. Specifically: snacks comprising baked products, fruit juices, milk, and water will be distributed for students on PATH at the primary and secondary levels. Certain schools will be used as distribution points for two weeks, and later the private sector (food suppliers, supermarkets) will be used to distribute food packages at specific drop off points in each community.³³⁶
	Public works	
	Utility waivers	
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Insurance Scheme (NIS) pensioners will receive their fortnightly payments in one payment.
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions	
Labor Markets	Activation measures	
	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Government's CARE program includes a Business Employee Support and Transfer of Cash (BEST Cash) – which will provide temporary cash transfer of J\$9,000 (US\$63) per fortnight from April -June to businesses operating in the tourism industry for each employee they keep employed who are at or under the income tax threshold of J\$1.5 million (US\$ 10,465) per year To be eligible, businesses must be registered with the Tourism Product Development Company (TPDCO) and Tax Administration Jamaica (TAJ) as having at least 1 employee, and file payroll returns for April, May, and June evidencing the number of persons employed. Payments will be made

³³⁶ <http://jamaica-gleaner.com/article/news/20200316/education-ministry-providing-food-path-students-amid-school-closure>

monthly directly to the business' bank account. Update: extension for two extra months^{337 338}

The CARE program will also provide a one-time COVID Small Business Grant of J\$100,000 (US\$697) to all small businesses with average sales of J\$50 million (US\$34,8819) or less per annum for the 3-year period 2017-2019 ; who filed taxes in the 2019/20 financial year; and filed payroll returns indicating that they have employees.

³³⁷ <https://jis.gov.jm/media/2020/04/CARE-Brochure-Ministry-of-Finance-2020.pdf>

³³⁸ <https://jis.gov.jm/govt-extends-set-and-best-cash-grants/>

Japan



Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Japan's planned spending package of up to 20 trillion yen (US\$ 190 billion) is likely to include cash transfers to households.
	One-off cash transfers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Japan will give US\$ 930 to every citizen, though it is unclear yet if it is for adults only or also includes children. The cost is expected to be around 2% of GDP.
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	
	School feeding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The city of Osaka will offer free lunches for all students at government-run elementary and junior high schools (from April). The program would save parents between 50,000 yen (US\$ 470) and 60,000 yen per child each year. The city estimates the annual cost of covering all 165,000 students at 7.7 billion yen (US\$ 72 million), with funding for fiscal 2020 starting April coming from a reserve fund. The city plans to continue the program beyond the next fiscal year and discuss details such as how to secure funding for fiscal 2021 and beyond.
	Public works	

	Utility waivers	
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A planned subsidy will reimburse two-thirds of the leave allowance for an SME employer, or half for a large enterprise. The subsidy is capped at JPY8,335 (US\$ 78) a day per employee on leave as of late February 2020.
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions	
Labor Markets	Activation measures	
	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	

Jordan



Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Jordanian National Aid Fund (NAF) announced the following measures: Due to the curfew, the government will deliver cash to the houses of all the current beneficiaries of the National Aid Fund (NAF) monthly cash transfer and quarterly Takaful programs for March 2020 [around 145,000 households]. NAF started the registration of the Bread Subsidy Cash Compensation Program, which targets up to 80% of the population with a small amount of money annually. Payments will occur over April-November 2020. Registration is using the same form for the Takaful Program. The government announced a program to provide cash support to poor and vulnerable households affected by COVID-19. The Program will provide: (i) temporary (6 month) CTs to 200,000 vulnerable households; and temporary (6 month) benefit top-ups for NAF beneficiaries whose benefits are below a certain threshold. The number of households benefiting from the Program will be about 293,000.

		The Program will add about 210,000 household to the existing caseload of NAF (146,000). The set benefit for this program is JOD136 (US\$ 193) for households of 3 members and more and JOD 70 (US\$ 99) for households of two members.
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In-kind distribution of bread (universal) will occur at reduced subsidized price (JD1 per 3 kg, instead of JD1.5 – US\$ 1.41 vs US\$ 2.11). The Ministry of Local Affairs is coordinating distribution from local bakeries. Bread is delivered door to door by buses that patrol localities, escorted by police officers to deter crowding. NAF beneficiaries will receive the bread for free with the support from municipalities. The Social Security Corporation (SSC) started providing in-kind support to about 100,000 vulnerable families (other reports indicate 35,000-50,000) that include an individual over the age of 70 and casual workers. Food parcels have a monetary value of JD40-50 (US\$ 56-70). The program may be extended to persons with chronic illnesses. SSC is also studying to expanding the list to include families whose breadwinners have lost their work, especially those working in the informal sector, in case the government decided to extend the suspension.
	School feeding	
	Public works Utility waivers	
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MOL announced a two-week paid leave for all public sector workers. This will not be deducted from the normal allocation of sick leave.
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Companies will have the option of stop contributing for the Old Age Program (keeping only disability and health insurance). In the case where firms will choose to do so (they can do it for all or some

		<p>employees only), they will only pay 5.25% as contribution rate, instead of 21.75%. However, this is only valid from March-June 2020. All employees will still be covered with Disability, Death, Unemployment, and Maternity insurance (regardless of the choice). Those employees who would be affected by this employer's choice, will still be able to contribute voluntarily during this period. Firms will also be given the choice to pay such contributions amounts in instalments until the end of year 2023.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Half of the Maternity Insurance Contributions in 2020 will be used to support vulnerable groups, mainly old age and sick people. The allocated amounts will be used for cash transfers and in-kind aids. Companies that owe contributions to SSC from the past (arrears amount to JD 340 million or US\$ 479.5 million) will be legally allowed to make such payments into the future.
Labor Markets	Activation measures	
	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	

Kazakhstan



Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monthly payments of US\$ 100 for up to almost 3 million people will be made to those who have lost income as a result of COVID-19. The amount of will be equivalent to minimum wage (45,000 tenge or US\$ 110). As of 16 April, 2.7 million were approved for support, although 5.3 million (60 per cent of the working population) had applied ³³⁹ ³⁴⁰
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In-kind support in the form of free grocery packages is planned for large families with children, persons with disability and other vulnerable families.
	School feeding	
	Public works	
	Utility waivers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reimbursement of utilities expenses for Apr and May in amount of KZT15,000 will be provided for some socially vulnerable groups of population. Electricity and telecommunications: citizens, who were

³³⁹ <https://home.kpmg/xx/en/home/insights/2020/04/kazakhstan-government-and-institution-measures-in-response-to-covid.html>

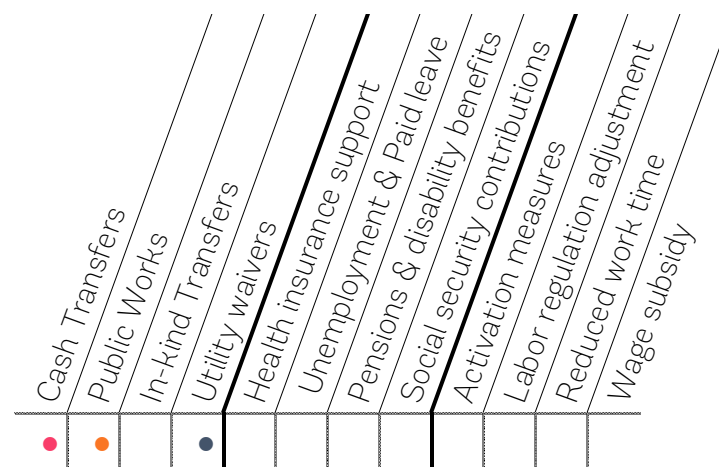
³⁴⁰ https://www.ilo.org/wcmsp5/groups/public/---asia/---ro-bangkok/documents/publication/wcms_753550.pdf

		transferred to remote work, may receive compensation for the electricity and telecommunications bills. Utilities in Almaty: the residents can defer utilities payments, incl. elevator and waste disposal, for Mar and Apr till the end of 2020 with no fines or penalties. ³⁴¹
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	• Free healthcare for all until June ³⁴²
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions	
Labor Markets	Activation measures	
	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	

³⁴¹ <https://home.kpmg/xx/en/home/insights/2020/04/kazakhstan-government-and-institution-measures-in-response-to-covid.html>

³⁴² <https://www.social-protection.org/gimi/ShowWiki.action?id=3417>

Kenya



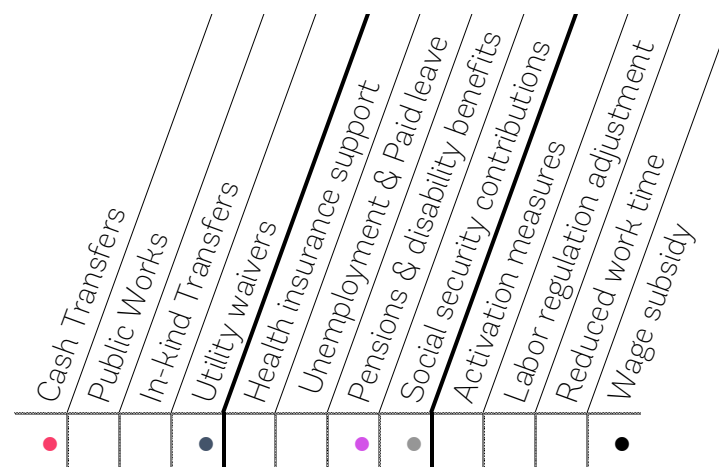
Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The National Treasury appropriated an additional Ksh10B (equivalent to US\$ 100M) for supporting the elderly, orphans and other vulnerable members with cash transfers. 1,094,238 Inua Jamii beneficiaries will start receiving Ksh8,000 (US\$ 80) each from the state to cushion them against the effects of the coronavirus. At the queue at the payment centers, the beneficiaries will be required to maintain 1.5 meters of social distance. 3,000,000 new households' beneficiaries will be added under NSNP/KSEIP
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 300,000 new households' beneficiaries will be added under Social pensions program.
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	
	School feeding	
	Public works	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As part of the "Kaji Mtaani" initiative, 10,600 youths living in Nairobi's slums (Mathare, Kibera, Mukuru and Korogocho) have been enlisted for street cleaning, fumigation, disinfection, garbage collection, bush

		clearance and drainage unclogging services, among others. Kazi Mtaani (Jobs in the Neighborhood) is a public works program reaching 26,000 unemployed youth residing in 27 informal settlements of Nairobi, Mombasa, Kiambu, Nakuru, Kisumu, Kilifi, Kwale and Mandera. Daily wage is about \$6/day delivered via Mpesa ³⁴³ ³⁴⁴
	Utility waivers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fee waivers on person-to-person mobile money transactions on M-PESA were approved. Also, a 100% tax relief for persons earning less than Ks.24,000 (US\$ 240) is planned.
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions	
Labor Markets	Activation measures	
	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	

³⁴³ <https://www.capitalfm.co.ke/business/2020/05/govt-creates-26000-jobs-for-kenyans-living-in-slums/>

³⁴⁴ <https://www.kenyanews.go.ke/mandera-launches-kazi-mtaani/>

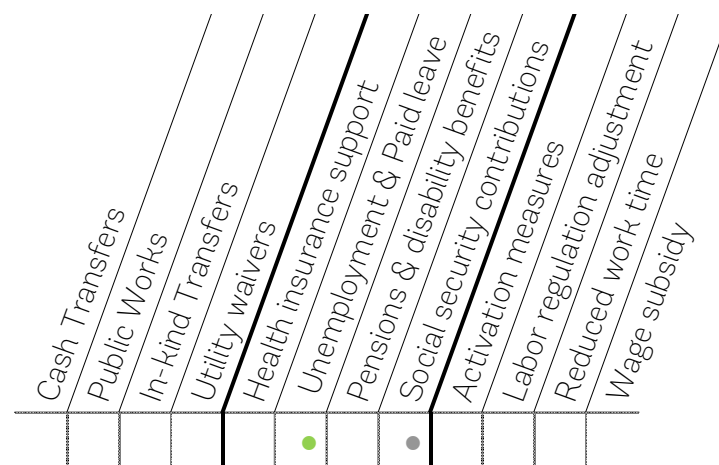
Kosovo



Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The government will pay early payments of 2 months' worth of social assistance benefits, amounting to €7.65 million (US\$ 8.4 million). Also, early payments of farming grants and subsidies (for 1,702 farmers) are planned. Payment of an additional sum of €30 (US\$ 33) per month to all beneficiaries of social assistance and pension schemes who receive a monthly payment lower than €100 (US\$ 110), for April, May and June, provided that they are beneficiaries of only one scheme. Payment of monthly assistance in the amount of €130 (US\$ 143) to citizens who lose their jobs due to the public health emergency situation, for April, May and June, amounting up to €4 million (US\$ 4.4 million). All verification procedures for social assistance (and pensions) benefits are suspended until further notice (e.g., beneficiaries are not required to visit public offices).
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	

	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	
	School feeding	
	Public works	
	Utility waivers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rental subsidy up to 50% of the rent value for small and medium enterprises for April and May, a measure amounting to €12 million (US\$ 13.2 million)
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Early payment of pensions (Euro 35 million, or US\$ 38.5 million monthly). As part of the economic recovery plan for the second half of this year and 2021, 5-percent of pension contributions that business pay for workers will be covered under efforts to reduce tax burden.
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The value of pension contributions for April and May will be paid, amounting to €8 million (US\$ 8.8 million).
Labor Markets	Activation measures	
	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expenditures for the monthly salaries in the amount of €170 (US\$ 187) for April and May will be covered, a measure amounting to €41 million (US\$ 45.1 million). As part of the economic recovery plan for the second half of this year and 2021, employment support measures include: (i) Wage subsidy for workers in pandemic-affected businesses; (ii) Salary subsidy for new workers hired by businesses based on a plan that identifies sectors and categories of workers most in need

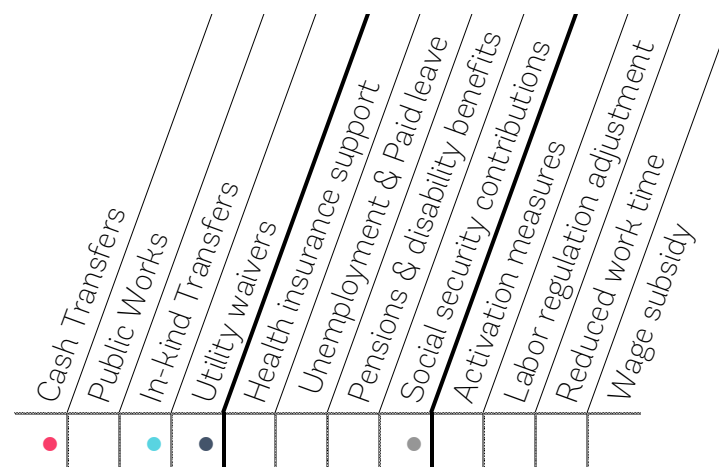
Kuwait



Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
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	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	
	School feeding	
	Public works	
Social Insurance	Utility waivers	
	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The country continue providing full unemployment benefits to national Postponing the deduction of the replacement part of the retirement pension according to Article 77 of the Law for a period of 6 months. Payment of the retirement pension on the assumption that what the law permits is not disbursed in advance for cases that have benefited from the provision of Article 112 bis of the Social Security Law for a
	Social security contributions	

		period of 6 months, provided that the legal instrument necessary to implement this decision is specified.
Labor Markets	Activation measures	
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	Wage subsidies	

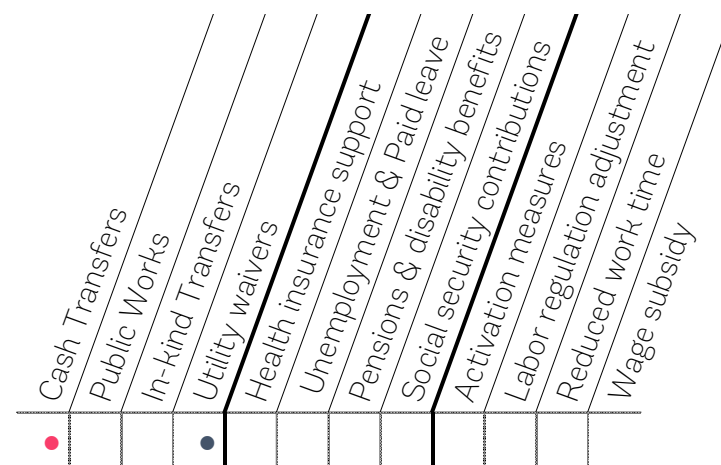
Kyrgyz Republic



Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Automatic extension of the standard one-year enrollment term for beneficiaries of poverty-targeted cash transfers which were due to finish during the quarantine period. Low-income families with children do not need to report on their income and visit district social protection offices. Categorical cash transfers to persons with disabilities (children and adults) will be prolonged automatically if their term finishes in time of quarantine.
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provision of food kit/set to supplement cash transfers to low income families with children, children, and adults with disabilities. <p>Bishkek city: Food, medical supplies and financial assistance are provided to low-income families in the form of humanitarian assistance in the fight against coronavirus.</p>

		<p>2.7 tons of flour, 460 liters of vegetable oil and more than 2 tons of food (pasta, rice, sugar, etc.) were distributed.</p> <p>Municipal Territorial Departments together with economic entities and shopping centers delivered food to 60 large, disabled and low-income families in the territory of the Municipal Territorial Administration.</p> <p>Food was distributed as assistance to people with disabilities in 17, 19, 20, 21 municipal territorial administrations.</p> <p>In the city of Osh:</p> <p>Low-income families in Osh received food, medical supplies and financial assistance.</p> <p>26.0 tons of flour, 1,100 liters of vegetable oil and more than 2 tons of other food products (pasta, rice, sugar) were distributed</p>
	School feeding	
	Public works	
	Utility waivers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deferral of utilities service charges and fees (electricity, water and gas) and a bankruptcy moratorium until Jan 1, 2021.
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting the productive sector to maintain their businesses in operation through measures such as deferral of tax, social insurance contribution payments.
Labor Markets	Activation measures	
	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	

Lao PDR



Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	
	School feeding	
	Public works	
	Utility waivers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A new electricity tariff, to ensure supply of electricity, in effect from May 1, 2020 through December 31, 2025, is in place³⁴⁵ On April 10, 2020, the Laos government issued tax relief measures to mitigate the economic impact of the COVID-19 outbreak. These measures specifically relate to income tax exemptions for certain businesses and employees³⁴⁶
	Paid sick leave	

³⁴⁵ <https://www.imf.org/en/Topics/imf-and-covid19/Policy-Responses-to-COVID-19>

³⁴⁶ <https://www.aseanbriefing.com/news/laos-issues-tax-relief-measures-mitigate-covid-19-impact/>

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	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions	
Labor Markets	Activation measures	
	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	

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Latvia

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Public Works	
In-kind Transfers	
Utility waivers	
Health insurance	•
Unemployment support	
Pensions & disability leave	
Social security contributions	
Activation measures	
Labor regulation adjustment	
Reduced work time	
Wage subsidy	•

Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	
	School feeding	
Social Insurance	Public works	
	Utility waivers	
	Paid sick leave	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The state will fund sick leave from the second day of illness for adults who: are ill or injured; are required to isolate; returning from abroad who work in educational, medical, or social care institutions with contact with clients; taking care of sick children; or those who qualify for a sick leave certificate based on other criteria.³⁴⁷
	Health insurance	

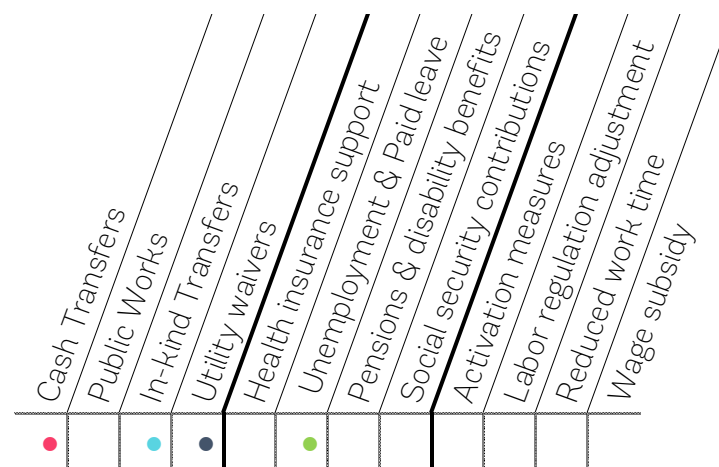
³⁴⁷ <https://covid19.gov.lv/en/podderzhka-zhitelyam/ekonomika/dlya-rabotnikov/issuance-sick-leave-certificates>

	Pensions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The government has introduced an “allowance for idle time”, which covers unpaid salaries in the period between 14 March-30 June, as well as employees whose economic activity does not exceed Euro 430 (US\$ 471) per month. Employees receiving the allowance will also receive a supplement of Euro 50 (US\$ 55) for each dependent child up to 24 years of age.³⁴⁸
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions	
Labor Markets	Activation measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Employees of companies in industries most affected by COVID-19 will receive up to 75% of their salaries (to a maximum range of Euro 700 (US\$ 767) per month.³⁴⁹
	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	

³⁴⁸ <https://covid19.gov.lv/en/support-society/economics/entrepreneurs/allowance-idle-time>

³⁴⁹ <https://home.kpmg/us/en/home/insights/2020/03/tmf-latvia-tax-relief-response-coronavirus.html>

Lebanon



Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On 26 March 2020, the government announced that it will allocate 75 billion Lebanese pounds (about US\$ 5 million) as a social assistance package to those in need, against the backdrop of measures to tackle the spread of COVID-19. The aid package is a treasury advance to the High Relief Authority to help people suffering from the effects of lockdown measures taken to counter the spread of the emerging Corona virus.
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The government allocated 18 billion LBP (around US\$ 12 million) to buy 100,000 food and health rations, the value of which is 180,000 LBP (US\$ 119), and the joint committee between the relevant ministries and the army will start distributing them to all regions, by helping municipalities and mukhtars.
	School feeding	
	Public works	
	Utility waivers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deferred payment of utility bills planned (details to be announced).

Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paid sick leave should be granted to medical employees working in hospitals (nurses, contractors) covering the entire isolation period. Decree 136/1983 on work-related injuries and emergencies will apply to all such workers whom contract COVID-19. This decree stipulates the responsibilities of the employers in case of occupational injuries with corresponding compensation and indemnity, as well as workers' entitlements. This decision enters into effect retroactively for all cases starting February 1, 2020.
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions	
Labor Markets	Activation measures	
	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	

Lesotho

Cash Transfers	
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Health insurance	
Unemployment support	
Pensions & disability leave	
Social security contributions	
Activation measures	
Labor regulation adjustment	
Wage subsidy	

Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase the cash benefit amount for existing beneficiaries, especially child grant support. Identify and add new vulnerable people – children, elderly (60-70yrs), people living with disabilities and informal sector operators. The project is expected to benefit close to 200,000 social grant beneficiaries
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	
	School feeding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In March 2020, the Ministry of Education announced that school feeding will continue for public primary school learners despite school closures, in order to ensure that children are given one hot meal per day.³⁵⁰
	Public works	
	Utility waivers	
	Paid sick leave	

³⁵⁰ <https://ewn.co.za/2020/03/19/lesotho-declares-national-emergency-over-covid-19-outbreak>

Social Insurance	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions	
Labor Markets	Activation measures	
	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Government will cover salaries of factory workers³⁵¹

³⁵¹ <https://allafrica.com/stories/202005190321.html>

Liberia



Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	<p>For COVID-19 support to vulnerable households, the Government of Liberia plans to use existing Liberia Social Safety Nets Project to provide immediate relief in Greater Monrovia area and scale up cash transfers in the four most food insecure counties. Specifically, the government plans to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide one-off emergency cash transfers to approximately 25,000 poorest households in Greater Monrovia via mobile money • Scale up the Social Cash Transfer (SCT) program from 3,500 to 15,000 extreme poor households in Liberia's four most food insecure counties (Maryland, Grand Kru, River Gee and Bomi) via mobile money • The expected beneficiaries of 40,000 families are as follows: 25,000 poorest households in Greater Monrovia (new); 3,500 rural extreme poor households (current); and 11,500 new extreme poor households ³⁵²
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
In-kind transfers		

³⁵² based on note produced by Victoria Strokova and Nicholas Timothy Smith as part of the G2Px initiative)

	Food, vouchers, others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The government is appropriating the amount of US\$25 million to support food distribution to households in designated affected counties for the period of 60 days.
	School feeding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Government switched to take home school meals, an approach used during Ebola.
	Public works	
	Utility waivers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Government is planning to take up the electricity bill of households in the affected counties for the duration of the STAY-AT-HOME. Cost of this measure is US\$ 4 million.
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions	
Labor Markets	Activation measures	
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Libya

Cash Transfers	
Public Works	
In-kind Transfers	•
Utility waivers	
Health insurance	
Unemployment support	
Pensions & disability leave	
Social security contributions	
Activation measures	
Labor regulation adjustment	
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Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To prevent food prices from increasing, the Minister of Economy has adopted a regulation controlling the prices of 16 food items such as fruits, vegetables and meat. The regulation will be revised every 3 months.
	School feeding	
	Public works	
	Utility waivers	
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
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Liechtenstein

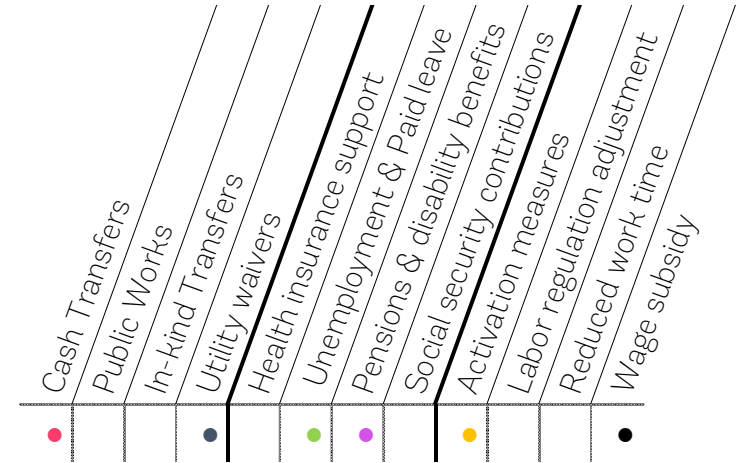


Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	
	School feeding	
	Public works	
	Utility waivers	
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As part of a larger economic stimulus package, the government of Liechtenstein has allocated 50 million Swiss Francs (US\$ 51.8 million)

		for the financing of short-time work through unemployment insurance to prevent an increase in unemployment. ³⁵³
	Social security contributions	
Labor Markets	Activation measures	
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³⁵³ <http://www.liechtensteinusa.org/article/measures-taken-in-liechtenstein-in-response-to-the-coronavirus-pandemic>

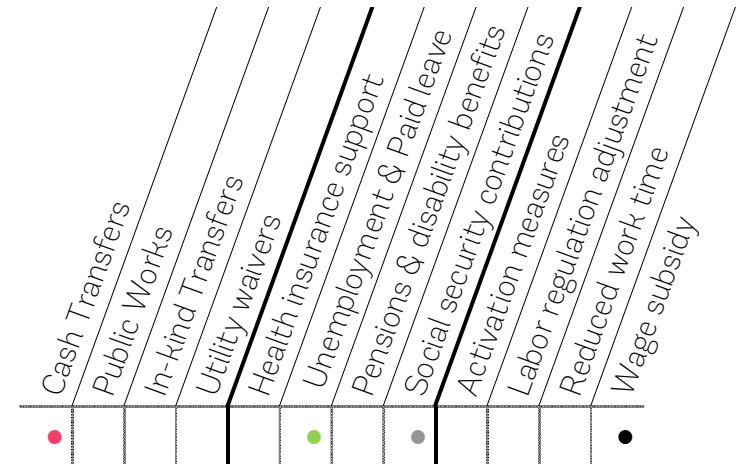
Lithuania



Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	* The universal child benefit of 60 euros has been increased to 100 euros for a period of six months after the end of the national quarantine for families who lost income during the quarantine.
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	
	School feeding	
	Public works	
	Utility waivers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide a state guarantee to extend the deferred period from 3 to 6 months for mortgage payments (excluding interest) for those who have lost their jobs. • To allow deferment or payment in instalments of electricity and natural gas bills from UAB Ignitis, and to recommend to municipalities to allow deferment or payment in instalments of utilities and heat energy.
	Paid sick leave	

Social Insurance	Health insurance	
	Pensions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An increase in social benefits to pensioners and others (182 million euros)
	Unemployment benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allocation of funds for the self-employed who have paid social security contributions: to pay EUR 257 (US\$ 283) a month for up to 3 months when they are unable to carry out their activities due to quarantine.
	Social security contributions	
Labor Markets	Activation measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • job search allowances of 200 euros for those who have dropped out of the labor force (265 million euros)
	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The following support for downtime and partial downtime will be made available: employee allowance no less than a minimum monthly wage (MMW), State funds will account for 60% but no more than one MMW.

Luxembourg

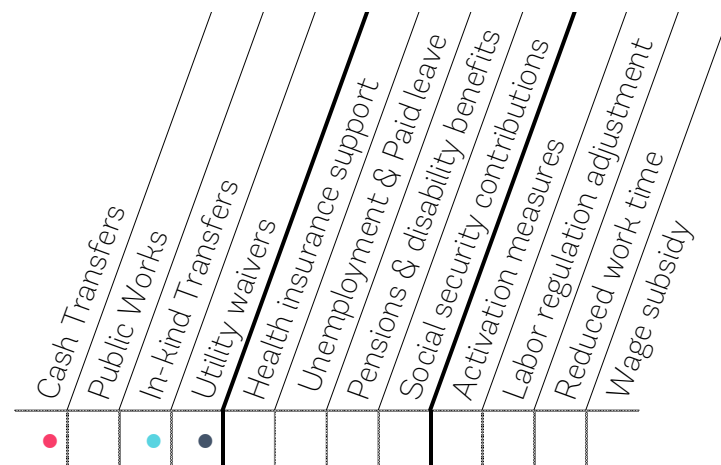


Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	
	One-off cash transfers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grant self-employed people with less than 10 employees a non-refundable and non-taxable support of €2,500.³⁵⁴ Grant self-employed people (regardless of the number of their employees) a direct aid in the amount of EUR 3,000, 3,500 or 4,000 depending on the income level of the person concerned.
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	
	School feeding	
	Public works	
	Utility waivers	

³⁵⁴ <https://mecogouvernement.lu/dam-assets/dossiers/Tableau-stab-9avril-EN.pdf>

Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Family leave cannot be denied. Simplified procedures for requests for special leave for family reasons due to school closures with public financial support. (€226 million, 0.4 percent of 2019 GDP) The normal mechanism for continuation of remuneration in case of sickness leave is waived and the National Health Fund (CNS) takes over remuneration of sick employees as from the first day of sickness.
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Self-employed can take family leave if affiliated to the Mutualité des Employeurs, the employers' mutual insurance scheme, as a self-employed person. (€1bn, 1.6 percent of GDP)
	Social security contributions	Liquidity support measures include postponing tax and social-security contribution payments for the first half of the year (€4.6bn, 7.2 percent of 2019 GDP)
Labor Markets	Activation measures	
	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expansion of short-time working scheme ("chômage partiel") to all companies affected by effects of the current crisis, with 80% of employee's salary being reimbursed through the Fonds pour l'emploi, floored at minimum wage and up to a level of 250% of minimum wage. (estimated impact: €500m per month) Simplified, online procedures in place for companies requesting "chômage partiel" Avoid redundancies by ensuring that the State takes over the remuneration of employees (permanent contracts, fixed-term contracts, apprenticeships) that are paid 80% of the salary by the employer

Macao, SAR China



Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introducing benefit for workers and/or dependents: Financial assistance to employees and freelancers³⁵⁵
	One-off cash transfers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The government is giving handouts to all residents amounting to 5.8 billion patacas or 1.3 percent of GDP (electronic vouchers with 3,000 patacas per resident valid from May to July) electronic vouchers with 5,000 patacas per resident valid from August to December
	School feeding	
	Public works	
	Utility waivers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In addition, other measures include free utility fees for residents (for 3 months), subsidized utility fees for firms other than gaming operators and high-end hotels (for 3 months), interest-free loans and interest subsidy for SMEs (2.6 billion patacas or 0.6 percent of GDP), interest

³⁵⁵ https://port.tdm.com.mo/c_english/index.php?id=12569

		subsidy schemes for self-employed individuals (110 million patacas or 0.03 percent of GDP)
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	•
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	•
	Social security contributions	
Labor Markets	Activation measures	
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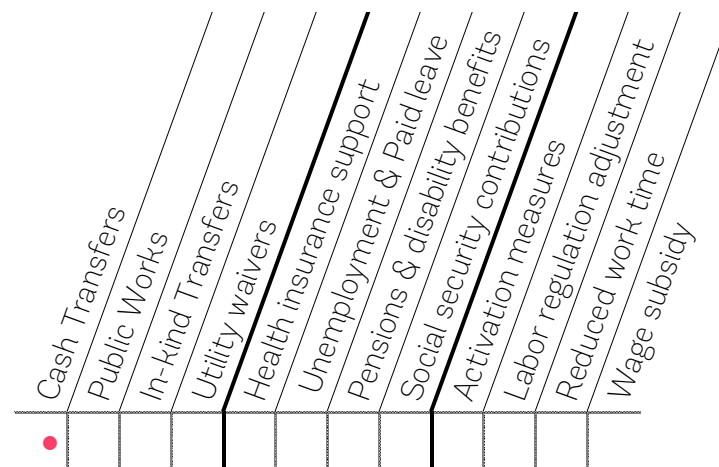
Madagascar



Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unconditional cash transfers of 100,000 Ariary to poor and vulnerable households in Antananarivo and Toamasina city. This transfer will be given out to households for the April and May. The program aims to target 150,000 households as first phase (to be revised depending on the evolution of the situation). Total project budget is US \$10,000,000
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In-kind transfers of essential products (basic necessities like rice, sugar, oil, salt) will be provided to people who earn living day by day: laundry workers, rickshaw pullers, prostitutes, university students who live on campus, and old people are also beneficiaries. In addition, there is a cheap market organized by the State in each "district" (quartier) where people can buy at a low price 3kg of rice and 1l of oil for around 1.5 USD, per family (half of the price).
	School feeding	
	Public works	

	Utility waivers	
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deferral of payment of liabilities for all companies. It includes contributions in social security fund. CNaPS complies with this announcement and the contributions due to the 1st term of year, which should be paid until the end of this month, will be rescheduled to the end of July without incurring any penalties for late payment.
Labor Markets	Activation measures	
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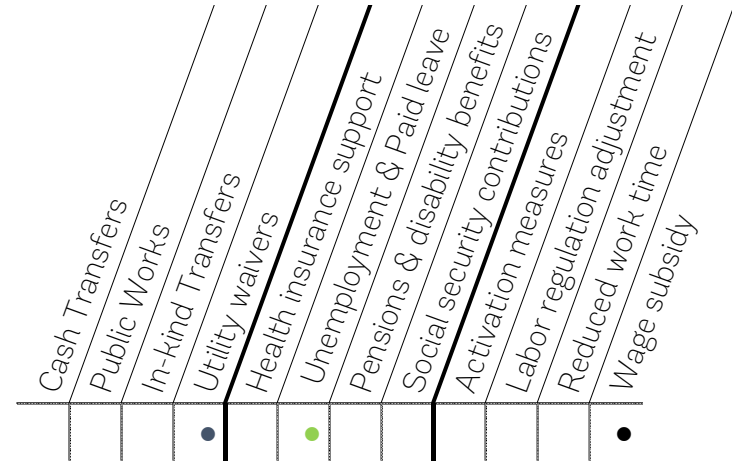
Malawi



Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As part of the government of Malawi's National COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan, the government has proposed measures to accelerate payment of Social Cash Transfer Program (SCTP) benefits, as follows: in April, SCTP payments will be fast-tracked, with a four-month payment covering up to June delivered in April. The Government is also proposing to provide top-ups to SCTP beneficiaries and increase SCTP coverage in both rural areas (as of June), and increase SCTP coverage in urban areas from April-June
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	
	School feeding	
	Public works	
	Utility waivers	
	Paid sick leave	

Social Insurance	Health insurance	
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Labor Markets	Activation measures	
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Maldives



Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	
	School feeding	
	Public works	
Social Insurance	Utility waivers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The government will subsidize 40 percent of electricity bills and 30 percent of water bills for the months of April and May.³⁵⁶
	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	

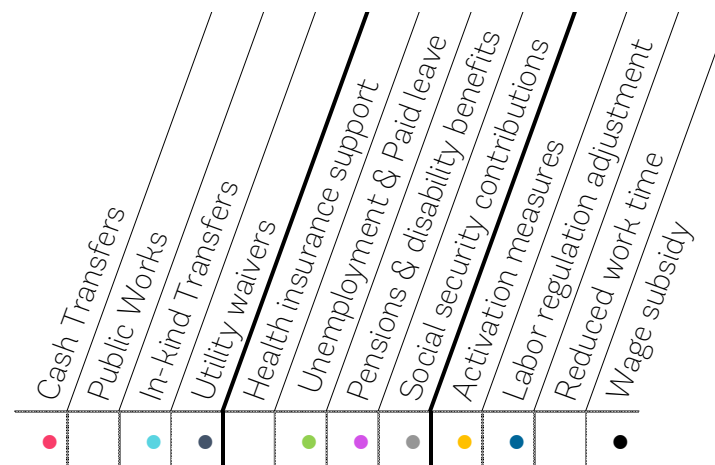
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	Unemployment benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Individuals who lose their employment due to COVID-19 will be eligible for a three month "special allowance" as part of the government's stimulus package.³⁵⁷
	Social security contributions	
Labor Markets	Activation measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As part of its MVR 2.5 billion (US\$ 161.5 million) stimulus package, the government is providing MVR 1.55 billion in emergency loans for businesses which retain their local workforce and pay full salaries to those with wages below MVR 10,000 (US\$ 648).³⁵⁸
	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	

³⁵⁷ <https://raajje.mv/74522>

³⁵⁸ <https://maldives.net.mv/36269/maldives-to-fast-track-100-mln-coronavirus-stimulus-applications-to-open-next-week/>

Malaysia



Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As part of the Bantuan Sara Hidup (BSH) program the payment of RM200 expected in May 2020 will be anticipated to March 2020. Such payments amount to RM760M and will benefit 3.8M BSH households. Also, BSH 2020 recipients will receive an additional RM100 as well as RM50 as e-cash, which will be disbursed in May 2020. This will cost RM500M and benefit an additional 5M BSH recipients. The government will also provide a special monthly critical worker allowance of RM400 (US\$100) for medical doctors and other medical personnel, as well as RM200 (US\$50) for immigration and related frontline staff until the end of the outbreak. The allowance for medical personnel was increase to RM600 (US\$150) on March 27.
	One-off cash transfers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Malaysian government has budgeted RM10 billion to provide one-off cash transfer to depending on income level targeted to B40 and M40 individuals and households : RM1600 to 4 million households earning <RM4000/month RM1000 to 1.1 million households earning RM4000-8000/month

		<p>RM800 to 3 million single individuals aged 21+ earning <RM2000/month</p> <p>RM500 to 400,000 single individuals aged 21+ earning RM2000-4000/month. Overall, this very broadly targeted program intends to benefit 5.1 million households and 3.4 million individuals. The transfers to individuals and households are not exclusive, with individuals with income below the eligibility threshold being eligible to receive the transfer while their households also remained eligible.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One-off payment of RM600 (US\$144) to taxi, tourist and trishaw drivers and tourist guides. • A one-off cash transfer of RM200 will be given to all students enrolled in institutes of higher learning in May 2020. This is expected to cost RM270 million • Civil servants will be given a one-off cash transfer of RM500 per person in April 2020. This will benefit 1.5 million workers. Public pensioners will also be given a one-off cash transfer of RM500 per person in April 2020. This will benefit 850,000 pensioners. • 120,000 e-hailing drivers will be given a one-off cash transfer of RM500 (US\$125). The allocation for this transfer is RM60 million.
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Government will allocate RM25 million (around US\$6 million) to be channeled to vulnerable groups including the elderly and children in shelters, the disabled, and the homeless. The Government will work with NGOs and social entrepreneurs to distribute food, medical care equipment and shelter.
	School feeding	
	Public works	
	Utility waivers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The B40 community that are renting public housing for the urban poor, the Citizen Housing Project (PPR) will be exempted from rent for six months. The sum of these forgone payments is RM3 million (US\$0.75 million). The Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) will be making

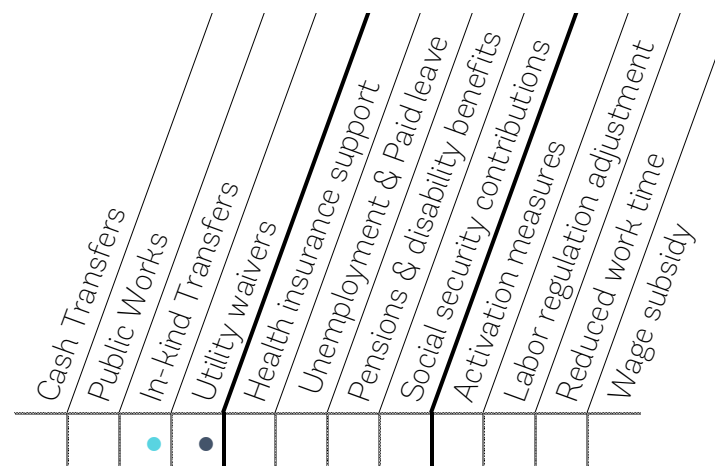
		<p>the same exemption for public housing in its jurisdiction, benefiting 40,000 renters. The Government will also provide a rent exemption to premises owned by the Federal Government such as school canteens, kindergartens, cafeterias, and others.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The B40 community that own 'rent-to-own' units of the PPR will be given a payment deferral of six months from April 2020 to September 2020. This will benefit 4,649 households, amounting to RM5.7 (US\$1.4) million. • The Government will allow a deferral of repayments to the National Higher Education Fund Corporation (PTPTN) and the National Skills Fund Corporation (PTPK) for six months from 1 April 2020 to 30 September 2020. This is expected to defer payments amounting to RM750 million (US\$187 million) and RM159.2 million (US\$39 million) respectively benefiting 174,500 borrowers. • A six-month moratorium will be granted on all consumer loans from April 2020 to September 2020. • A discount on the electricity bill – previously announced at 2% - will be increased according to electricity consumption. The discount will range from 15% to 50%. • The Government announced that in collaboration with all telecommunications companies in Malaysia, all mobile internet subscribers will be given free internet access from 1 April 2020 until the end of the Movement Control Order.
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RM 600 (around \$150) will be provided per employee/month for up to 6 months for workers who are forced to take leave without pay from March 1, 2020 onwards. This will be delivered through the Employment Insurance System (EIS) and is targeted to workers with monthly income of less than RM 4,000 (around\$ 1,000). This is expected to cost RM 120 million (about \$30M). • Through the national insurance plan for the B40, mySalam, patients of COVID-19 can apply for an income replacement of RM50/day for

		up to 14 days. This initiative will also be extended to the B40 who are quarantined as persons under investigation (of COVID-19 symptoms).
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In addition to that, Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin announced March 23 that Malaysians below the age of 55 will be allowed to withdraw RM500 per month from their Employees Provident Fund (EPF) Account 2 for 12 months to buy essential goods amid the worsening COVID-19 pandemic
	Unemployment benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Malaysia is also allowing for early withdrawal from the Employees' Provident Fund (EPF) of RM500 per month for 12 months starting April 2020.
	Social security contributions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Malaysia Employees' Provident Fund will reduce the employee contribution rate from 11 to 7% of the salary from April 2020 to the end of the year (a waiver estimated in total at around RM 10 billion, with no provision for making up the lost contributions). In Malaysia, EPF covers just under 60% of the labor force.
Labor Markets	Activation measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The government is encouraging trainings by: (a) double deductions on expenses incurred on approved tourism-related training; (b) provide RM50 million to subsidize short courses in digital skills and highly skilled courses (expected to benefit 100,000 Malaysians); and (c) through the Employment Insurance System, increasing the claimable training cost from RM4,000 to RM6,000 for affected sectors, and provision of a daily training allowance of RM30 per day to EIS trainees.
	Labor market regulations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A discount of 25 percent will be given to the payment of foreign worker levies to all firms with foreign worker permits ending between April 1 to December 31, 2020. This discount is not applicable to domestic foreign workers.
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Government will provide a wage subsidy for three months, targeted to workers earning RM4,000 or less. The value of the wage subsidy is tied to the number of workers in the company. RM600/worker will be given to firms with 76-200 employees, RM800/worker will be given to firms with 76-200 employees, and RM1,200/worker will be given to firms with less than 76 employees.

Firms with more than 76 employees must demonstrate that their revenues have fallen by at least half since January 2020. Employers will be disallowed from laying off these workers and from reducing workers' existing wages. The subsidy is only available to companies registered prior to 2020 and limited to Malaysian employees. This is expected to benefit 4.8 million workers.

- Workers providing contract services to the Government (e.g. cleaning and food supply to public institutions) will receive a wage replacement. This will benefit 80,000 workers costing RM110 million (US\$27 million). The Government will also extend these service contracts for one month reflecting the duration of the Movement Control Order which has restricted the movement of all individuals and workers outside of essential services.

Mali



Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The government is planning COVID-19 related emergency cash transfers to 75,000 households. These are composed of 25,000 households in the capital and largest urban center, Bamako, and 50,000 households in the regional and departmental capitals across the country (targeting a total of 35 urban municipalities)³⁵⁹.
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Free distribution of fifty-six thousand tonnes of cereals and sixteen thousand tonnes of livestock food to vulnerable populations affected by COVID 19.
	School feeding	
	Public works	
	Utility waivers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To promote the use of electronic payment tools the Western Africa Central Bank (BCEAO) is providing more flexible measures to open a mobile money and making transfers between people backed by electronic money free

³⁵⁹ based on note produced by Anne Hilger and Tounwende Alain Sawadogo as part of the G2Px initiative)

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The president announced in his speech that the government will be taking over electricity and water bills for the months of April and May 2020 in the so-called social categories.
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions	
Labor Markets	Activation measures	
	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	

Malta



Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A benefit of €800 per month (€500 in case of part-timers) to one of the parents (including single parents) who take additional unpaid leave to take care of children whilst schools remain closed, when both parents work in the private sector³⁶⁰.
	Social pensions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Persons with disabilities who have to stay at home due to health concerns that may arise as a consequence of COVID-19 and cannot telework will be entitled to a benefit of €800 per month for a specified period (€500 per month for part-timers)³⁶¹.
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
	School feeding	
	Public works	
	Utility waivers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rent subsidies or increased rent subsidies to employees who lose their job and have rent to pay³⁶².

³⁶⁰ <https://home.kpmg/xx/en/home/insights/2020/04/malta-government-and-institution-measures-in-response-to-covid.html>

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Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> €350 grant is being awarded to employers for each employee required to be on mandatory quarantine leave³⁶³
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Workers who lost or will lose their job with effect from 9 March 2020 will be entitled to a new temporary benefit of €800 per month (€500 per month for part-timers)³⁶⁴
	Social security contributions	
Labor Markets	Activation measures	
	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	<p>As from 9th March 2020, the Government will finance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For those engaged in the hardest hit sectors: €800 per month per full-time employee to businesses or self-employed that have been hardest hit by the COVID-19 outbreak (€500/month in the case of part-timers). Where the wage is in excess of €800 per month, the employers have to top up the pay. A minimum top-up of €400 per employee per month is required when the salary is in excess of €1,200, otherwise contact has to be made with the Department of Industrial and Employment Relations³⁶⁵. For those engaged in the less critically hit sectors: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A day's salary per week equivalent to €160/month per full-time employee (€100/month in case of part-timers); A 2 days' salary per week equivalent to €320/month per full-time employee employed by Malta-based individuals or employed by Gozo based businesses €200/month in case of part-timers); A 3 days' salary per week equivalent to €480/month per full-time employee employed by a Gozo-based individual (€300/month in case of part-timers).

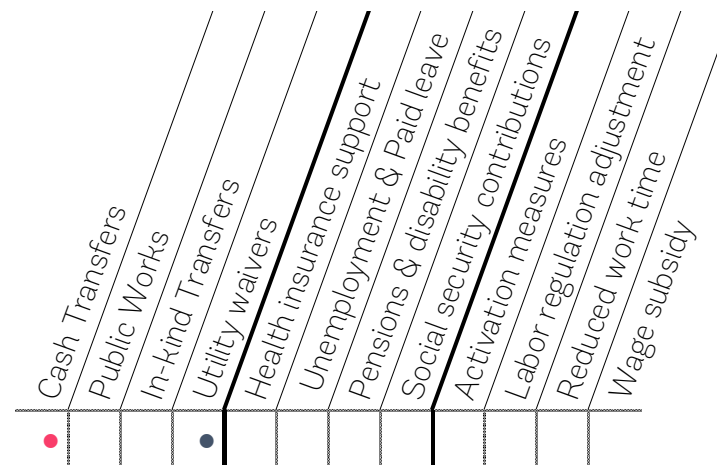
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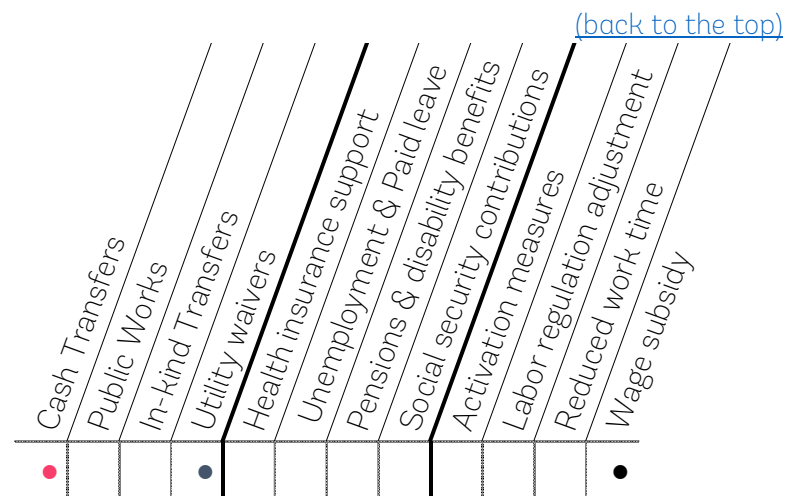
Mauritania



Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The government announced the creation of a special fund for social solidarity and combating the new Corona virus. According to the official news agency, the Mauritanian state contributes to this fund in the amount of 25 billion ounces (about \$ 670 million) and is directed to each of the following: The allocation of 5 billion ouguiya to support 30 thousand dependent families by women, the elderly and people with disabilities, most of which are in Nouakchott, with a monthly financial aid for three months.
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	
	School feeding	
	Public works	

	Utility waivers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The state bears water and electricity bills for poor families for two months. • The state bears the costs of village water for the rest of the year for the citizens of all villages. • The state bears all the taxes and royalties resulting from this activity for the rest of the year for the heads of families working in the traditional fishing sector
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions	
Labor Markets	Activation measures	
	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	

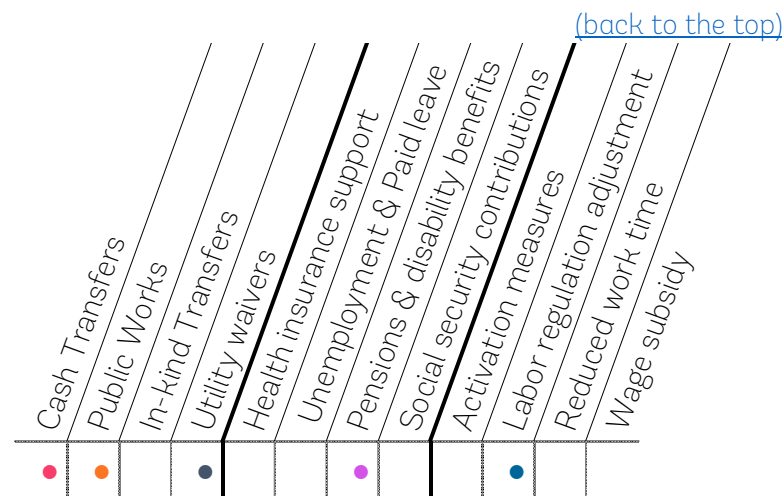
Mauritius



Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eligible Self-Employed individuals will receive a financial support of Rs 5,100 (i.e. 50% of Guaranteed Income) for the period 16th March 2020 to 15th April 2020. Self-employed individuals who are either in business (examples: shops, hawkers, hair dressers, etc.) or are casual workers (examples: masons, plumbers, artists etc.) are eligible under the Scheme. Self-employed individuals in business or self-employed casual workers whose total monthly household income does not exceed Rs 50,000 will be eligible under the Scheme.
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	
	School feeding	
	Public works	
	Utility waivers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As part of its commitment to mitigate the adverse financial impact of the lockdown on economic operators, Government is waiving the fees payable by sellers of vegetables, haberdashery and general merchandise in markets around the island during the curfew period. For those who have already paid, the amount will be deducted in the

		next instalment due.
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions	
Labor Markets	Activation measures	
	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A range of fiscal support measures have been taken to limit the socio-economic impact of COVID-19. These include the implementation of a Wage Assistance Scheme to provide financial support to employees who became technically unemployed during the lockdown/curfew period, as well as a Self-Employed Assistance Scheme for those employed in the informal sector or self-employed

Mexico



Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advance of the payment of (non-contributory) disability pensions (payments of for 4 months at once, instead of 2) by four months.
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The president of Mexico , Andrés Manuel López Obrador, reported on Wednesday June 24 that he will advance four months of pension (July, August, September and October) to the beneficiaries of the Universal Pension for the Well-being of the Elderly program. According to AMLO, the people enrolled in the Federal Government program will receive \$ 4,500 pesos from next July 1.³⁶⁶
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	
	School feeding	
	Public works	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Sembrando Vida Program, which provides permanent employment in rural areas, will be expanded to 200 thousand farmers/beneficiaries. More details to be announced.

³⁶⁶https://mexico.as.com/mexico/2020/06/25/actualidad/1593102185_901633.html#:~:text=El%20programa%20para%20el%20Bienestar%20consiste%20en%20la%20entrega%20de,una%20mejor%20condici%C3%B3n%20de%20vida.

Utility waivers

- Micro-credits for individuals/micro-enterprises. An expansion of their Microcredit Program for Welfare (Tandas para Bienestar), with an adjusted modality in response to the COVID-19. (e.g. a three-month grace period, with a repayment period of up to three years- note loan amounts vary depending on multiple factors). 450,000 extra credits are envisioned, with an investment of 3,400 million pesos
- Through Housing Funds of the public sector workers and other formal workers (i.e. through Fovissste- Fondo de la Vivienda del ISSSTE; and Infonavit- Instituto del Fondo Nacional de la Vivienda para los Trabajadores), 177 billion pesos will be allocated to grant housing loans for nine months, for the benefit of 442,500 workers.
- A fund of 35 billion pesos from ISSSTE (Social security Institute for Public Sector workers- Instituto Nacional de Seguridad y Servicios Sociales de los Trabajadores del Estado) is destined to give personal loans ranging from 20 to 56 thousand pesos (each), to benefit 670 thousand public sector workers.
- The Government waived the electricity threshold for domestic high energy use for the duration of the outbreak. On April 27, 2020, the Ministry of Finance issued a circular stating that the household electricity usage during the quarantine period cannot be considered to reclassify a household into a high user category (Domestico de Alto Consumo-DAC) with a higher tariff. This was done to protect the households from facing a significantly higher electricity bill stemming from the increased electricity usage in during the quarantine/stay at home period
- The Government has established a financial support mechanism (soft loan) for family microenterprises, the Financial Support (Credit) Program for Family Microenterprises, will provide preferential loans of MXN \$25,000 (~USD1,000) to microenterprises with two modalities: through the Social Security Institute with national coverage aimed at formal microenterprises, with active registry and have not laid off any workers in 2020 (ii) Family microenterprises in select (urban) municipalities that have been in operation for 6 months or more, and

		<p>have a space, establishment or work instrument. This program is targeting informal family businesses where the owner is also the only employee, and will be selected based on Ministry of welfare database</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provision of additional support to the parents' societies for the maintenance of 31,000 schools and with also the purpose of providing temporary employment.(how/where to be confirmed)
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On 18 March 2020, Mexico announced an advance of 4 months of pension to seniors scheduled for the end of March. Usually, pensions are delivered every two months. (Under the new measures, instead of the regular 2,670 pesos older people will receive double that amount
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions	
Labor Markets	Activation measures	
	Labor market regulations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No state workers will be fired
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	

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Cash Transfers	
Public Works	
In-kind Transfers	
Utility waivers	
Health insurance support	•
Unemployment support	
Pensions & disability leave	
Social security contributions	
Activation measures	
Labor regulation adjustment	
Reduced work time	
Wage subsidy	•

Micronesia (Federated states of)

Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	
	School feeding	
Social Insurance	Public works	
	Utility waivers	
	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On April 3, 2020, the government announced the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance Program of US\$36 million (9 percent of GDP) for the period of nine months, supported by the U.S. Department of Labor. The FSM Pandemic Unemployment Assistance Program will provide unemployment benefits to individuals who have become

		unemployed as a direct result of the COVID-19 Pandemic. More details forthcoming. ³⁶⁷
	Social security contributions	
Labor Markets	Activation measures	
	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The FSM government has approved a US\$ 15 million Economic Stimulus Package focused on supporting businesses in the tourism sector. The package includes provisions for wage subsidies, debt relief, and gross revenue tax and social security tax rebates for affected businesses in the FSM.³⁶⁸

³⁶⁷ <https://gov.fm/index.php/component/content/article/35-pio-articles/news-and-updates/304-president-panuelo-meets-with-the-nation-s-governors-to-discuss-social-distancing-economic-stimulus-the-covid-19-response-framework-more?Itemid=177>

³⁶⁸ <https://www.pncguam.com/fsm-government-approves-economic-stimulus-package/>

Moldova



Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Temporary increase of social assistance benefit (guaranteed minimum income threshold increased to 1300 lei (US\$73.5) from 1107 lei (US\$62.6)) per adult equivalent during the emergency period) Permanent increase of social assistance benefit for families with children with increased adult equivalency coefficient for children from 50 to 75%.
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	
	School feeding	
	Public works	
	Utility waivers	
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum unemployment benefit is set to 2775 lei/month (US\$157), mostly to the benefit of returned migrant workers and other

		potentially ineligible categories who are made eligible for the emergency period under condition of purchasing the medical insurance (4056 lei or US\$ 229.5 for a year)
	Social security contributions	
Labor Markets	Activation measures	
	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduced subsidies for businesses tied to payrolls (PIT, social contributions- about 42% of the payroll). Firms which ceased activities will receive 100% of payments tied to payroll; those that continue to operate – 60% of payments tied to payroll

Monaco

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Public Works	
In-kind Transfers	
Utility waivers	
Health insurance support	●
Unemployment & Paid leave	●
Pensions & disability benefits	
Social security contributions	
Activation measures	
Labor regulation adjustment	
Reduced work time	
Wage subsidy	

Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	
	School feeding	
Social Insurance	Public works	
	Utility waivers	
	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For employees who are laid off due to COVID-19, the government's strengthened provisions for total temporary layoffs include: Employees who usually receive a gross base salary of less than or equal to EUR 2,075.16 (US\$ 2,274), for 169 hours per month, will not

		<p>lose any of their income. They will receive their usual net salary, since this is less than EUR 1,800.00 (US\$ 1,972).</p> <p>Employees who usually receive a gross base salary of between EUR 2,075.17 and EUR 2,571.43 (US\$ 2,274-2,817) for 169 hours per month will be entitled to the safeguard clause at a rate of EUR 1,800.00.</p> <p>If the employers pays the extra 20% so that the worker continues to receive their full salary, the State will exempt the employer from social security contributions on this additional portion.</p> <p>In the case of higher salaries, a cap has been set at 4.5 times the minimum wage.³⁶⁹</p>
	Social security contributions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Employers and self-employed workers who are experiencing a significant drop in activity can request staggered payment of their social security contributions.³⁷⁰
Labor Markets	Activation measures	
	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	

³⁶⁹ <https://covid19.mc/en/thematiques/travail/>

³⁷⁰ <https://covid19.mc/en/thematiques/economie/>

Mongolia



Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The 'Child Money' monthly allowance, given for a total of 1.14 million children in Mongolia, will be raised to MNT 100,000 (about \$32.80) until end of the year (initially was until October but then it was extended). As the previously increased MNT 30,000 from initial MNT 10,000 within the framework of the government's first package of measures, was already granted to children in April 2020, the leftover amount MNT 70,000 will be compensated in the coming days³⁷¹. This measure will cost 322 billion MNT
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Around 32.6 thousand people, including 3.6 thousand senior citizens who are not entitled to pension benefits, 42.5 thousand citizens with disabilities, 16.5 thousand orphaned or half-orphaned children and single parents will receive additional MNT 100,000 in the next five months until October 1, totaling their monthly allowance to MNT 280,000³⁷².

³⁷¹ <https://montsame.mn/en/read/224591>

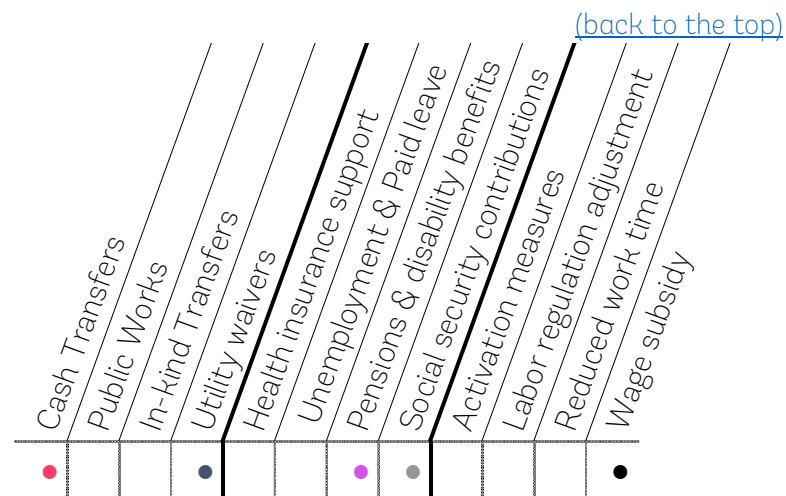
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	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The monthly food stamps, granted to MNT 32,000 (\$11.50) per adult per month and MNT 16,000 per child per month (\$5.75) to people in high necessity for food provision, will be doubled for five months from May 1 to end of the year, 2020 (5 months). This measure will involve 240.2 thousand citizens of low-income households. The food stamps worth MNT 16,000 was given to adults and MNT 8,000 to children³⁷³
	School feeding	
	Public works	
	Utility waivers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The government will waive personal income taxes for 526,000 entities and individuals between April 1 and end of the year, with the exception of public servants, employees of state and local state-owned enterprises, and companies that have received government tenders.
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The government will exempt businesses and entities and self-employed (insured in voluntary SI scheme) from paying social insurances fees between April 1 and end of the year, however, health insurance fees will need to be paid. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update: From Oct 1 to this will convert to contribution partial waive (5 % of reported income of the insured, both the insured and employers pay 5% each) until Dec 31, 2020.
Labor Markets	Activation measures	
	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For a period of three months, the government will provide a monthly 200,000 MNT in financial support to employees of companies that are keeping their workforce and have had their operations disrupted by the COVID 19 related restrictions and lost 50% or more of their sales income compared to Feb-March 2019³⁷⁴.

³⁷³ <https://montsame.mn/en/read/224591>

³⁷⁴ <https://montsame.mn/en/read/222547>

Montenegro



Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nearly 11,900 pensioners receiving the lowest pension and 8,500 beneficiaries of family allowance (social assistance as per the Law on Social and Child Protection) will receive a one-off amount of Euro50. For this purpose, the Government has committed Eur 1M. Payments are processed through that office and home deliveries, to enforce social distancing.
	One-off cash transfers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Government will provide one-off assistance in the amount of EUR 50 to all unemployed persons on the records of the Employment Agency of Montenegro, who do not receive any social transfers. Support to Agro budget through: one-off assistance to commercial fishermen; payment of contributions to insured persons on the basis of agriculture; one-off support for benefits for the elderly; support for the purchase of local products; support for payment of products to domestic producers within 15 days; favourable loans for the purchase of working capital and payment of interest to the beneficiaries of these loans in the grace period; prepayment of 80% of individual premiums.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8 million for 200 EUR one-off cash assistance to beneficiaries of material support. one-time financial assistance in the amount of EUR 200 is provided to the families of material security beneficiaries and veterans' material security beneficiaries
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	
	School feeding	
	Public works	
	Utility waivers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Montenegrin Electric Enterprise will double the amount of subsidies for electricity bills for the duration of the measures to socially disadvantaged households.
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One-off financial assistance to low-income pensioners in the amount of EUR 50 each.
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The government has announced that it will defer the payment of personal income tax and mandatory social security contributions and other tax liabilities in line with the Law on Rescheduling of Tax Receivables. This measure is yet to be published in the Montenegrin Official Gazette or the date these measures will be applied . The Government will subsidize 100% of taxes and contributions to the minimum wage for each registered employee in sectors that had to be closed due to epidemic measures. Payments for the social insurance contributions of insured agricultural workers.
Labor Markets	Activation measures	
	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On 9 April, the Government announced new wage subsidies measures for businesses, as follows:

- Subsidies for closed businesses for April and May 2020, in the amount of 70% of the minimum wage and 100% of taxes and contributions to the minimum wage for each registered employee in sectors that had to be closed due to measures to contain the pandemic;
- Subsidies for vulnerable activities for April and May in the amount of 50% of the gross minimum wage for each registered employee in sectors whose work is at risk due to measures for combating the pandemic
- Subsidy for wages of employees on paid absence for April and May of 70% of gross minimum wage for each employee who had to stay home to care for a child under 11;
- Subsidies for wages of employees in quarantine or isolation also for April and May 2020 in the amount of 70% of gross minimum wage for each employee who had to be quarantined or in self-isolation; and
- Subsidies for new employment in the amount of 70% of the gross minimum wage for at least 6 months for entrepreneurs, micro, small and medium-sized companies, who register new employees in April and who were simultaneously registered as unemployed persons with the Employment Agency of Montenegro.
- 4,2 million in continuing wage subsidies for 3 months (July, August, September)

Montserrat (UK)



Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A three-month temporary transfer of EC\$900 (US\$333) a month (food package and cash support) to persons who do not have any work and unable to access other Social Security benefits and other financial support.
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Social Services will provide additional food packages top-up for vulnerable low-income earners and other low-income groups. Food delivery in partnership with the Red Cross and Meals on Wheels to vulnerable communities.
	School feeding	
	Public works	
	Utility waivers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Government has increased the tax thresholds applied to workers effective January 1 2020, aimed at reducing the level at which they

		begin to pay tax and providing employees with more expendable income each month.
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions	
Labor Markets	Activation measures	
	Labor market regulations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Government has made provisions for discretionary leave and has issued a flexible working arrangements policy for public officers
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Government will pay at least 80% of salaries up to a maximum amount of EC\$3,200 (US\$1,184) per month for an initial period of three months directly to employers in the tourism sector; including hotels, tour operators, restaurants, and transportation services.

Morocco



Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Economic Watch Committee (Comité de veille économique (CVE) members decided to activate a mobile payment device to transfer cash to workers operating in the informal sector adversely affected by COVID-19 (only for those who have been directly affected by the GoM compulsory confinement policy). The electronic cash transfer program will reach half of the informal sector workers (estimated 3 million workers to receive payment). Registration has started on March 30, 2020 and the first payments are due to start of Monday April 6th. The speed and scale is facilitated by the use of a health insurance fee waiver registry in the first phase and a simple payment mechanism. Program benefits are structured as follows: 800 dirhams per month for households of two people or less; 1,000 dirhams per month for households of three to four people; 1,200 dirhams per month for households of more than four people.
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	

	Food, vouchers, others	
	School feeding	
	Public works	
	Utility waivers	
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Formal employees who lose their jobs and are registered with the pension fund will receive 2,000 dirhams (\$203) a month (MAD1,000 for March, MAD2,000 for April, May and June) and defer debt payments until June 30
	Social security contributions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Companies can benefit from the suspension of social security contributions for the period from March 1 to June 30, 2020 with graceful remission of late payment increases for this period for employers in difficulty, affiliated to the Caisse Nationale de Securite Sociale (CNSS). The CNSS will ensure transfer of family allowance/child allowance and reimbursements of medical expenses through the CNSS Compulsory Health Insurance (Assurance Maladie Obligatoire)
Labor Markets	Activation measures	
	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	

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Mozambique

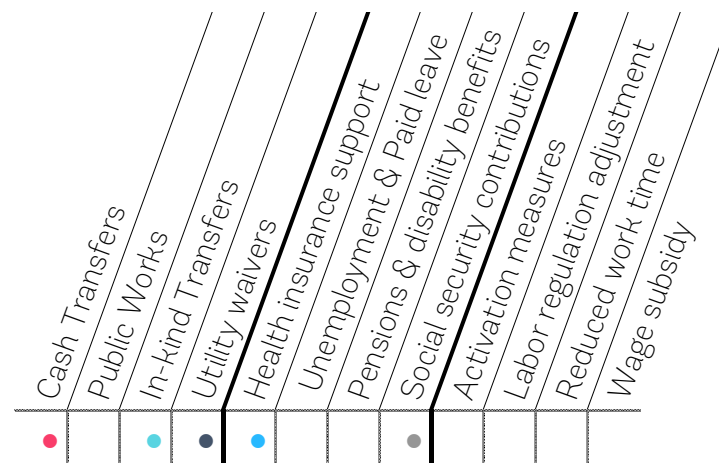


Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	
	School feeding	
	Public works	
	Utility waivers	
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sick-leave equivalent to 70% of medium salary, to contributors of pension fund, in case of COVID-19
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	

	Social security contributions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forgiveness of fines and reduction of interest on social contributions for enterprises for 3 months³⁷⁵
Labor Markets	Activation measures	
	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	

³⁷⁵ <https://www.inm.gov.mz/pt-br/content/br-n%C2%BA-77-de-230420-boletim-da-rep%C3%BAblica-i-serie>

Myanmar



Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cash Transfer -. Myanmar government has launched the COVID-19 Economic Relief Plan (CERP) on April 27. The cost of all action plans in CERP is estimated to be around \$2 billion. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SPJ related cost is estimated around \$ 200 million with a focus on cash transfers to most vulnerable and affected workers and households and it aims to reach around 5 million households. ³⁷⁶
	One-off cash transfers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beneficiaries of the Maternal and Child Cash Transfer Programme (supporting mothers of children under the age of two, pregnant women) will receive a one-off MMK30,000 cash payment (in addition to the existing monthly payment of MMK15,000). Total budget is USD4.93m benefiting 241,425 households ³⁷⁷ Cash transfers to 1.4 M in June (15,000 MMK per household to those who were not included in food distribution) and

³⁷⁶ <https://hubs.worldbank.org/sites/Media/Lists/Media/DispForm.aspx?ID=226559&Source=https://hubs.worldbank.org/sites/Media//SitePages/MediaNews.aspx>

³⁷⁷ https://www.lift-fund.org/news/lift-and-dsw-announce-usd9-million-covid-19-cash-support-mothers-pregnant-women-and-social?fbclid=IwAR1LEUNhQwd4zzJEWqHiH1k_1IR_Wp8jvP3k4JI6aZcQxkY6MZRO1lzQ4jo

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Now moving to cash to 5.4 M in end of July and August (20,000 MMK per household, the amount keeps changing, before the announcement was 40,000 MMK). ³⁷⁸
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The government will also provide top -up benefits for MCCT and social pension beneficiaries (2-3) months and reduce the age limit of social pension and this program aims to reach 1 million individuals Beneficiaries of the social pension programs (supporting older people over the age of 85) will receive a one-off MMK30,000 cash payment (in addition to the existing average monthly payment of MMK10,000). Total budget is USD 4.7 million benefiting 200,301 people. ³⁷⁹
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Starting from April 10th to 19th -- water festival holidays – the government will provide food packages to each low-income household which does not have regular income. These packages include rice (1 Pyi = 2.55718 L), cooking oil (1/2 Viss), salt (1/2 Viss), bean (1 Viss), Onion (1 Viss). (1 viss = 3.6 pounds). (actual beneficiaries are 4 million households) ³⁸⁰ Myanmar Government has provided emergency food ration to vulnerable households and at risks population. It has reached to 4.1 million households in April
	School feeding	
Social Insurance	Public works	
	Utility waivers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 150 first units of electricity consumption for general public, religious and local NGOs (excluding embassy, UN and INGOs) will be exempted from payment until end of April.
	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Myanmar Government extend healthcare benefits for unemployed SSB members from six months to 1 year from the date of unemployment and extend medicine and travel benefits from six months to 1 year from the date of unemployment.
	Pensions	

³⁷⁸ <https://hubs.worldbank.org/sites/Media/Lists/Media/DispForm.aspx?ID=226559&Source=https://hubs.worldbank.org/sites/Media//SitePages/MediaNews.aspx>

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³⁸⁰ <https://hubs.worldbank.org/sites/Media/Lists/Media/DispForm.aspx?ID=226559&Source=https://hubs.worldbank.org/sites/Media//SitePages/MediaNews.aspx>

Labor Markets	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SSB contributions is deferred for three months
	Activation measures	
	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	

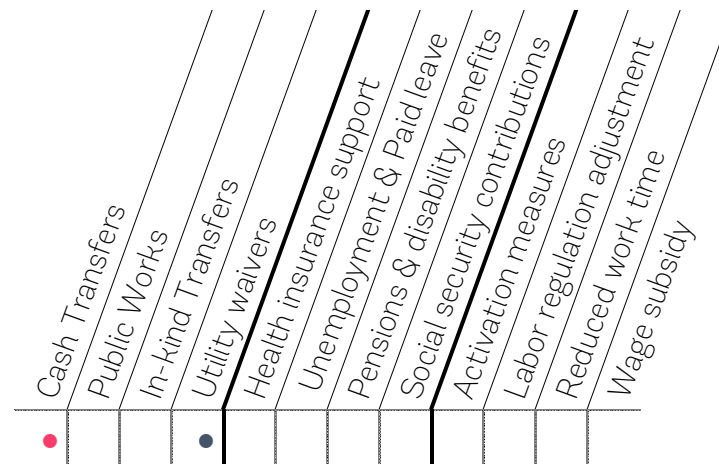
Nepal



Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Food assistance package to be distributed to informal sector laborers and those in need of assistance (including those living in old age homes, places of worship etc.) through ward committees at local level. To be funded by local and provincial level governments with top-ups from federal as required.
	School feeding	
	Public works	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Measure announced April 26. Informal sector workers who have lost their jobs due to the ongoing crisis will be given the opportunity to participate in public-works projects for a subsistence wage or receive 25 percent of local daily wage should they choose not to participate.
	Utility waivers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Households to get discount/subsidy on electricity consumption (25% for below 150 units, internet and data packages (25%), and waiver of

		<p>late fees for one month on all public utility fees (water, telephone, electricity etc.).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Private schools asked to waive one month tuition and other fees (except residential). • Selected industries to get 30-50% discount on electricity consumed (to make use of excess capacity during lockdown/economic slowdown). • Individuals and firms to get a one-month extension for the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - payments of loan (interest + capital) against provident fund and citizen investment fund; - payment of life insurance premium; - entry and payment of trimestral installments of VAT, excise duty, income tax, and other fees (education service, telecommunication service etc.); - renewal and annual reporting of registered firms and companies.
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Security Fund (contributory SI program) payment for both employee and employer (total of 31% of wages/salaries) for this month to be provided by the government (MOF).
Labor Markets	Activation measures	
	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	

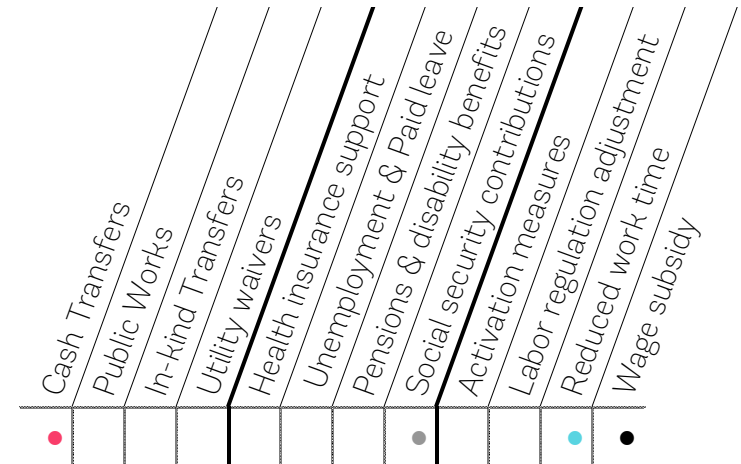
Namibia



Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	
	One-off cash transfers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To support the households cope with reduced income, increased health related spending and other hardships due to the virus outbreak, the following measure has been proposed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An Emergency Income Grant, to support those employees who have lost their jobs due to the pandemic and its fallout. This is a once-off payment of N\$750 to people who have lost their jobs, either in the informal or in the formal sector, essentially to stave off the vulnerabilities which arise. Applications may be made by Namibians citizens between 18 and 60 years of age who have lost their jobs and not receiving any other social grants. Payment will be made by Government in collaboration with the Social Security Commission within 7 days utilising the banking sector's ATM infrastructure. The total amount for this measure is costed at a maximum of N\$562.00 million, based on the national poverty line of about N\$250.00 per person per wee
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	

	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	
	School feeding	
	Public works	
	Utility waivers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tax-back loan scheme for tax registered and tax paying (PAYE) employees and self-employed individual persons who have lost income or part thereof. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Taxpayers can borrow an amount equal to 1/12th of their tax payment in the previous tax year, to be repaid after one year. The interest rate will be favorably low at the prime lending rate less 1% on the back of a Government guarantee. - The total guarantee is capped at the maximum of N\$1.1 billion, based on the PAYE tax register and the potential loan size. • Government will ensure that water points are kept open without a need for water cards during lockdowns, through NamWater and Local Authorities that will subsidize this critical service. The purpose of the First lockdown, this amount is estimated at about N\$10.0 million.
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions	
Labor Markets	Activation measures	
	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	

Netherland



Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The government announced a three-month provision for self-employed persons with financial problems.³⁸¹ Implemented by municipalities, it can be applied for in the form of an additional allowance for living expenses and/or operating capital. Depending on household income and composition, the living expenses allowance will top up the income to a maximum of the guaranteed minimum income and does not have to be repaid. To avoid delays in the payment of the allowance, the income of a partner or the assets of the self-employed person will not be taken into account. Support for operating capital will take place in the form of a loan at a reduced interest rate according to the Social Assistance (Self-Employed Persons) Decree (Besluit bijstandverlening zelfstandigen).
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	

³⁸¹ <https://meijburg.com/news/additional-corona-crisis-measures-government-emergency-package-covering-jobs-and-economy>

	Food, vouchers, others	
	School feeding	
	Public works	
	Utility waivers	
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Under the Labor Market Act (Improved Equilibrium, or Wet arbeidsmarkt in balans; WAB), the unemployment insurance contribution that employers pay for employees with an open-ended contract is lower than that paid for employees with a flexible employment contract. According to the WAB, the higher unemployment insurance contribution will apply retroactively to permanent employees whose overtime hours amounted to more than 30% during a calendar year. This provision may now lead to unintended effects in sectors where a lot of extra overtime is required as a result of the coronavirus. The government is therefore preparing to introduce an adjustment to eliminate this unintended effect for the 2020 calendar year
Labor Markets	Activation measures	
	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Employers can apply for a permit for a reduction in working time (werktijdverkorting) at the Ministry of Social Affairs and Employment, i.e., employees will temporarily work on a reduced schedule. Employees can receive a temporary unemployment benefit for hours not worked, while they remain fully employed. The permit is valid for a period of a maximum of 6 weeks and can be extended for a maximum total period of 24 weeks. Employers must meet the following conditions: (i) the company has been affected by a situation that does not fall under the ordinary business risks (such as COVID-19); (ii) during a period of 2 to 24 weeks sales are at least 20% lower than normal.³⁸²

³⁸² <https://www.jdsupra.com/legalnews/employment-alert-covid-19-netherlands-39563/>

Wage subsidies

- The government of the Netherlands introduced the Temporary Emergency Measure for the Preservation of Jobs (NOW) scheme. The scheme is designed to help companies that expect to lose at least 20 per cent of their revenue during the pandemic. It will pay employees' wages for three months, up to a maximum of 90 per cent of the company's wage bill, depending on the loss of turnover. In addition to paying wages, the scheme will also pay both the employer and employee pension contribution, something that the Pension

New Caledonia (France)

Cash Transfers	•
Public Works	
In-kind Transfers	
Utility waivers	
Health insurance	
Unemployment support	
Pensions & Paid leave	•
Social security contributions	
Activation measures	
Labor regulation adjustment	
Reduced work time	
Wage subsidy	•

Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	- Increase in family benefits for childcare ³⁸³
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	
	School feeding	
	Public works	
	Utility waivers	
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	

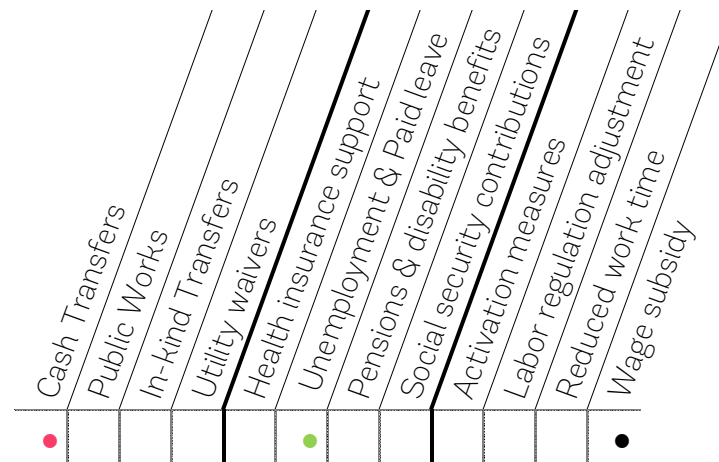
³⁸³ <https://www.cafat.nc/web/assures/les-mesures-de-soutien>

	Social security contributions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deferral of social contributions for the self-employed and employers ³⁸⁴
Labor Markets	Activation measures	
	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
	Wage subsidies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wage subsidies to companies affected by COVID-19 ³⁸⁵

³⁸⁴ <https://www.cafat.nc/web/assures/les-mesures-de-soutien>

³⁸⁵ <https://www.cafat.nc/web/assures/les-mesures-de-soutien>

New Zealand



Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New Zealand's government has announced a total of \$2.8 billion for income support for the most vulnerable, including a permanent \$25 per week benefit increase and a doubling of the Winter Energy Payment for 2020.
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	
	School feeding	
Social Insurance	Public works	
	Utility waivers	
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This includes \$126 million for leave and self-isolation support. Those required to self-isolate or care for someone who is sick will receive the same amount as wage subsidy (see below). It will be paid to employers to pass onto their employees who need to self-isolate for 14 days.

		Migrants that are part of the Recognized Seasonal Employer Program are eligible. ³⁸⁶
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions	
Labor Markets	Activation measures	
	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wage subsidies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A total of \$5.1 billion in wage subsidies was committed for affected businesses in all sectors and regions. Full-time workers (more than 20 hours/week) will receive \$585/week under the scheme, with \$350 paid to part-time workers. The subsidy is paid as a lump sum and covers 12 weeks per employee. The maximum each business can receive is set at \$150,000. The wage subsidies will apply to all employers in New Zealand – including self-employed people – providing they do not already work from home and cannot perform their jobs remotely³⁸⁷ 388.

³⁸⁶ <http://documents.worldbank.org/curated/en/428451587390154689/pdf/Potential-Responses-to-the-COVID-19-Outbreak-in-Support-of-Migrant-Workers-May-21-2020.pdf>

³⁸⁷ <https://treasury.govt.nz/news-and-events/news/covid-19-economic-package-announced>

³⁸⁸ <https://workandincome.govt.nz/eligibility/emergencies/2020/coronavirus.html#null>

Nicaragua

Cash Transfers	
Public Works	
In-kind Transfers	•
Utility waivers	
Health insurance	
Unemployment support	
Pensions & disability leave	
Social security benefits	
Activation measures	
Labor regulation adjustment	
Reduced work time	
Wage subsidy	

Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	•
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	The government has continued to prioritize programs to strengthen the social safety net, including the provision of food packages among vulnerable families. Sixty thousand food packages were distributed in April. ³⁸⁹
	School feeding	
	Public works	
	Utility waivers	
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	•
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	

³⁸⁹ <https://www.imf.org/en/Topics/imf-and-covid19/Policy-Responses-to-COVID-19>

	Social security contributions	
Labor Markets	Activation measures	
	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wage subsidies 	

Niger



Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As a part of its response to the COVID-19 crisis, the Government has already adopted the emergency cash transfer program for poor, vulnerable households, and households with members working in the informal sector particularly affected by the pandemics, based on one off payment, and its implementation in starting in June, with the payments in July/August 2020³⁹⁰
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	An updated crisis response plan has been presented to donors with an estimated cost of 18.4 percent of GDP, divided into an immediate health response and broader economic and social mitigation. Key elements are already being implemented, such as food distribution,
	School feeding	
	Public works	

³⁹⁰ based on note produced by Fatou Fadika, Maimouna Gueye, Snjezana Plevko, and Mahamane Maliki Amadou as part of the G2Px initiative)

	Utility waivers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To promote the use of electronic payment tools the Western Africa Central Bank (BCEAO) is providing more flexible measures to open a mobile money and making transfers between people backed by electronic money free.
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions	
Labor Markets	Activation measures	
	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	

Nigeria



Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In response to the COVID-19 shock, horizontal and vertical expansion will be adapted for quick scale-up of support using the existing National Social Safety Nets Project (NASSP) platform for existing chronic poor as well as transient poor (vulnerable households and individual to be affected by COVID-19 crisis).³⁹¹ The National Social Register (NSR) currently contains data of over 2.6 million poor and vulnerable households (11 million individuals) across 34 States and the federal capital territory. With the accelerated registration and rapid expansion, it is expected that the NSR will grow to total of 4 million poor and vulnerable households across all the states. Currently, there is a National Beneficiary Register (NBR) with a total of 1,028,416 poor and vulnerable households targeted for CCT support across 32 states. These are HHs registered in the NSR ranked from the 6th poverty decile and below. The government has made the

³⁹¹ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9JNCQDjNrI4&feature=youtu.be>

		<p>decision to pay this category of HHs an advance payment of 20,000 naira (approximately US\$ 52) each as bulk for that monthly payments for 4 months.³⁹²</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Based on the current status of the NSR and the potential expansion, it is estimated that up to 3 million poor and vulnerable households may be enrolled under the NASSP CCT eligibility criteria and will be eligible for continued support (regular support + additional emergency relief fund); while it is estimated that 1 million will benefit from the COVID – 19 emergency relief fund.
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> President Buhari approved the release of 70,000 Metric Tonnes of Grains from Nigeria's National Strategic Grain Reserves, for distribution to poor and vulnerable persons in frontline #COVID19 States, as well as persons whose livelihoods will be affected by the lockdown.³⁹³
	School feeding	
	Public works	
	Utility waivers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TraderMoni is a N10,000 loan to traders that depend on daily income, while the N5, 000 MarketMoni is for providers of essential services, including shoe-makers and vulcanisers. It is a part of the Government Enterprise and Empowerment Programme (GEEP) scheme executed by the Bank of Industry. Beneficiaries have been notified of a 3-month moratorium on their loans in line with the directive of President Buhari, on measures to cushion the effect of the COVID-19 on the vulnerable. The government will also provide additional loans to 500,000 traders.³⁹⁴
	Paid sick leave	

³⁹² <https://www.hrw.org/news/2020/04/14/nigeria-protect-most-vulnerable-covid-19-response>

³⁹³ <https://www.independent.ng/covid-19-buhari-approves-release-of-70000-tonnes-of-grain/>

³⁹⁴ <https://punchng.com/fg-to-disburse-n5bn-loans-to-500000-traders/>

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Northern Mariana Islands (U.S)

Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	
	One-off cash transfers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Taxpayers in the Northern Mariana Islands will be eligible for the tax rebates provided to U.S. citizens under the CARES Act. These refunds are valued at up to US\$ 1,200 for individual filers and US\$ 2,400 for joint filers, plus an additional US\$ 500 per child.³⁹⁵
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³⁹⁵ https://www.postguam.com/news/local/congressman-jobless-benefits-of-960-per-week-up-to-9-months-apply-to-marianas/article_1758f866-714c-11ea-8db7-8385bf9b7a9b.html

	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Pandemic Unemployment Assistance Program for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) provides emergency unemployment assistance to workers who do not have unemployment insurance.³⁹⁶ The program provides unemployment benefits for up to 9 months for eligible workers. An estimated 2,000-3,000 workers will be eligible for the benefits. • Workers in the CNMI will also be eligible for the U.S. government's Federal Unemployment Compensation Program, which provides eligible beneficiaries with US\$ 600 weekly.³⁹⁷ When combined with the national average unemployment compensation benefit of US\$ 360 weekly, this will bring the estimated benefit to US\$ 960 weekly.³⁹⁸
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³⁹⁶ <https://www.saipantribune.com/index.php/unemployment-aid-for-nmi-workers-okd/>

³⁹⁷ <https://www.saipantribune.com/index.php/cnmi-eligible-for-federal-pandemic-unemployment-compensation/>

³⁹⁸ https://www.postguam.com/news/local/congressman-jobless-benefits-of-960-per-week-up-to-9-months-apply-to-marianas/article_1758f866-714c-11ea-8db7-8385bf9b7a9b.html

North Macedonia



Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unemployed and informal sector workers will receive an average of 7,000 denars (US\$124) per household. The estimated coverage is about 20,000 new households from the informal economy and 30,000 existing beneficiaries.³⁹⁹
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In-kind support (e.g., packages of basic food and hygienic products) will be provided to beneficiaries of means-tested programs
	School feeding	
	Public works	
	Utility waivers	
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	

³⁹⁹ <https://translate.google.com/translate?sl=auto&tl=en&u=https%3A%2F%2Fvlada.mk%2Fnode%2F20813>

	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For citizens who have lost their jobs due to the crisis, the state will pay a monthly allowance of 50% of the average monthly net wage of the employee for the last 24 months under the Employment and Insurance Law in the event of unemployment and Article 68 of this Law, that the unemployed citizens will receive compensation through the Employment Agency according to their years of service.⁴⁰⁰
	Social security contributions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The government is subsidizing social contributions for employees in companies from sectors of tourism, transport, catering and other affected companies, for April, May, and June of 2020, with a subsidy of contributions per employee up to 50% of the average salary paid in 2019.
Labor Markets	Activation measures	
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Norway



Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	
	School feeding	
	Public works	
	Utility waivers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Various measures envisaged, including household income tax payment⁴⁰¹.
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amount of days of childcare leave for 2020 has been increased⁴⁰². With one or two children (up to 12 years), each parent receives 20 care days (amount doubled from 10 days per year). Single caregivers and parents of children with chronic diseases have an extended number of days of childcare allowance.

⁴⁰¹ <https://www.regjeringen.no/en/aktuelt/economic-measures-in-norway-in-response-to-covid-19/id2694274/>

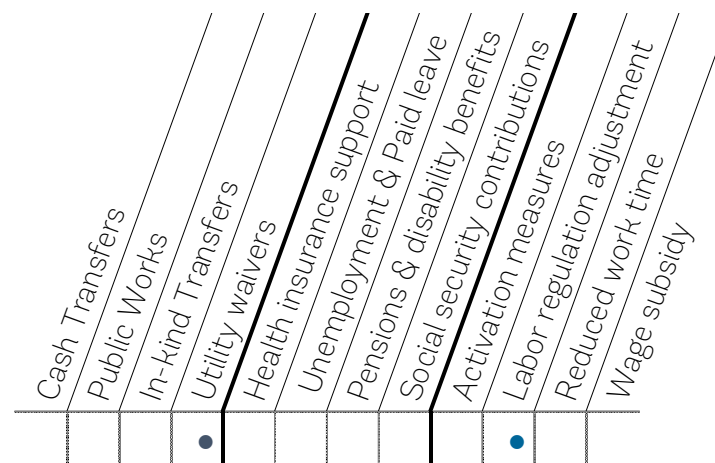
⁴⁰² <https://www.regjeringen.no/no/aktuelt/foreldres-rett-til-omsorgspenger-dobles/id2694342/>

	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Norwegian parliament agreed on temporary amendments to the rules on unemployment benefit for workers who are laid off from their jobs. Employees will retain 100% of their pay from day 3 up to and including day 20 of the layoff period, for salaries up to approximately 600 000 NOK (\$56,700). The employer-financed period (the period during which the employer must pay laid-off workers) has been reduced from 15 to 2 days. After this, the state will take over responsibility for income security for employees who are laid off⁴⁰³. • The rate of unemployment benefit for people who are laid off and for those who lose their jobs has been raised to 80% of their income for an income of up to NOK 300,000 (\$28,350) and 62.4% of income between NOK300,000 and NOK 600,000. • The Norwegian government is currently discussing whether to pay unemployment benefits in advance. Thus, those who have lost their income will be able to get money into their account quickly, without having to wait for processing of the unemployment benefit application⁴⁰⁴.
	Social security contributions	
Labor Markets	Activation measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthen support for skills upgrade and in-house training for companies affected by the virus outbreak, through increased grants to the counties.
	Labor market regulations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced number of days that employers are obliged to pay salary to workers at temporary lay-offs, from 15 to 2 days (government to pay difference). • Remove the three waiting days between the period when employers have to provide salary to workers in temporary layoffs and the period when the workers are entitled to daily unemployment benefits. This will reduce the loss of income for workers.
	Reduced work time	

⁴⁰³ <https://www.regjeringen.no/en/aktuelt/changes-to-the-rules-for-temporary-layoffs-and-unemployment-benefits/id2694346/>

⁴⁰⁴ <https://www.regjeringen.no/en/aktuelt/new-measures-to-curb-the-financial-impacts-of-the-coronavirus-outbreak/id2695404/>

Oman



Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	
	School feeding	
	Public works	
Social Insurance	Utility waivers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Payment of utilities' bills (electricity, water and wastewater) will be postponed until after June 2020, and utility providers are being asked to offer the possibility of paying amounts owed through a series of instalments. ⁴⁰⁵
	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	

⁴⁰⁵ <https://www.cms-lawnow.com/ealerts/2020/04/oman-responds-to-covid19-with-economic-stimulus-package-to-bolster-the-private-sector>

	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	•
	Social security contributions	
Labor Markets	Activation measures	
	Labor market regulations	• The employment contracts of Omani nationals cannot be terminated, however it is permitted for companies operating in the industries which have been demonstrably affected by Covid-19 outbreak, to grant their Omani nationals full paid leave during the lockdown ⁴⁰⁶
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	

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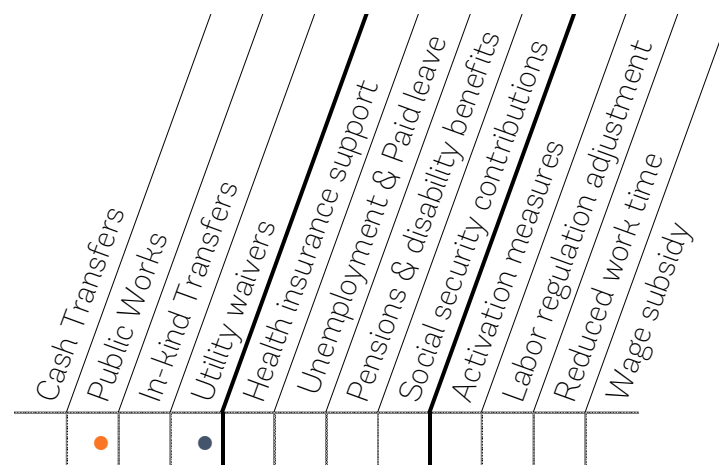
Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Launch of “Ehsaas Emergency Cash Programme” providing Rs12,000/family and benefit 67 million individuals (14 million families). There are three categories of beneficiaries: 4.5 million existing “Ehsaas Kafaalat” beneficiaries (all women) already getting Rs.2000 will get extra Rs.1000 emergency relief (total=Rs.3000) for the next 4 months; 3M affected households will be identified through the national socioeconomic database (eligibility threshold will be relaxed upwards); and those with income below Rs20,000. An SMS campaign will be launched to inform about the program.⁴⁰⁷(total cost is (PKR 150 billion) A relief package worth PKR 1.2 trillion was announced by the federal government on March 24, which has been almost fully implemented. FY 2021 budget also includes further actions. Key measures include: (i) elimination of import duties on emergency health equipment; (ii) cash transfers to 6.2 million daily wage workers (PKR 75 billion)
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	

⁴⁰⁷ <https://www.thenews.com.pk/latest/633893-sania-nishtar-says-ehsaas-emergency-cash-programme-to-benefit-67-million-people>

	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	The Ministry of Human Rights has launched Eid relief packages for coronavirus affected transgenders. A total of 120 ration bags will be distributed to the transgender persons identified through the need-based assessment ⁴⁰⁸
	School feeding	
	Public works	
	Utility waivers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Government has also allowed for deferment of the utility bills for a period of one month initially and may also be increased further if the lock down continues
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions	
Labor Markets	Activation measures	
	Labor market regulations	
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	Wage subsidies	

⁴⁰⁸ <https://www.geo.tv/latest/299397-human-rrghts-ministry-announces-eid-packages-for-transgenders-affected-by-covid-19>

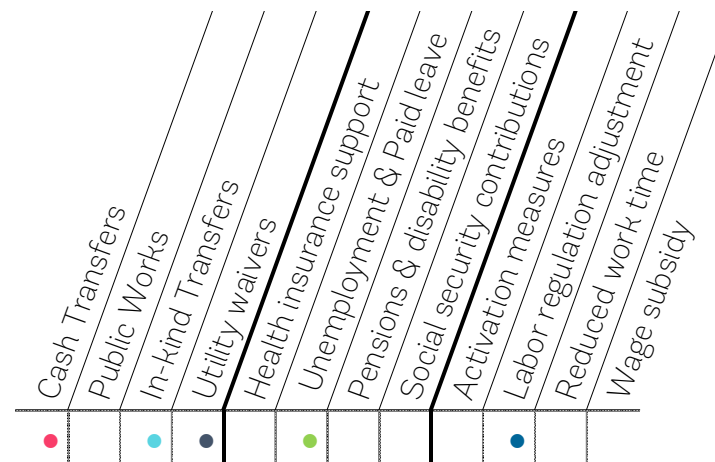
Palau



Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	•
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	•
	School feeding	
	Public works	The government has also announced measures totaling \$20 million (8 percent of GDP) to mitigate economic and social hardship through targeted support to affected businesses and individuals. These include a new unemployment benefit scheme, temporary subsidies for utility bills, a new temporary job creation scheme for public works
Social Insurance	Utility waivers	• The government has also announced measures totaling \$20 million (8 percent of GDP) to mitigate economic and social hardship through targeted support to affected businesses and individuals. These include a new unemployment benefit scheme, temporary subsidies for utility bills, a new temporary job creation scheme for public works
	Paid sick leave	•
	Health insurance	

	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions	
Labor Markets	Activation measures	
	Labor market regulations	•
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	

Panama



Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Government of Panama estimates that it will benefit to disburse an amount of 6.7 million dollars to support the most vulnerable families in the territory throughout the country.⁴⁰⁹ On August 23, the government began the transfer of \$50 to approximately 250,000 workers with suspended contracts, amounting to a total of \$12.5 million.
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 600,000 bags of basic food supplies, distributed as of April 27
	School feeding	
	Public works	
	Utility waivers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Electricity subsidy of 50 percent to customers who consume up to 300 kWh per month and 30 percent to those who consume between 301 kWh and 1,000 kWh per month . The Government will extend the

⁴⁰⁹ https://www.gacetaoficial.gob.pa/pdfTemp/28995_A/78115.pdf

		<p>electricity subsidy for three months, starting July 1 estimated at a cost of more than US\$250 million</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a suspension of payments for public services (electricity, landline phones, mobile phone and internet) for March-June
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paid leave is paid to workers in quarantine or recovery (limited details available).
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions	
Labor Markets	Activation measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On 13 March 2020, the government approved the Executive Decree that allows temporary modification of working days; the use of teleworking according to existing legislation and the nature of work; special consideration with workers over the age of 60; and other measures related to labor mobility and compensation.^{410 411}
	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	

⁴¹⁰ <https://www.mitradel.gob.pa/acciones-preventivas-de-contagio-de-covid-19-en-espacios-laborales-seran-obligatorias/>

⁴¹¹ <https://www.mitradel.gob.pa/ejecutivo-regula-temporalmente-las-modificaciones-a-la-jornada-de-trabajo-ante-pandemia-de-covid-19/>

Papua New Guinea

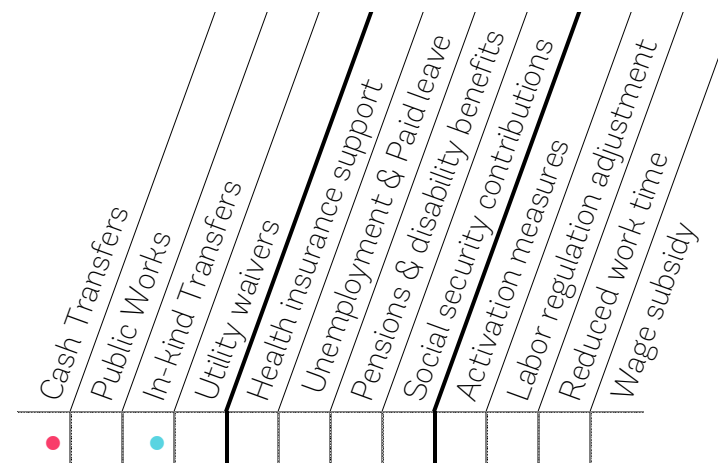
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Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	
	School feeding	
Social Insurance	Public works	
	Utility waivers	
	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Authorized Superannuation Funds of Papua New Guinea will provide a one-off COVID-19 relief benefit of up to 20% of member contributions (up to PGK10,000, or US\$ 2,890) for members of super funds who have ceased working due to COVID-19.⁴¹²

⁴¹² <https://nasfund.com.pg/index.php/news/read/asfpng-update-on-covid-19-relief-payment>

	Social security contributions	
Labor Markets	Activation measures	
	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	

Paraguay



Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional transfers are planned for the Tekoporá social protection program for 167,000 families.. Authorities are planning a subsidy of 25% of the current legal minimum wage to self-employed workers or dependents of MSMEs to 3 million individual recipients (Pytyvo program)
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An advance payment is set for Senior Citizen Program (del Programa de Adultos Mayores) for 207,000 people
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Distribution of food package to 3,500 families benefiting from social programs for a total of \$ 1.4 billion guaraníes (\$211M). This is also provided to day laborers and self-employed. ⁴¹³ Creation of the Ñangareko food security program, for 330,000 families with a cash transfer of Gs. \$230,000 (US\$36) via electronic wallet to purchase food and hygiene products.

⁴¹³ <https://www.prensa-latina.cu/index.php?o=rn&id=349597&SEO=anuncian-medidas-en-paraguay-por-crisis-economica-ante-el-coronavirus>

	School feeding	
	Public works	
	Utility waivers	
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions	
Labor Markets	Activation measures	
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Peru



Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On 16 March 2020, the Peruvian Council of Ministers approved an exceptional payment of about \$107 for each vulnerable family to be affected during the 15-day quarantine period (9M vulnerable people) 414 Additional bonuses for \$380 soles (US\$115) to the same 9 million people from poor families and in vulnerable areas mentioned in the measure about (Total: \$1.17 billion soles or US\$350 million). The government launched a subsidy of nearly \$100 to 3M million poor households to stay home ("I will stay at home" program) Advanced monthly payment of the money transfer programs (Juntos, Pensión 65 and Contigo) 3,520,729 beneficiaries The S / 760 grant is aimed at those households whose members do not receive any income during the state of emergency. The

⁴¹⁴ <https://andina.pe/ingles/noticia-peru-government-approves-economic-bond-for-vulnerable-population-788501.aspx>

		Government announced that this measure would benefit 75% of the country's households, that is, about 6.8 million families. ⁴¹⁵
	One-off cash transfers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bono Rural: new cash transfers for people in extreme poverty in rural area. The transfer of S760 is targeting 980,000 households (384000 hh received the transfers as of June 2020)⁴¹⁶
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Peruvian Ministry of Development and Social Inclusion (Midis), through the Supreme Decree, ordered the double payment to the users of the social programs Pensión 65 and Contigo to avoid contagion by exposure to queues or crowds of people. Thus, in the next bi-monthly payment in advance they will also receive the payment of the two subsequent months. The double payment of financial support is applied in these social programs by grouping populations at high risk for coronavirus, such as older adults who may have some type of pre-existing disease. The Pension 65 program reaches 557,000 older people, including 40,000 with severe disabilities.⁴¹⁷
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food baskets to be distributed⁴¹⁸
	School feeding	
	Public works	
Social Insurance	Utility waivers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The payment of overdue bills for electricity, natural gas and telecommunications of households is divided into installments, without interest charges, late payment charges, or service cuts.
	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Peruvian Ministry of Development and Social Inclusion (Midis), through the Supreme Decree, ordered the double payment to the users of the social programs Pensión 65 and Contigo to avoid contagion by exposure to queues or crowds of people. Thus, in the next bi-monthly

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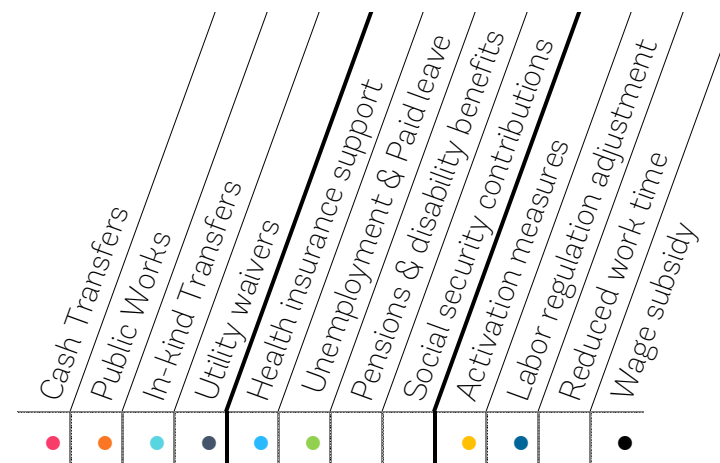
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⁴¹⁷ <https://www.gob.pe/institucion/midis/noticias/108918-midis-ejecuta-estrategia-preventiva-para-usuarias-y-usuarios-de-programas-sociales-ante-el-coronavirus>

⁴¹⁸ <https://gestion.pe/peru/coronavirus-peru-un-tercio-de-canastas-de-viveres-demoraran-en-llegar-a-beneficiarios-segun-la-contraloria-coronavirus-covid-19-estado-de-emergencia-nndc-noticia/>

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	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions	
Labor Markets	Activation measures	
	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	

Philippines



Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Under the Emergency Subsidy Program, the government will provide 18 million households out of 24 million households nationwide (low-income families and households working in the informal economy) with P5,000-P8,000 a month for two months (depending on the prevailing regional minimum wage and considering the current CCT grants and rice subsidy in the computation of emergency aid).⁴¹⁹ On May 22, the government announced that second trench of the payment is mainly for those living in the Enhanced Community Quarantine, while households most affected by the continuing restrictions in the operation of certain industries and sectors in areas under General Community Quarantine may also still be considered to the second trench. The second trench will include the additional 5 million eligible households to the 12 million eligible beneficiaries.

⁴¹⁹ Ibid.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Individuals with urgent medical and burial needs can avail of financial assistance from DSWD, through the Assistance to Individuals in Crisis Situation (AICS) program. But the number of beneficiaries to be accepted for processing every day is limited in adherence to social distancing measures⁴²⁰. The Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (OWWA) provided cash aid to Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs) affected by the travel ban due to COVID-19 as well as those who were repatriated The P10,000 cash assistance, drawn from the OWWA Trust Fund of member-OFWs, was given to each stranded OWWA member-OFW. Per instruction of the Department of Labor and Employment to OWWA through a memorandum dated February 3, 2020, the cash assistance was distributed through OWWA regional welfare offices. Such assistance aims to “help stranded OFWs ease their burden and assist them back to their places of origin” during the travel ban. The distribution of cash assistance commenced on February 3 for China, Hong Kong and Macau-bound OFWs; and, February 13 for OFWs going to Taiwan⁴²¹. The flagship 4Ps conditional cash transfer program waived the program conditionalities for the months of February and March, continuing the provision of full cash grants under the period.
	One-off cash transfers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Government provides P100,000 compensation to public and private health workers who contract the disease while in the line of duty. In case of death, their families will receive P1,000,000.⁴²²
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	

⁴²⁰ <https://cebudailynews.inquirer.net/294684/dswd-to-continue-offering-urgent-medical-burial-assistance>

⁴²¹ <https://www.owwa.gov.ph/index.php/news/central/83-owwa-cash-aid-to-ofws-affected-by-travel-ban-reached-p81m>

⁴²² Section 4 of Republic Act 11469 – Bayanihan to Heal as One Act, 24 March 2020.

	Food, vouchers, others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provision of subsidized meals, transportation, and accommodation arrangements to its skeletal workforce responding to the current public health emergency.^{423 424 425}
	School feeding	
	Public works	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Informal sector workers who have temporarily lost their livelihood due to the enhanced community quarantine, can apply for temporary employment program, limited to 10 days of work involving disinfection/sanitation of their houses and immediate vicinity. Beneficiaries will have orientation on safety and health, payment of 100% of the highest prevailing minimum wage, and enrolled to group micro-insurance.⁴²⁶
	Utility waivers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Banks and other financial institutions may be directed to implement a 30-day grace period for the payment of all loans and credit card payments, falling due within the period of the enhanced community quarantine. Interests, penalties, fees, or other charges shall be waived. A 30-day grace period on paying residential rents may also be ordered.⁴²⁷
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As of 18 March 2020, PhilHealth released Php 30 billion (USD 590 million) additional funds to accredited hospitals as well implemented administrative measures i.e. extension of payment of contributions and the filing of claims: the state health insurer will also provide its members and service partners with additional relief in view of the recent declaration of a state of public health emergency in the country by extending the deadline of payment of contributions for its self-paying direct contributors. They can now pay their first quarter contributions on or before April 30, 2020 instead of March 31, 2020 without interest. Moreover, its policy on single period of confinement and 45-days coverage are also waived in favor of the member, while the filing period for claims is also extended from the usual 60 days to

⁴²³ <https://www.dswd.gov.ph/4ps-beneficiaries-continue-to-receive-grants-rice-subsidy-during-quarantine-period/>

⁴²⁴ <https://www.dswd.gov.ph/dswd-igus-to-provide-food-non-food-aid-to-families-during-quarantine-period/>

⁴²⁵ <https://www.dswd.gov.ph/dswd-provides-food-accommodation-to-skeletal-staff-during-quarantine/>

⁴²⁶ DOLE Department Order 210: Guidelines for the Implementation of the Tulong Panghanapbuhay sa Ating Displaced/Disadvantaged Workers Program (TUPAD) #Barangay Ko, Bahay Ko, Disinfection/Sanitation Project, 18 March 2020.

⁴²⁷ <https://www.manilatimes.net/2020/03/25/second-headline/read-republic-act-11469-or-the-bayanihan-to-heal-as-one-act/706268/>

		at least 120 days in favor of the health care provider ⁴²⁸ . Additionally, the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (Philhealth) may be directed to shoulder all medical expenses of public and private health workers in case of “exposure to COVID-19 or any work-related injury or disease during the duration of the emergency”.
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Social Security System mobilized existing P1.2 billion to cover unemployment benefits for displaced workers. This will cover unemployment insurance benefits to projected 30,000 to 60,000 workers who will lose their jobs as a result of the possible layoffs in, or closures of, private companies hit by the economic fallout⁴²⁹.
	Social security contributions	
Labor Markets	Activation measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA)’s Scholarship Programs amounting to P3 billion will support affected and temporarily displaced workers through upskilling and reskilling. It is also offering free courses for all who would like to acquire new skills in the convenience of their own homes, mobile phones and computers through the TESDA Online Program⁴³⁰.
	Labor market regulations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The government approved Administrative Order 26 which entitles all government workers who physically report for work during the Luzon-wide enhanced community quarantine to a hazard pay.^{431 432}
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) is providing one-time financial assistance equivalent to PHP 5,000 (USD 100) under COVID-19 Adjustment Measures Program (CAMP) to affected workers in private establishments that have adopted flexible work arrangements or temporary closure⁴³³. The payment is made through bank transfers directly to beneficiary payroll accounts. Subsequently, worker beneficiaries can also be provided with job search assistance, coaching, and job referrals for local and overseas placement.

⁴²⁸ https://www.philhealth.gov.ph/news/2020/fight_covid.php

⁴²⁹ <https://www.dof.gov.ph/govt-economic-team-rolls-out-p27-1-b-package-vs-covid-19-pandemic/>

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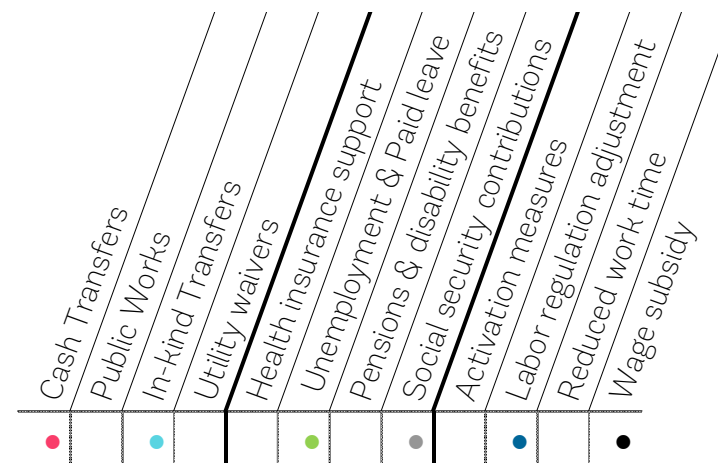
⁴³¹ <https://www.officialgazette.gov.ph/2020/03/23/administrative-order-no-26-s-2020/>

⁴³² <https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1097491>

⁴³³ DOLE Department Order 209: Guidelines on the Adjustment Measures Program for Affected Workers Due to COVID-19, 17 March 2020.

- In addition to the CAMP, the Department of Finance (DOF) decided to provide Small Business Wage Subsidy Program of 5,000 to 8,000 pesos per month (depending on their region of work) for up to two months, depending on the extent of the ECQ, to eligible employees. The recipient of CAMP will no longer receive the first-month tranche of DOF's wage subsidy.

Poland

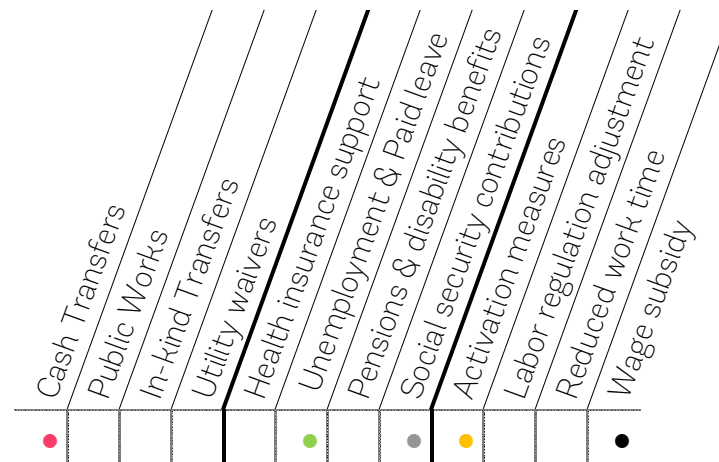


Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	A "solidarity benefit" for those who lost jobs after March 15, paid for three months (June-August)
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parents have an additional 14 days of childcare allowance for childcare up to the age of 8 if the nursery, children's club, kindergarten, or school the child attends is closed due to the coronavirus. Cash is payable to parents or legal guardians of children. The allowance is available from 12 March to 25, and the period of payment of additional care allowance (14 days) is not included in the general limit of 60 days, which are entitled to care for a sick child under 14 years of age.⁴³⁴
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	To support the local tourism industry and families with children, a tourism voucher has been introduced, providing each child entitled to Family 500+ benefits with a one-time PLN 500 voucher to be spent at hotels or tourist events in Poland.
	School feeding	

⁴³⁴ <https://www.gov.pl/web/rodzina/dodatkowy-zasilek-opiekunczy---pytania-i-odpowiedzi>

	Public works	
	Utility waivers	
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	An increase in the unemployment benefit by 39 percent during the first 90 days of unemployment
	Social security contributions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For employers hiring at least 50 employees as at 30 June 2019, the deadline for entering into employee pension plan agreements is to be extended to September 2020.
Labor Markets	Activation measures	
	Labor market regulations	Foreign workers permits are extended to stay in Poland and work.
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Employers meeting specific criteria concerning turnover decline could lower employee's working time to 80% (and get 40% of average wage covered by the state, with firms covering the remaining 40%). In case of significant problems, companies can use economic stoppage with wages reduced to 0.5 of regular level; the government will cover almost half of the remuneration. In addition, one-person companies and people working based on civil law contracts could get up to 80% of the minimum wage.

Portugal



Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Portugal announced plans on 13 March 2020 to provide financial support for the self-employed in the amount of Euro 438 for 6 months. This is designed for parents with children up to 12 years old, and pays an amount of about 2/3 of the average salary⁴³⁵.
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	
	School feeding	
	Public works	
	Utility waivers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suspension of termination of essential services due to non-payment (water, electricity, natural gas, telecom)⁴³⁶
	Paid sick leave	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 14-day prophylactic isolation status made equivalent to illness for purpose of social protection measures, with benefit correspondent to

⁴³⁵ <https://www.portugal.gov.pt/pt/gc22/comunicacao/noticia?i=governo-toma-medidas-extraordinarias-para-responder-a-epidemia-de-covid-19>

⁴³⁶ <https://www.ilo.org/global/topics/coronavirus/country-responses/lang--en/index.htm#PT>

Social Insurance		100% of remuneration (no waiting period). Also, there is a justified absences scheme for family support, related to impact of COVID-19.
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extension of unemployment benefits and all benefits of the social security system for which the concession or renewal period ends before the prevention measures cease. automatic extension of unemployment benefit until the end of 2020
	Social security contributions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Companies exempted from Social Security contributions in lay-off or closure determined by the Health Authority, as well as on the first month after the resumption of activity. Special support to self-employed (affected activity) and deferral of social contributions • Deferral of tax payments for companies and self-employed (VAT, PIT and CIT), due on Q2 2020. Including payment on account, additional payment on account and special payment on account
Labor Markets	Activation measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support for vocational training, in the amount of 50% of the worker's remuneration up to the minimum wage, for workers not employed in productive activities for a considerable period of time
	Labor market regulations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial support, for workers who need to stay home to take care of children up to 12 yo not able to go to school, worth 2/3 of the wage (equal share by employer and Social Security); special financial support for self-employed, worth 1/3 of the median compensation. • Simplified lay-off regime for companies (activity substantially affected), whereby workers are entitled to 2/3 of gross wages (30% employer, 70% Social Security), up to max of 6 months. Employers participating in this regime cannot dismiss/fire workers. • Extraordinary support to maintain jobs, after the end of lay-off or closure of the establishment by Health Authority (first-month wages supported, up to limit of one min wage per worker).

Qatar

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	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	
	School feeding	
Social Insurance	Public works	
	Utility waivers	
	Paid sick leave	• All workers who are isolated or quarantined who are receiving treatment shall receive their basic salary and allowances regardless of whether they are entitled to sick leave or not. ⁴³⁷
	Health insurance	
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⁴³⁷ <https://home.kpmg/xx/en/home/insights/2020/04/qatar-government-and-institution-measures-in-response-to-covid.html>

Labor Markets	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Qatar has launched a Temporary COVID-19 Wage Subsidy Scheme, which took effect on 26 March 2020 and is expected to run for six weeks.⁴³⁸ Qualified businesses are those which are experiencing a significant economic downturn due to COVID-19, with at least a 25% decline in revenues or customer orders, which are unable to maintain wages without assistance, and which retain employees on the payroll. As of 4 May, the amount of the subsidy is payable as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> €350 or 85% of the employee's Average Net Weekly Pay, whichever is less, for employees earning less than or equal to €412 per week net; €350 for employees with Average Net Weekly Pay between €412 and €500 per week net; €410 or 70% of the employee's Average Net Weekly Pay, whichever is less, for employees earning less than or equal to €586 per week net; Between €205-350 for employees earning between €586-960 per week net; and Between €0-350 for employees earning more than €960 per week net.

⁴³⁸ https://www.ey.com/en_ie/covid-19/10-questions-on-the-temporary-covid-19-wage-subsidy-scheme

Réunion (France)



Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	• Introducing benefit for workers and/or dependents. Financial assistance to small businesses and self-employed workers ⁴³⁹
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	
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⁴³⁹ <https://www.regionreunion.com/actualite/toute-l-actualite/article/5-outils-et-50-meur-pour-l-economie-reunionnaise>

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Romania

Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All social assistance benefits can now be claimed electronically (e-mail, online applications). School attendance conditions have been relaxed. Self-employed will receive a special benefit equivalent to 75% of the gross average salary at the national level (RON 5,429 - approx. US\$1,215, taxable)⁴⁴⁰ until May 31st, 2020
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	
	School feeding	
	Public works	
	Utility waivers	
	Paid sick leave	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One of the parents who is taking care of children less than 12 years old (whose schools were closed) were granted paid leave at 75% of the

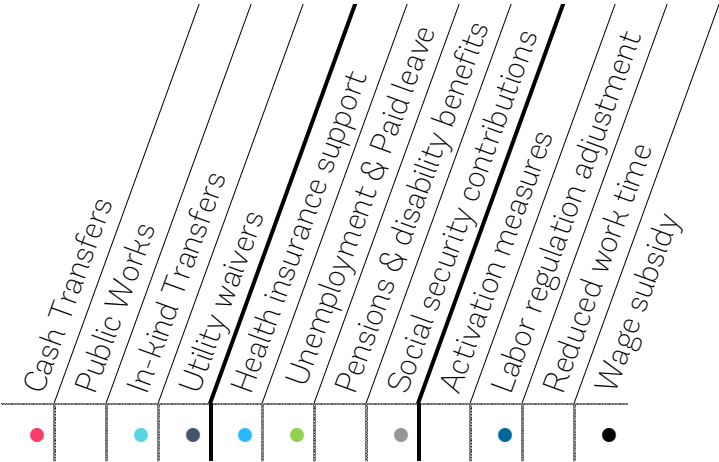
⁴⁴⁰ <https://lege5.ro/Gratuit/gm3dmnzygi4q/ordonanta-de-urgenta-nr-32-2020-privind-modificarea-si-completarea-ordonantei-de-urgenta-a-guvernului-nr-30-2020-pentru-modificarea-si-completarea-unor-acte-normative-precum-si-pentru-stabilirea-unor->

Social Insurance		salary per working day, but not more than 75% of the gross average salary at the national level (RON 5,163- approx. US\$1,180). ⁴⁴¹
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Until May 31st, 2020, employees will receive a temporary unemployment benefit supported from the Unemployment Social Insurance Budget and European Funds for the days not worked while remaining fully employed (technical unemployment) in the amount of 75% of the gross income, but not more than 75% of the gross average salary at the national level (RON 5,429 - approx. US\$1,215). To benefit from the unemployment support, employers must declare that the company reduced or temporarily stopped their activity because of COVID-19 outbreak. The employers can also supplement the employee's salary. All benefits will be claimed electronically.
	Social security contributions	
Labor Markets	Activation measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> During the period of state of emergency, all training activities recognized by the Ministry of Labor and Social Protection can be delivered online. The training provider must meet the following conditions: (i) notify the Authorization Commission; (ii) prove that the participants have the digital infrastructure to access the online training ⁴⁴².
	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Key tax and spending measures announced so far about 2 percent of 2019 GDP covering partially the wages of parents staying home for the period the schools are closed and measures to support businesses including covering in part the wages of self-employed and workers in danger of being laid off partially subsidizing the wages of those returning to work.

⁴⁴¹ <https://legislatiamuncii.manager.ro/a/26294/legea-nr-19-2020-zile-libere-pentru-parinti-pe-perioada-cat-sunt-inchise-scolile-si-gradinitile-stare-de-urgenta.html>

⁴⁴² <https://lege5.ro/Gratuit/gm3dmnzygi4q/ordonanta-de-urgenta-nr-32-2020-privind-modificarea-si-completarea-ordonantei-de-urgenta-a-guvernului-nr-30-2020-pentru-modificarea-si-completarea-unor-acte-normative-precum-si-pentru-stabilirea-unor->

Russia



Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All social benefits and special entitlements over the next six months will be extended automatically, without submitting any additional information and no visits to the offices. On May 11, the President Decree established procedures for on-line applications to the new social assistance benefits via government portals. 443 444 445• The President Decree of March 20, 2020 introduced new allowances for children from 3 to 7 years will be paid starting from June 2020 for families with per capita income less than the subsistence level (to be continued as long as eligibility criteria are met). The amount of payment is 50% of the subsistence level for a child established by the regional government. The allowance will be set annually. As part of anti-crisis measures it was decided that if a family as of January 1, 2020 had a child aged 3 to 7 years, then the family will receive a lumpsum in June for the first 5 months of 2020. In total, 2 million

443 <http://en.kremlin.ru/events/president/news/63061>
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		<p>families will receive a new allowance.⁴⁴⁶ On April, 7, 2020 the new Decree called for acceleration of eligibility determination so that families with children between three and seven years old receive the means-tested monthly family benefits quicker. Almost RUB 105 billion will be earmarked from the Federal budget to this effect, and regional budgets will provide another RUB 31.5 billion. 447 448 449</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-Contributory Child Care Allowance: the amount of Child Care Allowance (CCA) for children under 18 months depends on whether or not the child is firstborn and on mother's wage prior to maternity/childcare leave. Non-working mothers (or mothers pursuing studies) are entitled to the minimum amount of CCA. On May11, 2020, the minimum amount of allowance was increased from RUB 3375 (US\$46) to RUB 6751 (US\$92) per month. RUB 14 billion (\$0.2 billion); this is the increase of federal budget expenditures due to this change; NIFI estimate ⁴⁵⁰
	One-off cash transfers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One-off cash transfer of RUB 10000 (US\$136) to all children aged 3–15 irrespective of the family income. Entitled are all children who as of July 1 2020 will not have reached 16. RUB 197.2 billion (\$2.9 billion), federal budget ⁴⁵¹ • Allowance for children aged 0-3: by Presidential Decree of April 7, 2020, starting in April, all families entitled to Maternity Capital (grant) will be paid an additional RUB 5,000 (US\$63) a month for each child under the age of three, for the period of 3 months.⁴⁵² The new Decree of May 11, 2020 established that In April-June 2020 monthly allowances in the amount of RUB 5000 (US\$68) per month shall also be paid to mothers who gave birth to their first and only child in the period between April 1 2017 and January 1 2020. These extended the

⁴⁴⁶ <http://publication.pravo.gov.ru/Document/View/0001202003200014> (in Russian)

⁴⁴⁷ <http://government.ru/en/news/39277/>

⁴⁴⁸ <https://www.gazeta.ru/business/2020/03/17/13008259.shtml>

⁴⁴⁹ <http://www.kremlin.ru/events/president/news/63342>

⁴⁵⁰ <http://www.kremlin.ru/acts/assignments/orders/63358> (in Russian)

⁴⁵¹ <http://kremlin.ru/events/president/news/63342>; <https://rg.ru/2020/05/12/pravitelstvo-post652-site-dok.html> (in Russian)

⁴⁵² <http://publication.pravo.gov.ru/Document/View/0001202004070063> (in Russian)

		<p>number of beneficiaries of these allowances because these mothers are not entitled to Maternity Capital (mothers of a single child are entitled to MC only if their child was born after January 1 2020). RB 72 billion (\$1.0 billion); NIFI estimate ⁴⁵³</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional one-off cash transfer of RUB 10,000 (US\$136) to a child under 16 y.o. irrespective of the family income to be paid in July 2020. Entitled are all children born from 05/11/2004 to 06/30/2020. No applications need to be submitted in case parents previously applied for one-off cash transfers for children aged 0-3 and 3-15.
	Childcare support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The amount of Child Care Allowance (CCA) for children under 18 months depends on whether or not the child is firstborn and on mother's wage prior to maternity/childcare leave. Non-working mothers (or mothers pursuing studies) are entitled to the minimum amount of CCA. On May11, 2020, the minimum amount of allowance was increased from RUB 3375 (US\$46) to RUB 6751 (US\$92) per month. ⁴⁵⁴
	Social pensions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social pension: Russian government increased the social pensions starting from April 1, 2020 (indexation coefficient is 1,061) ⁴⁵⁵.
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Citizens over 60 y.o. will be able to order food and medicine delivery by (hotline) phone and get it delivered to their homes. This measure is being implemented with the support of All-Russia People's Fund (ONF), the Roscongress Foundation and Rostelecom (Russia's leading long-distance telephony provider). The volunteers are coordinated by the All-Russian Public Movement "Medical Volunteers" and the Association of Volunteer Centers. ⁴⁵⁶The food and medicine delivery is organized by the Moscow City government for the people over 65 years of age. By the end of last week 40 000 people claimed this benefit over Moscow City government hotline. ⁴⁵⁷

⁴⁵³ <http://kremlin.ru/events/president/news/63342>; <https://rg.ru/2020/05/12/pravitelstvo-post652-site-dok.html> (in Russian)

⁴⁵⁴ <http://www.kremlin.ru/acts/assignments/orders/63358> (in Russian)

⁴⁵⁵ <http://publication.pravo.gov.ru/Document/View/0001202003170015> (in Russian)

⁴⁵⁶ <https://rg.ru/2020/03/18/otkryta-goriachaia-liniia-po-koronavirusu-dlia-pozhilyh-liudej.html>

⁴⁵⁷ https://www.mos.ru/news/item/71862073/?utm_source=yxnews&utm_medium=desktop&utm_referrer=https%3A%2F%2Fyandex.ru%2Fnews

	School feeding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For the duration of remote school instruction, pupils from vulnerable families are provided with food packages that replace school feeding. Eligibility criteria are determined by regional governments, as school feeding in the responsibility of the regions. Usually these include low-income families, primary school pupils, children from big families.⁴⁵⁸
	Public works	
	Utility waivers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Moscow city Government abolished contributions of citizens for overhaul (capital renewal) for 3 months (April 1 – June 30, 2020).⁴⁵⁹ Extension of 60 rides transport cards and no limit cards for 30 days, 90 days, 365 days (metro, busses, trolleys) in case they were not used for the period equal to the validity period of such tickets from March 30, 2020 to May 1, 2020 (self-isolation period), but not less than 5 calendar days from the day following the expiration date of these tickets.^{460 461} Moratorium on cutting utility services for debts and fines for late payments (from April 1 to December 31, 2020).⁴⁶²
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A higher level for the sick leave pay was introduced. Sick leave payments became equal to at least one minimum wage 12,130 (US\$152) per month until the end of this year, as well as automatic prolongation of benefits without beneficiaries having to file additional paperwork. Prior to this change, cash sickness benefits were calculated on the employee's length of service and salary. Previously, some employees were entitled in the past to very low payment for sick leave.^{463 464} Citizens who are quarantined after a trip abroad can apply for an electronic sick leave through the Unified Portal of Public Services. The

⁴⁵⁸ <https://novayagazeta.ru/articles/2020/05/04/85216-zamorili-chervyachka>; <https://tass.ru/moskva/8117699> (in Russian)

⁴⁵⁹ [https://www.mos.ru/upload/documents/docs/35-YM\(2\).pdf](https://www.mos.ru/upload/documents/docs/35-YM(2).pdf) (para 17.6) (in Russian)

⁴⁶⁰ <https://www.mos.ru/upload/documents/docs/34-YM.pdf> (paras 17.3-17.4) (in Russian)

⁴⁶¹ [https://www.mos.ru/upload/documents/docs/36-YM\(2\).pdf](https://www.mos.ru/upload/documents/docs/36-YM(2).pdf) (paras 18.3-18.4) (in Russian)

⁴⁶² <http://publication.pravo.gov.ru/Document/View/0001202004060041?index=0&rangeSize=1> (in Russian)

⁴⁶³ <http://en.kremlin.ru/events/president/news/63061>

⁴⁶⁴ <http://publication.pravo.gov.ru/Document/View/0001202004010077?index=1&rangeSize=1> (in Russian)

		<p>government approved temporary rules for processing sick leave certificates, appointments and sick leave/temporary disability payments during the quarantine period. The new rules apply to persons who arrived in Russia from countries where cases of new coronavirus infection were registered, as well as to persons living with them.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Each region should appoint no more than 3 medical organizations that will provide remote issuance and registration of electronic disability certificates. An application for extradition of sick leave is submitted through the Unified portal of public services. ○ If a citizen does not have access to this resource, another person with a personal account on the portal can do it for her/him. ○ Medical sick leave can be provided without visiting physically. Sick pay will be provided before the end of the sick leave (every 5th working day).⁴⁶⁵ ○ The resolution applies from March 20 to July 1, 2020.⁴⁶⁶
	Health insurance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● As of May 6, all medical workers involved in controlling the epidemic and treating its victims are entitled to increase health insurance coverage (equivalent to the maximum coverage of the military personnel).⁴⁶⁷
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Parents who have lost job after March 1, 2020, will receive a monthly payment of RUB 3,000 (US\$38) for each child under 18 during 3 consecutive months – April, May and June 2020.⁴⁶⁸

⁴⁶⁵ <http://www.oecd.org/social/Covid-19-Employment-and-Social-Policy-Responses-by-Country.xlsx>

⁴⁶⁶ <http://www.garant.ru/hotlaw/federal/1332594/>

⁴⁶⁷ <http://www.kremlin.ru/events/president/news/63340>

⁴⁶⁸ <http://government.ru/news/39475/>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Since November 2018 until now the monthly unemployment benefit has ranged from a minimum of RUB 1,500 (US\$19) to maximum RUB8,000 (US\$100). The new proposal is to increase it to the level of the minimum wage which is Since March 27, 2020 the maximum amount is equal to the minimum wage and amounted to RUB 12,130 (US\$1552), but no indication when this would happen, or if everyone would get the same amount while the minimum stays at RUB 1,500 (US\$19).⁴⁶⁹ • Compensation payment is established in Moscow for unemployed people for the period of April 1 – September 30, 2020. The amount of compensation is established in such a way that the total amount of payments, taking into account the unemployment benefit, payments under additional material support for unemployed citizens and regional compensation was 19 500 rubles (~\$250). No additional applications are needed to receive this compensation for unemployed citizens as of March 31, 2020 registered with the Moscow city employment service⁴⁷⁰. Regional compensation is not taken into account when calculating citizen's (family's) income aimed to determine the right to receive other measures of social assistance support, including targeted social assistance, state social benefits, compensations, co-payments to pensions, other social benefits, social services, subsidies for payment housing and utilities. Russian government increased the social pensions starting from April 1, 2020 (indexation coefficient is 1,061)⁴⁷¹.
	Social security contributions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social insurance contributions have been reduced for small and medium-sized businesses from 30 to 15% on the portion of wages that is above the minimum wage for a period of 6 months. This measure is being introduced to encourage employers to raise wages, but the expectation is these reduced contributions will be made up later by

⁴⁶⁹ <http://publication.pravo.gov.ru/Document/View/0001202003300022>

⁴⁷⁰ <https://www.mos.ru/upload/documents/docs/34-YM.pdf> (in Russian)

⁴⁷¹ <http://publication.pravo.gov.ru/Document/View/0001202003170015> (in Russian)

		<p>employers. ⁴⁷² Consequently in May 2020 3 months of the contributions for the eligible enterprises (April, May and June) has been written off. ⁴⁷³</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All enterprises in the sectors affected by COVID-19 are eligible for deferral of all social security contributions and taxes by 6 months. ⁴⁷⁴
Labor Markets	Activation measures	
	Labor market regulations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relieving labor migrants of patent payments and automatically extending work permits. ⁴⁷⁵
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • According to the Government resolution passed on April 27, 2020 in May and June 2020 small and medium-sized businesses in the sectors affected by the lockdowns are eligible to federal wage subsidies. The amount of the subsidy is determined as the Minimum Wage (RUB12130 (US\$165) per month) times the number of employees. To be eligible, the employer should belong to one of the sectors that suffered from the Covid-19 epidemic the most. The applicant should not have overdue tax liability in excess of RUB 3000 (US\$40) and the number of persons employed by the business at the moment of application should not be less than 90% of that in March 2019. The subsidy is administered by the Tax Authority. ⁴⁷⁶ 4 mln. workers are estimated to benefit from the subsidy ⁴⁷⁷

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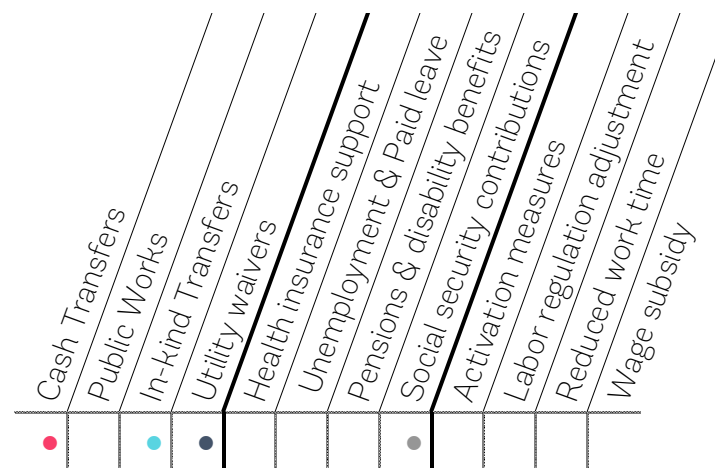
⁴⁷⁴ <http://www.kremlin.ru/events/president/news/63340>

⁴⁷⁵ <https://sozd.duma.gov.ru/bill/926856-7>

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Rwanda

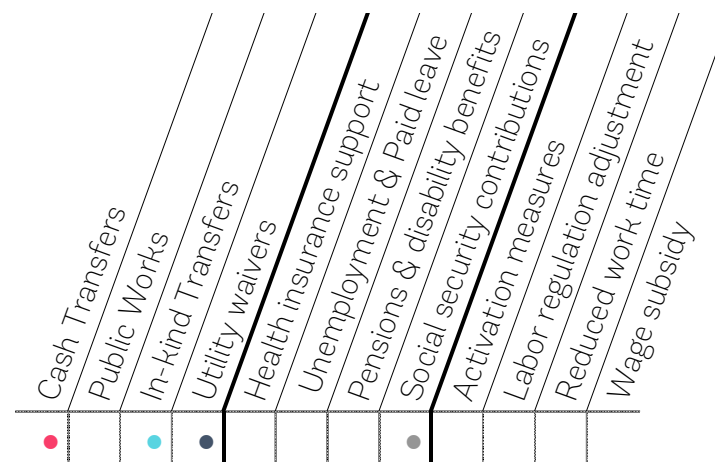


Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	<p>The Government of Rwanda is making following adaptations in the existing cash transfers under the VUP, which will also include expansion in the coverage to additional 56,000 families (over and above the current coverage of 310,000 families):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Temporary waiver of work requirements for public work beneficiaries to ensure continuity of cash transfers while social distancing protocols are in place in the country - Expansion in the coverage of Direct Support unconditional cash transfers to additional families with old age, disability, and critical illness as part of COVID-19 response - Vertical expansion of the Nutrition Sensitive Co-responsibility Cash Transfers to include more poorer households in the existing 17 out of 30 districts where the program is currently operational
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	<p>The Government of Rwanda is capitalizing on its well-established decentralized structures to implement the Social Protection response, starting with in-kind distribution of food and other essential items to 20,000 families.</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The target group includes casual laborers whose livelihoods depend on daily wage and self-employed mainly in the informal sector who can't work due to COVID-19 containment measures. - Beneficiaries are identified by the local level administrative committees at the lowest local administrative entity known as "isibo" which covers 15-20 HHs. HHs in need of food can as well self-report to any committee member by calling them directly or dialing a dedicated toll-free number. - Verified list of beneficiaries moves up to the central level and accordingly food and other essential items are distributed down through different administrative levels (District-Sector-Cell-Village-Isibo). - To avoid crowds and in line with social distancing protocols, the distribution is done house to house by "Youth Volunteers" and persons of integrity within the communities, with coordination of local leaders. - To supplement these efforts, the communities / individuals who can afford have mobilized amongst themselves to voluntarily support this initiative but in a coordinated manner, by donating money, food and essential items through the head of "Isibo".⁴⁷⁸
	School feeding	
	Public works	
	Utility waivers	<p>Fast-tracking of digitization and delivery of cash transfers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In order to allow and promote the use cashless modes of payment as part of measures to prevent the transmission of the Covid-19, the GoR in collaboration with Banks and Telecom companies waived the charges on Mobile Money transactions as well as charges on push and pull services between bank accounts and mobile wallets, for an initial period of 90 days, starting March 18. Mobile Money transaction amount limits were as were raised.
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions	The Community Based Health Insurance (CBHI) commonly known as "Mutuelle" is the main insurance scheme for the majority of Rwandans, up to around 80% of the population. The enrollment for the poorest is subsidized by

⁴⁷⁸ <http://venturesafrica.com/covid-19-rwanda-initiates-social-protection-plan-to-support-the-underprivileged/>

		the Government. Usually, upon paying the premium, the insurer had to wait for a month for the health insurance to become effective. In order to facilitate easy access to health service amidst Covid-19, amendments were made to the scheme to remove the waiting period prior to accessing medical services using CBHI.
Labor Markets	Activation measures	
	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	



Samoa

Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A per citizen payout of SAT 50 per person, which is in part a social protection measure and in part an incentive to register for the national ID, is planned to be released by the end of 2020. In the longer term, the national ID scheme may provide the basis to establish a registry to support vulnerable people quickly and effectively in response to future economic shocks or natural disasters.
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$300 one-off special pension to be added to the next monthly pension of \$145tala. This benefit currently provides a benefit of SAT 145 (around USD 55) per month to Samoan citizens aged 65 years or older. This monthly payment was topped up by SAT 300 in May, SAT 100 in July, and from July the monthly benefit will be increased by SAT 15 on a permanent basis. As well as benefiting the elderly directly, who tend to be among the more vulnerable members of the population,
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	
	School feeding	
	Public works	

	Utility waivers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduction in the utility prices (electricity and water). 10 sene (or cent) reduction in the price of electricity, the Ministry of Finance will carry 7sene and the Electric Power Corporation is to carry 3sene for 6months. 20sene reduction in water rates for 6months which will be covered by the Ministry of Finance.
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A six-month moratorium on pension contributions for the hospitality sector⁴⁷⁹
Labor Markets	Activation measures	
	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	

⁴⁷⁹ <https://www.samoagovt.ws/2020/04/press-release-snpf-concessionary-assistance-covid-19/>

San Marino

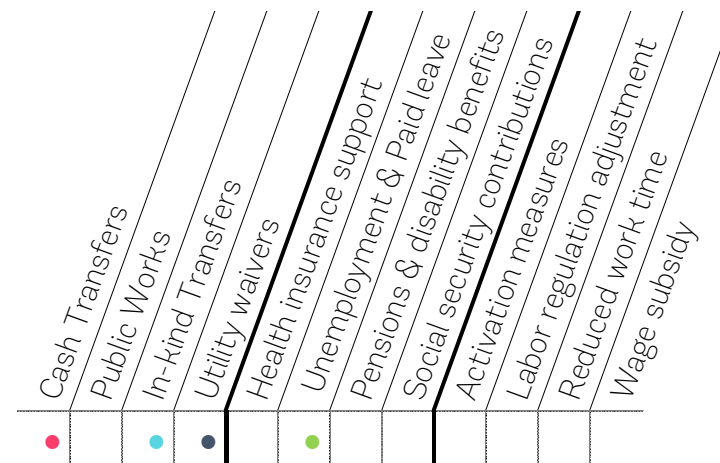
Cash Transfers	•
Public Works	
In-kind Transfers	
Utility waivers	
Health insurance	
Unemployment support	
Pensions & Paid leave	
Social security contributions	
Activation measures	
Labor regulation adjustment	
Reduced work time	
Wage subsidy	•

Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	• Financial support of 580 euro for families ⁴⁸⁰
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	
	School feeding	
Social Insurance	Public works	
	Utility waivers	•
	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
Labor Markets	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions	•
	Activation measures	
	Labor market regulations	

⁴⁸⁰ <http://www.libertas.sm/notizie/2020/04/22/san-marino-coronavirus-decreto-a-favore-di-imprese-operatori-lavoratori-e-famiglie.html>

	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extension of supplemental wage scheme to support workers displaced by COVID-19 containment measures

Saint Lucia



Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monthly payment of \$500 for 3 months, preconditioned to enrolling in NIC for informal workers not currently contributing to NIC, unemployed or displaced due to COVID19. Estimated cost of \$16.8 million EC
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The implementation of Price Gauging legislative to protect consumer. In order to protect consumers from abuse by unscrupulous business persons, who are attempting to maximize earning through price hikes on items which are currently in high demand, price gouging legislation will be developed. (price control)⁴⁸¹ Rollout of the National Meals Program by the Ministry of Agriculture to feed 5,000 underprivileged persons on a daily basis using produce from local farmers.
	School feeding	
	Public works	

⁴⁸¹ <http://www.govt.lc/media.govt.lc/www/pressroom/news/attachments/social-stabilization-plan-april---june.pdf>

	Utility waivers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 month moratorium on commercial bank mortgage payments for displaced workers and businesses adversely affected by COVID19. Similar measures will be sought with credit unions • Suspension of disconnections for unemployed and persons on welfare by LUCELEC electricity utility company. • Waiver for interests and penalties on all taxes due in March 2020.
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monthly payment of EC\$500 and EC\$1,500 (US\$185 – US\$555), for 3 months starting in April (subject to extension) for National Insurance Corporation (NIC) current contributors unemployed due to COVID19 and not receiving other NIC benefits. Estimated cost of \$33 million to \$80 million EC.
	Social security contributions	
Labor Markets	Activation measures	
	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	

St Kitts and Nevis

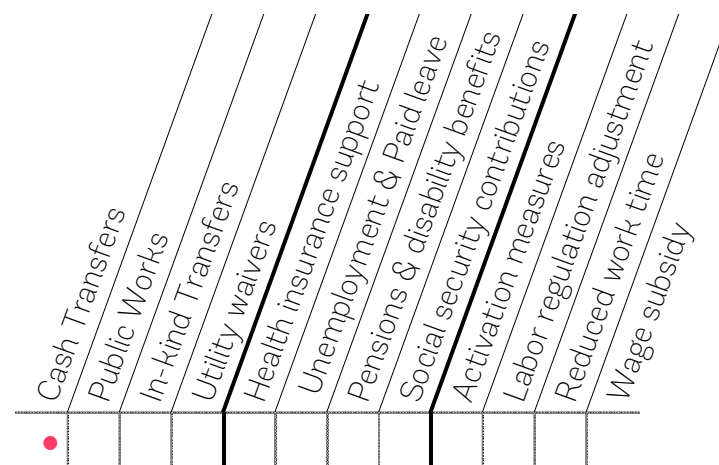


Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extension of Poverty Alleviation Program for households that might now fall below the \$3,000 per month threshold due to a loss of jobs and income caused by the crisis (this is part of \$120 billion economic stimulus package).⁴⁸²
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	
	School feeding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The government is continuing provision of hot lunches to students in need, through the School Meals Program amid school closures⁴⁸³ (admin adaptation).
	Public works	
	Utility waivers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moratorium on all loan payments to commercial banks including the Development Bank of St. Kitts and Nevis for six months as agreed to

⁴⁸² <https://www.thestkittsnevisobserver.com/premier-brantley-makes-statement-on-nevis-response-to-covid-19/>

⁴⁸³ <https://www.sknvibes.com/news/newsdetails.cfm/112510>

		<p>with the Eastern Caribbean Central Bank together with a waiver of all late charges and fees.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water payments for persons laid off over the period April to June 2020 will be waived over 3 months. • Property tax payments for the period June-September 2020 will be deferred. • Hospitals and related fees for anyone sick from the Coronavirus will also be waived.
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions	
Labor Markets	Activation measures	
	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	



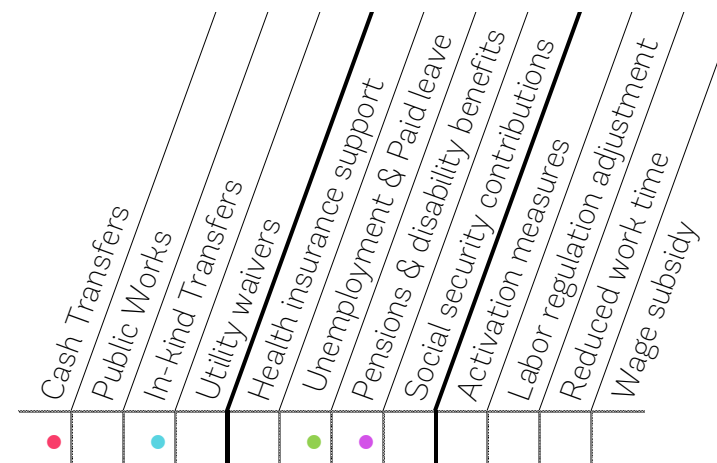
Saint Pierre & Miquelon (France)

Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	• Introducing benefit for poor or vulnerable population: 100 euros for beneficiaries of the back-to-school allowance ⁴⁸⁴
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	
	School feeding	•
Social Insurance	Public works	
	Utility waivers	•
	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
Labor Markets	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions	
	Activation measures	
	Labor market regulations	

⁴⁸⁴ <https://www.lagazettedescommunes.com/680534/covid-19-attribution-dune-aide-exceptionnelle-a-saint-pierre-et-miquelon/>

	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	

Saint Vincent and the Grenadines



Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gov't support for vulnerable and affected persons by expanding social assistance as part of EC\$74.05 million stimulus package incl. Interim Assistance Benefits for persons not on public assistance nor in receipt of a pension (until 31 Dec 2020); providing support for displaced workers in the hotel and tourism sector, including cruise buses and taxis, through a Displacement Supplementary Income for three months in the first instance.
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The government will provide \$9 million in direct support to the areas of farming, animal husbandry, fishing (add. for Farmers' Support Company; free seeds at AIW; subsidized inputs; provision of fishing boats and farm animals on generous terms)
	School feeding	
	Public works	
	Utility waivers	
	Paid sick leave	

Social Insurance	Health insurance	
	Pensions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Insurance Scheme (NIS) will provide a pre-payment of two months pension benefits for all categories of pensioners (contributory and non-contributory; 7,406 contributory pensioners and 783 noncontributory pensioners);
	Unemployment benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$1.25 million in the form of temporary unemployment relief across economic sectors for active employee registrants⁴⁸⁵
	Social security contributions	
Labor Markets	Activation measures	
	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	

⁴⁸⁵ <https://searchlight.vc/searchlight/news/2020/03/27/pm-brings-stimulus-package-to-soften-covid-19-impact/>

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Public Works	
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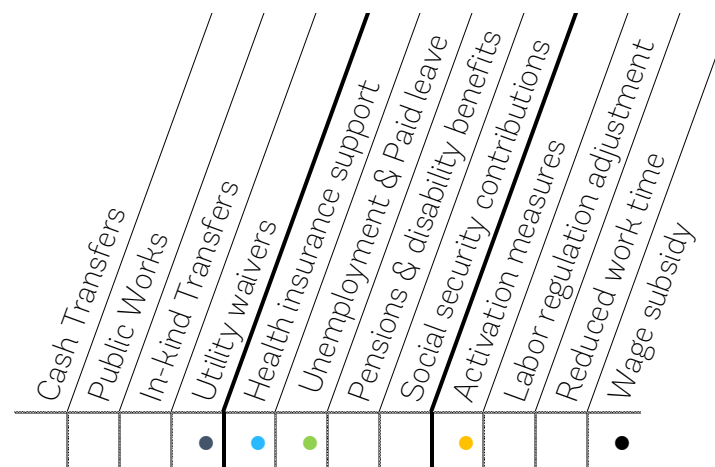
Sao Tome and Principe

Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The São Tomé government, through the Ministry of Labor and Solidarity, decided to anticipate, as of this Friday, the payment of two bimonths [2,400 Dobras] to the beneficiary mothers of the "Program Family as a way to mitigate "the negative impacts of the coronavirus pandemic. ⁴⁸⁶ The program involves 2600 needy families in the country
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	
	School feeding	
Social Insurance	Public works	
	Utility waivers	
	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
Social Insurance	Unemployment benefits	

⁴⁸⁶ <http://www.stp-press.st/2020/04/09/covid-19-governo-antecipa-pagamento-as-maes-do-programa-familia-para-amenizar-os-impactos/>

	Social security contributions	
Labor Markets	Activation measures	
	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	

Saudi Arabia



Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	
	School feeding	
	Public works	
	Utility waivers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New special provisions allow for delaying rent requests (by 3 months). This applies for 6 months, from March 20 to September 20. • The Kingdom is taking various measures in support for expat/migrant workers. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Waiving expats dependents levies of SAR 900/dependent for three months from Mar.20 to June.20. - Waiving SAR2400 for the residence visa renewal fees per visa and giving the violator a grace period to take a corrective action

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Waiving SAR1200 exit and return visa per resident and allowing the return of those who are unable at the moment, after the situation settles. - Delaying rent requests and allowing the renter to vacate the rental property regardless of lease length (3 month) • Electricity consumers in the commercial, industrial and agricultural sectors will receive a 30 percent discount on April and May bills, with the possibility to extend the discount period if necessary
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Special paid sick leave for all workers who, as of March 13, 2020, entered the Kingdom from countries abroad shall stay home on sick (quarantined). MOH developed a mobile application called "Sehhaty" to register and apply for the sick leave⁴⁸⁷.
	Health insurance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The KSA mandated an automatic renewal of health insurance cards for 6 months, hence allowing families to make hospitals and clinic visits. As per Announcement of King Salman of March 30, 2020, all Saudi citizens, residents, visitors, tourists and illegal immigrants will access testing and treatment services for Coronavirus for free. The government through the ministry of health will cover related expenses.
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions	
Labor Markets	Activation measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Saudi Human Resources Development Fund announced the allocation of SR2B to support 100,000 job seekers in the private sector (in addition to offering and activating remote work tools as available and alternative options for regular work). A training support track includes SR800M to support 100,000 beneficiaries. And an additional SR1.5B has been allocated to add 100,000 new job seekers in the program.⁴⁸⁸
	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	

⁴⁸⁷ <https://www.moh.gov.sa/en/Ministry/MediaCenter/News/Pages/News-2020-03-14-001.aspx>

⁴⁸⁸ <https://www.hrdf.org.sa/News/4408>

Wage subsidies

- The kingdom is subsidizing wages for employees in the private sector up to 60% of their wages⁴⁸⁹. Instead of terminating the contract of the Saudi labors, an employer is now entitled to apply for the General Organization for Social Insurance (GOSI) and request a monthly compensation payment for his labors of 60% of the wage registered in GOSI for three months, up to a maximum of nine thousand riyals per month, and up to a total value of 9 billion riyals
- The government will pay the minimum salaries of independent workers in the transportation sector who are registered with the Public Transport Authority but are not under the umbrella of any company, whose activities were affected by the precautionary measures (KSA continues to be on 24 hours curfew till further notice: no taxis, no Uber or Karim is allowed).

⁴⁸⁹ https://www.mof.gov.sa/en/MediaCenter/news/Pages/News_03042020.aspx

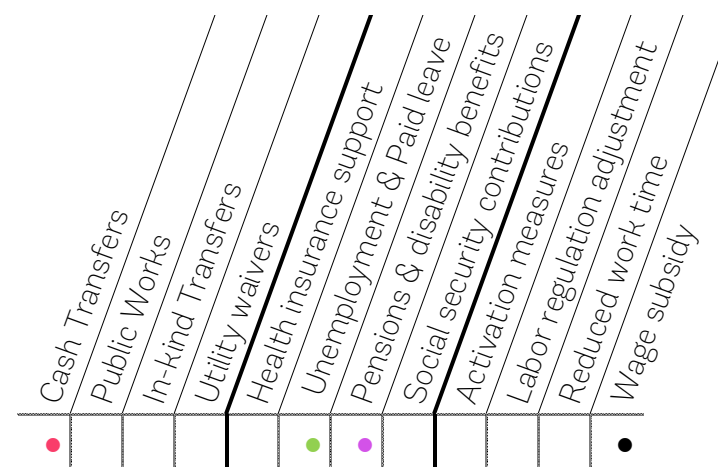
Senegal

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Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The government is allocating 69 billion FCFA devoted to the purchase food for 1 million poor households (including the daraas). This includes one-off distribution of food kit of basic necessities (pasta, rice, soap, sugar) and costs around FCFA 66,000 per household.
	School feeding	
	Public works	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Utility waivers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To promote the use of electronic payment tools the Western Africa Central Bank (BCEAO) is providing more flexible measures to open a mobile money and making transfers between people backed by electronic money free. Providing utility subsidy to vulnerable groups to pay for electricity and water bills. The measure aims at helping 975,522 households for

		paying electricity bills and 670,000 households for paying water bills for two months starting in May
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions	
Labor Markets	Activation measures	
	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	

Serbia



Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For SA beneficiaries whose entitlement to SA benefits expire on March 15, 2020 and later, the government extended their entitlement on the basis of previously issued decisions, for a maximum of three months (i.e. During a state of emergency) . Cash transfers will be extended for the following program: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Financial Social Assistance Caregiver Allowance Child Allowance, Maternity leave benefit for the purpose of child care. Additionally, 4,000 RSD (approximately \$37) will be paid to child recipients of the Caregiver Allowance.⁴⁹⁰
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	
	One-off cash transfers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All adults (18+ years of age) will get E100 as one-off payment covering 5 million people (about RSD 71bn)⁴⁹¹
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	

⁴⁹⁰ <https://www.blic.rs/vesti/drustvo/jednokratnu-pomoc-od-4000-dinara-dobijaju-i-deca-sa-invaliditetom/3n31wvq>

⁴⁹¹ <https://www.nytimes.com/reuters/2020/03/30/world/30reuters-health-coronavirus-serbia-economy.html>

	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	
	School feeding	
	Public works	
	Utility waivers	
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All pensioners will receive one off support in the amount of 4000 dinars (around 35 EUR). Furthermore, the government issued decision for the new method for pensions payment. The pensioners will give special authorization to someone to raise pension instead of them. The other option is that the pension is delivered to pensioners in cash and the cost of the delivery will be covered by the government.
	Unemployment benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The government issued a decision for the new method of submitting application for unemployment benefit and for registering with NES. The applicants can submit their requests via email or by post. The decision making for the received requests is extended too.
	Social security contributions	
Labor Markets	Activation measures	
	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The government new package of support includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> support to large enterprises: 50 percent of the minimum wage to all employees whose contract ended cover for three months wages in Micro and SMEs 50% ⁴⁹²

⁴⁹² [https://seenews.com/news/serbia-to-pay-60-of-two-bottom-wages-of-msme-employees-fin-min-707516#:~:text=2018-,Serbia%20to%20pay%2060%25%20of%20two%20bottom,of%20MSME%20employees%20%2D%20fin%20min&text=The%20additional%20support%20brings%20the,\) %20for%202020%2C%20Mali%20said.](https://seenews.com/news/serbia-to-pay-60-of-two-bottom-wages-of-msme-employees-fin-min-707516#:~:text=2018-,Serbia%20to%20pay%2060%25%20of%20two%20bottom,of%20MSME%20employees%20%2D%20fin%20min&text=The%20additional%20support%20brings%20the,) %20for%202020%2C%20Mali%20said.)

Seychelles

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Social Insurance	Public works	
	Utility waivers	
	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
Labor Markets	Social security contributions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seychelles Pension Fund has postponed contributions for 3 months, for those due April to June 2020 will now be due July-September 2020
	Activation measures	
	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	

Wage subsidies

The government has announced a measure to subsidize wages for companies facing distress caused by COVID-19, whose fiscal cost is estimated up to about 5 percent of 2020 GDP. A revised 2020 budget was approved by the National Assembly in late April.

Sierra Leone

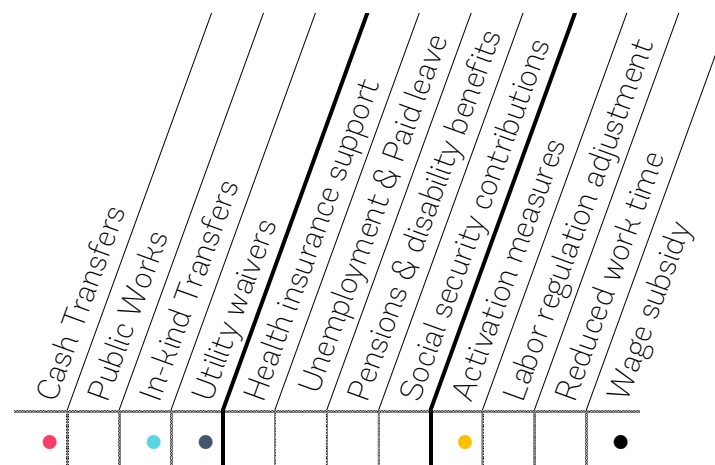


Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	<p>The Government of Sierra Leone plans to respond the COVID-19 crisis through the cash transfer program in two ways: (a) scaling up the cash transfers to extreme poor households predominantly in the rural areas; and (b) conducting emergency cash transfers to vulnerable households with informal sector workers in major cities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Government plans to roll out the “COVID-19 Social Safety Net (SSN) Cash Transfers” to vertically and horizontally scale up the Ep Fet Po cash transfer program to provide double the monthly benefits amount from US\$ 15 (an estimated 15 percent of the average household consumption) to US\$ 30 for a period of nine months. This is the same strategy that the Government had employed in response to the Ebola Crisis. This response effort is expected to reach 70,000 extreme poor households and households with Persons with Disabilities.
	One-off cash transfers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In cities, the informal sector workers are expected to be the hardest hit through the indirect impacts of COVID-19 and the slowing economy. The Government plans to identify a total of 118,000 households in the major cities of Sierra Leone whose main source of income is from the informal sector and provide a one-time cash transfer to these households. The amount is US\$ 120 HH ~ level of

		minimum wage in Freetown for 2-months) targeting households of informal workers in urban areas :Freetown, Bo city, Kenema city, Makeni and Port Loko (total budget of US\$4 million)
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	On 4 April, the National Commission for Social Action (NaCSA) in collaboration with the Ministry of Social Welfare, Anti-Corruption Commission, and the National Commission for Persons with Disabilities, distributed 25 kg bags of rice, 250,000 leones (\$25.77), Veronica buckets, and others items to people with disabilities in district headquarter towns. This support reached 1,891 individual and group beneficiaries. Outreach to people with disabilities is now continuing, and the Government expects to reach approximately 10,000 PWD (500 per district and 2,500 in the Western Area), for a cost of 4 billion leones. ⁴⁹³
	School feeding	
	Public works	
	Utility waivers	
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
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⁴⁹³ https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story_fbid=127374598875404&id=108939287385602&_tn_ =K-R

Singapore



Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The new (second) stimulus package of S\$48 billion (\$33 billion) includes cash transfers to self-employed and low-income people.⁴⁹⁴ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apr 2020: Temporary Relief Fund to provide one-off cash assistance of \$500 for those who need urgent help with basic living expenses Cash grant of \$800 per month for 3 months, for low- and middle-income Singaporeans who lost their jobs due to COVID-19. Starting in May⁴⁹⁵ Self Employed Persons (SEP) Income Relief Scheme (SIRS): Eligible Singaporean SEPs will receive 3 quarterly cash payouts of \$3,000 each in May, Jul, and Oct 2020⁴⁹⁶ All Singaporeans aged 50 and above in 2020 will receive \$100 in cash instead of PAssion Card Top-up

⁴⁹⁴ <https://www.bloomberg.com/markets/fixed-income>

⁴⁹⁵ https://www.singaporebudget.gov.sg/docs/default-source/budget_2020/download/pdf/fy2020_supplementary_audience_centric_Infographic.pdf

⁴⁹⁶ https://www.singaporebudget.gov.sg/docs/default-source/budget_2020/download/pdf/fy2020_supplementary_audience_centric_Infographic.pdf

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhance Workfare Special Payment to \$3,000 in cash in 2020, for Singaporeans who received Workfare payments for work done in 2019⁴⁹⁷
	One-off cash transfers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The government introduced a cash transfer payout of S\$900 (triple the original payout under Care & Support – Cash for all Singaporeans aged 21 and above in 2020 to \$300, \$600 and now \$900) Parents, with at least one Singaporean child aged 20 and below in 2020, will each receive an additional \$300⁴⁹⁸. (About 90% of all Singaporeans aged 21 and above in 2020 received the \$600 payment through direct bank transfer on 14 Apr 2020). Total budget for the scheme is US\$3.5 billion⁴⁹⁹
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> S\$100 for passion card top-up for all seniors, and S\$100 supermarket vouchers for lower-income.⁵⁰⁰ Singaporeans living in 1-room and 2-room HDB flats will receive \$300 in Grocery Vouchers in 2020, and \$100 in 2021⁵⁰¹
	School feeding	
	Public works	
Social Insurance	Utility waivers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Utility rebates are doubled.⁵⁰² New stimulus package includes no charges on student-loan interest (for 1 year) & late-payment on public-housing mortgage (3 month).⁵⁰³ One-off \$100 Solidarity Utilities Credit for all households with at least one Singapore Citizen, covering all property types, to be credited in July or August 2020 utilities bills with SP Group
	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	

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⁴⁹⁹ <https://www.straitstimes.com/singapore/some-singaporeans-to-receive-1000-payout-in-june-35-billion-in-cash-given-out-under-scheme>

⁵⁰⁰ <https://www.gov.sg/article/cushioning-the-impact-of-covid-19>

⁵⁰¹ https://www.singaporebudget.gov.sg/docs/default-source/budget_2020/download/pdf/fy2020_supplementary_audience_centric_Infographic.pdf

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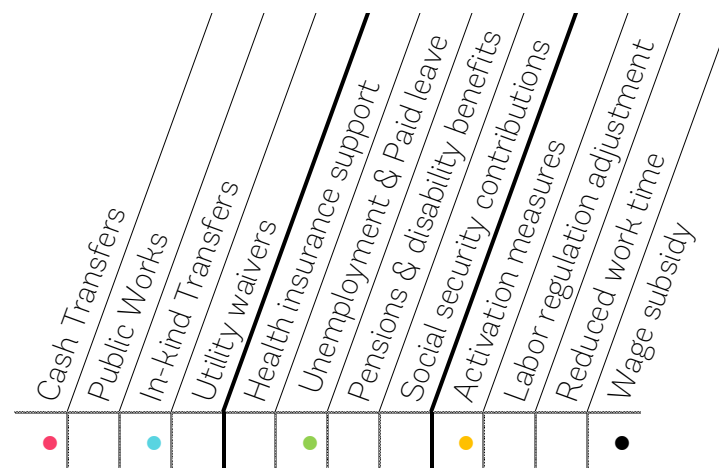
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions	
Labor Markets	Activation measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SGUnited Traineeships : Support employers in providing traineeships to fresh graduates entering the labour force, to help boost employability for new graduates • SEP Training Support Scheme: Extended till end-2020 • From 1 May 2020, training allowance enhanced to \$10/hour
	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employers of workers in quarantine get SG\$100 (US\$68.5) per day throughout the duration of their quarantine. The benefit will also be paid to self-employed workers (Ministry of Manpower of Singapore 2020). • Government will help employers by paying 25% of the first \$4,600 of monthly wages for every local worker in employment, for 9 months. Higher support for sectors more affected by COVID-19, of up to 75%. Firms will receive the payouts in May, Jul, and Oct 2020. ⁵⁰⁴ • Expansion of wage support for businesses, including extra support for those in food services, aviation and tourism industries. ⁵⁰⁵

⁵⁰⁴ [https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2020-04-06/singapore-pledges-more-cash-handouts-in-third-stimulus](https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2020-04-06/singapore-pledges-more-cash-handouts-in-third-stimulus-package?sref=4ZGeBqkb&utm_content=business&utm_campaign=socialflow-organic&utm_medium=social&utm_source=facebook&cmpid=socialflow-facebook-business)

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⁵⁰⁵ <https://www.bloomberg.com/markets/fixed-income>

Sint Maarten (Netherlands)



Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Under St Maarten Support Relief Plan (SSRP), self-employed persons such as independent taxi drivers, vendors, tour operators, and artists, etc. can benefit from income support (details not available).⁵⁰⁶
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expansion of existing food voucher program, a food boxes program for the most vulnerable groups, and meals for the elderly, (NAf 9.3 million in total)
	School feeding	
Social Insurance	Public works	
	Utility waivers	
	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
Social Insurance	Unemployment benefits	

⁵⁰⁶ <https://www.thedailyherald.sx/islands/govt-stimulus-plan-sent-to-mps-for-approval-monday>

	Social security contributions	
Labor Markets	Activation measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provision of psychosocial care has been expanded.⁵⁰⁷
	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Government will provide a payroll subsidy to the most affected businesses to cover up to 80% of their workers' salaries for a three-month period. To qualify, businesses have to prove that they have encountered hardship of at least 20%.⁵⁰⁸

⁵⁰⁷ <https://www.thedailyherald.sx/islands/govt-stimulus-plan-sent-to-mps-for-approval-monday>

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Slovakia

Cash Transfers	•
Public Works	
In-kind Transfers	•
Utility waivers	
Health insurance	
Unemployment support	
Pensions & disability leave	
Social security contributions	
Activation measures	
Labor regulation adjustment	
Reduced work time	
Wage subsidy	•

Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	• Subsidies for individuals who do not receive any income during the State of Emergency, maximum amount EUR 210 / month ⁵⁰⁹
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	
	School feeding	
Social Insurance	Public works	
	Utility waivers	• Individuals, self-employed persons, small and medium enterprises may request banks for postponement of the mortgage installment by 9 months. Banks are obliged to approve the requests once the formal requirements have been fulfilled. The postponement will not be entered into records of the official debtors register. ⁵¹⁰
	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	

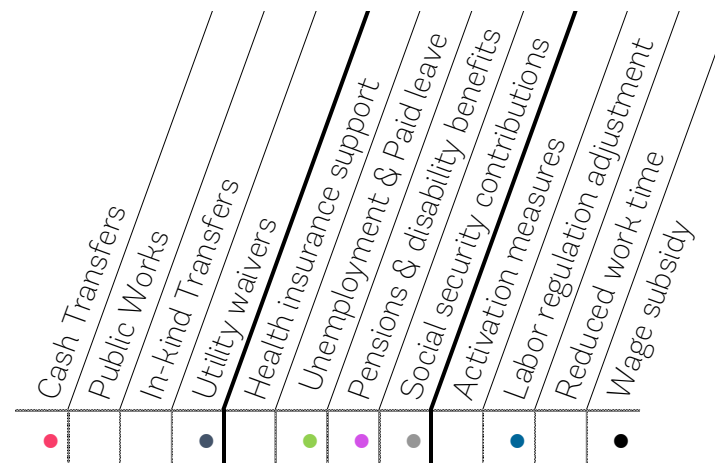
⁵⁰⁹ <https://home.kpmg/xx/en/home/insights/2020/04/slovakia-government-and-institution-measures-in-response-to-covid.html>

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Labor Markets	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions	
	Activation measures	
	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subsidies for employers who closed or restricted their business operations due to the decision of the PHA, in the amount of 80% (60%) of average monthly salary up to EUR 1100 (880)/month /employee (to whom the employer is unable to allocate work)⁵¹¹ • Subsidies for self-employed persons, whose sales declined during the State of Emergency, maximum amount EUR 540/month

⁵¹¹ <https://home.kpmg/xx/en/home/insights/2020/04/slovakia-government-and-institution-measures-in-response-to-covid.html>

Slovenia



Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Self-employed who are unable to operate due to the crisis or whose operations have been significantly reduced will be entitled to a monthly cash transfer in the amount of 70% of the net minimum wage.
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	
	School feeding	
Social Insurance	Public works	
	Utility waivers	The government issued a decree to cut electricity prices to ease the pandemic impact.
	Paid sick leave	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sick pay for all workers during the pandemic from the first day onwards will be covered by the Health Insurance Institute of Slovenia, not the employer.
	Health insurance	

	Pensions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One-off solidarity supplement to minimum and low pension recipients (€300 for minimum pension, €230 and €130 for low pensions)⁵¹²
	Unemployment benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The employment status of workers who are unable to work due to force majeure, caring for children and their inability to come to work and other epidemic-related reasons will be equal to that of temporarily laid-off workers. Workers who have lost their job during the epidemic will automatically be entitled to unemployment benefits.
	Social security contributions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All contributions for temporarily laid-off employees paid into the healthcare and pension insurance schemes will be covered by the state, and the insured persons' rights will be preserved. The measure is in place until May 31, 2020, with the possibility of an extension. Affected self-employed workers will be exempt from the payment of contributions (also until May 31, 2020). Contributions to the healthcare and pension insurance schemes during this time will be paid on their behalf by the state.
Labor Markets	Activation measures	Persons employed and activated in sectors that are key in overcoming the epidemic will be rewarded with an increase in their basic salary by between 10% and 200%, based on the decision of their superiors, in the form of hazard pay and higher workload bonuses ⁵¹³ .
	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	wage subsidies for suspended workers due to pandemic-related closures and quarantined people (about €50 million)

⁵¹² <https://www.gov.si/assets/vlada/Koronavirus-zbirno-infografike-vlada/1pkp/Ukrepi-s-podrocja-dela-druzine-in-socialnih-zadev.pdf>

⁵¹³ <https://www.gov.si/en/news/2020-03-24-prime-minister-janez-jansa-together-with-ministers-presents-a-package-of-anti-corona-measures-to-help-the-population-and-the-economy/>

Solomon Island

Cash Transfers	
Public Works	
In-kind Transfers	•
Utility waivers	
Health insurance	
Unemployment support	
Pensions & disability leave	
Social security contributions	
Activation measures	
Labor regulation adjustment	
Wage subsidy	

Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	
	School feeding	
	Public works	
	Utility waivers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As part of the Economic Stimulus Plan formally launched on 4 May 2020, the government will reduce electricity tariffs.
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions	
Labor Markets	Activation measures	
	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	

Somalia



Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Somalia launched the first ever cash transfers program in the country. The Baxnano program (which costs \$65 million) is intended to provide cash transfers to targeted poor and vulnerable households and establish the key building blocks of a national shock-responsive safety net system. The program is anticipated to target 270,000 poor and vulnerable households (approximately 1.2 million individuals or 9.6 percent of the population) across the Federal Member States of Somalia and provide them with nutrition-linked cash transfer. The families will be able to use the money for their immediate needs, such as food and basic services. This programme will be executed in areas of fragility due to widespread poverty, acute drought and long-drawn-out conflicts and insecurity⁵¹⁴ The government is planning on providing nutrition-linked cash transfers and compensation for those engaged in livestock markets⁵¹⁵
	One-off cash transfers	

⁵¹⁴ <https://hornobserver.com/articles/301/Somali-President-Unveils-Social-Safety-Net-Program-to-Reduce-Poverty-and-Improve-Human-Capital>

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https://www.hiiraan.com/news4/2020/July/179259/25-million-afdb-grant-for-somalia-will-bolster-budget-for-covid-19-responses.aspx?utm_source=hiiraan&utm_medium=SomaliNewsUpdateFront

	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	
	School feeding	
	Public works	
	Utility waivers	
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions	
Labor Markets	Activation measures	
	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	

South Africa



Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The South African Social Security Agency (SASSA) will provide early payments of social grants to older persons and persons with disabilities (from March 30-31, 2020)⁵¹⁶. Other beneficiaries will be able to access their grants from April 1, 2020.⁵¹⁷ The president announced a R500 billion (approximately US\$25 billion or close to 10% of Gross Domestic Product) of emergency expenditure to counter the costs of the lockdown. The package included increased expenditure of R50 billion on social grants. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Child Support Grant – paid to about 7 million parents or other caregivers, for about 12.5 million children – will increase by R300 (US\$13) in May and R500 (US\$26) per month from June to October;⁵¹⁸ Other social grants – including the Old Age Grant (or pension) - (approx. 3 million individuals)- and the Disability Grant (approx.

⁵¹⁶ the anticipation is modest, they only apply to OAP and DP, and there are delays reported for May

⁵¹⁷ <https://www.sanews.gov.za/south-africa/sassa-pays-april-2020-grants-earlier-amid-covid19>

⁵¹⁸ <https://twitter.com/OfficialSASSA/status/1253681540829151235?s=20>

		<p>1.1 million individuals) – will be increased by R250 per month from May to October; (6 months)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A new “Covid-19 Social Relief of Distress grant”, of R350 per month (US\$18), will be introduced for people who are unemployed but not yet receiving any social grant or support from the Unemployment Insurance Fund. This will also be paid for six months. The president declared that the Department of Social Development would “issue the requirements needed to access and apply for this funding” Already 3.5 million people have applied for this grant and it is estimated that there will be around 20 million South African’s who may be eligible for this special grant and around 6-8 million beneficiaries eventually • All temporary disability grants that lapsed between February and March will be extended until the end of October this year. The same applies to the Care Dependency and Foster Child Grants that are due to lapse during the lock down period. The payment of these reinstated grants will take place before the end of May.⁵¹⁹
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The old-age grant will be topped by R250 per month for the next six months, beginning May.⁵²⁰ • Government has expanded access to living annuity funds by allowing individual to adjust the proportion they receive as annuity income, instead of waiting up to one year until their next contract anniversary date⁵²¹
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The distribution of food parcels will be reorganized: 250,000 food parcels will be distributed within two weeks, and a new system of vouchers or cash payments introduced.

⁵¹⁹ <https://www.gov.za/speeches/statement-minister-lindiwe-zulu-regards-social-development-response-covid19-level-4-risk>

⁵²⁰ <https://sacoronavirus.co.za/2020/04/24/remarks-by-minister-of-finance-mr-tito-mboweni-during-the-media-briefing-to-outline-r500bn-economic-support-package/>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Department of Social Development, working with the Department of Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities, has identified vulnerable women and girls who need to access menstrual health products and provided them with sanitary products⁵²² • The South African Social Security Agency (SASSA) is distributing food parcels to vulnerable households, in partnership with NGOs and NPOs. As of 11 May, the Minister of Social Development said 525 029 food parcels had been distributed across the country⁵²³ • As of 11 May, over 34 000 food parcels were distributed and the balance will be distributed before the end of this month.⁵²⁴ • The Gauteng provincial government is distributing food parcels to households earning less than R3 600 a month.⁵²⁵
	School feeding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • South Africa's Western Cape provincial government has allocated 18 million Rand (c. US\$ 958,000) to support the 483,000 learners that are beneficiaries of the province's School Nutrition Programme. The provincial government will provide take-away meals or take-home food rations, with schools being responsible for the modality used to deliver meals to learners⁵²⁶(admin adaptaiotn) • The National Schools Nutrition Programme officials and school principals are liaising with the Department of Social Development regarding learners that need to be fed during the lockdown and a list of such learners has been forwarded to Department of Social Development to provide grocery packs to their families.⁵²⁷ • With additional funding from the Provincial Treasury for emergency feeding, the Western Cape Education Department schools began to provide takeaway meals for learners through an emergency programme across the Province in the week of 6-10 April 2020. Since then, over 1.2 million meals have been served to learners. An average

⁵²² <https://sacoronavirus.co.za/2020/05/11/minister-maite-nkoana-mashabane-hands-over-menstrual-and-hygiene-products-to-minister-lindiwe-zulu/>

⁵²³ <https://www.news24.com/SouthAfrica/News/all-systems-go-for-special-covid-19-social-relief-of-distress-grant-20200511>

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⁵²⁶ <https://cdn.wfp.org/2020/school-feeding-map/index.html>

⁵²⁷ <https://www.gov.za/speeches/premier-job-mokgoro-north-west-covid-19-lockdown-programme-26-mar-2020-0000>

		of 65 000 learners receive food on each of the two days a week that meals are served. ⁵²⁸
	Public works	
	Utility waivers	
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Workers who will be affected by the 21-day lockdown or become ill during the outbreak will receive government assistance. The Basic Conditions of Employment Act rights for employees will be activated; through NEDLAC, employers and unions have agreed to negotiate special leave conditions. More details will be announced.⁵²⁹
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	<p>The Unemployment Insurance Fund (UIF) will compensate affected workers through a new “National Disaster Benefit” and existing Illness, Reduced Work Time and Unemployment Benefits. In particular, this new benefit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> it is only applicable to employers who are registered with UIF and make monthly contributions as required by the Contributions Act of 2002 it will be de-linked from the UIF’s normal benefit structure and therefore the normal rule (i.e., for every 4 days worked the employee accumulated 1 credit day and maximum credit days payable is 365 for every 4 completed years) will not apply. the benefit will be at a flat rate equal to the minimum wage (R3,500 (\$200)) per employee for the duration of the shutdown or a maximum period of 3 months, whichever period is the shortest. if an employee is ill, temporary lay-off or unemployed for longer than three months, the normal UIF benefits apply. an employer or employee cannot apply for the “National Disaster Benefit” and any other UIF benefit simultaneously.⁵³⁰
	Social security contributions	
Labor Markets	Activation measures	
	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	

⁵²⁸ <https://www.gov.za/speeches/western-cape-education-donating-meals-and-online-safety-curriculum-learners-13-may-2020>

⁵²⁹ <https://www.sanews.gov.za/south-africa/uif-cf-safety-net-intervention-details>

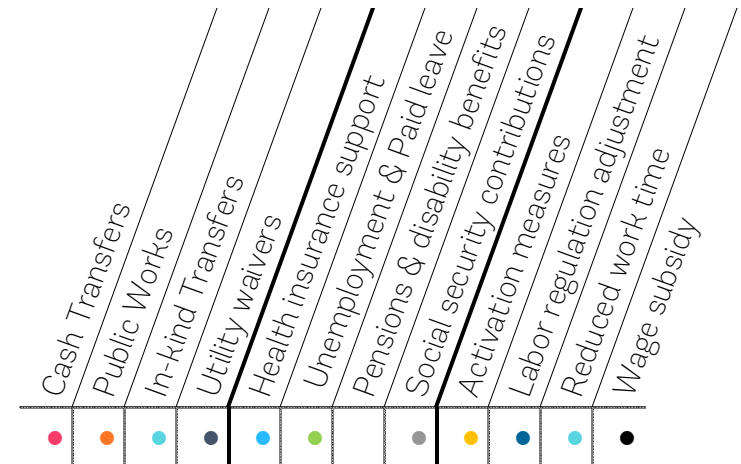
⁵³⁰ <https://www.labourwise.co.za/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Easy-aid-guide-for-employers-DOLMarch2020-COVID19.pdf>

Wage subsidies

- R40 billion has been set aside for income support payments for workers whose employers are not able to pay their wages. The UIF's special COVID-19 benefit has paid so far out R1.6-billion, assisting over 37,000 companies and 600,00 workers
- The Employment Tax Incentive has been expanded to include *all* employees earning below R6 500, with a subsidy of R500, for four months beginning 1 April 2020 and ending on 31 July 2020. The maximum amount of ETI claimable during this four month period for employees *eligible* under the current ETI Act has been increased from R1 000 to R1 500 in the first qualifying twelve months and from R500 to R1 000 in the second twelve qualifying months⁵³¹

⁵³¹ https://www.gov.za/sites/default/files/gcis_documents/20200329%20Explanatory%20Notes%20on%20COVID%2019%20Tax%20measures%20-%2029%20March%202020.pdf

South Korea



Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> W200B to low-income households getting unemployed and to those under COVID-19 treatment/quarantine. Reintroduction of job seekers' allowance for low-income households, with such allowance being increased from W200,000 to 500,000 for up to 3 months.
	One-off cash transfers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The government decided to offer universal emergency relief payments to roughly 21.71 million households through the universal program (this an extension of emergency relief announced earlier to reach the bottom 70 percent income bracket). A total 14.3 trillion won (\$11.66 billion). The government plans to provide 1 million won to households with four or more members, 800,000 won to three-person households, 600,000 won to two-person households and 400,000 won to single-person households. Some 2.8 million households that belong to vulnerable groups, such as beneficiaries of national basic livelihood security and disability pensions, started receiving funds first. Beginning next week, the rest of the nation's households will get relief in the form of credit or debit card points, regional gift certificates or

		prepaid cards. The aid will be granted upon request via online and offline platforms. ⁵³²
	Childcare support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The government will support childcare with W2.4T to low-income households as they shift from child daycare to homecare.⁵³³ Specifically, parent employees get W50,000/day.⁵³⁴
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> W2.8T are provided via a 4-month-worth purchase vouchers to households receiving child and social assistance
	School feeding	
	Public works	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create on-line, digital public jobs (10,000 jobs for maximum 6 months). Generate openair public works for low-income households (30,000 jobs for maximum 6 months).
FSocial Insurance	Utility waivers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The government will also provide a 1.3 trillion won worth of electricity bill payment deferral, which will be given to 3,200,000 small businesses and 1,570,000 low income households for three months from April to June.
	Paid sick leave	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parent employees get up to 5 days of leave along with childcare support (see above). This measure is limited to those without receiving paid family emergency leave from their firms. W84billion to subsidize employers' cost for paid leaves offered to those infected.
	Health insurance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Korean social insurance agency will allow for payout of industrial accident insurance to workers who are tested COVID-19 positive; deduction of health insurance premium payments by 50% is planned for low-income households.
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Income support to those who are not eligible for employment insurance - self-employers, freelancers in lieu of employment retention/ unemployment benefits (only those in a low-wage bracket).

⁵³² <http://www.koreaherald.com/view.php?ud=20200504000558>

⁵³³ <http://english.moef.go.kr/pc/selectTbPressCenterDtl.do?boardCd=N0001&seq=4852>

⁵³⁴ http://english.moef.go.kr/popup/20200302_policyFocus/popup.html

	Social security contributions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The government will expand the social security contribution reliefs as it will offer 3-month payment deferrals and 30 percent contribution cuts. The deferrals and cuts will be applied to contributions for March and beyond. • National HealthCare contributions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Current reliefs: Give 50 percent cut in contributions for three months to those in the bottom 20 percent income bracket and bottom 50 percent in hard-hit areas (A total of 5,460,000 beneficiaries) - Expand to bottom 40 percent and give them 30 percent reduction for three months (Additional beneficiaries of 4,880,000) • National Pension contributions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The government will adopt a long installment payment plan rather than a payment exemption, for citizens are to receive their pension benefits according to the contributions they made. - Temporarily expand the eligibility for the contribution relief - Allow up to 60 month installment payment • Unemployment insurance contributions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Give a three-month payment deferral to small businesses with less than 30 employees: 6,120,000 employees and 2,280,000 businesses, around 44 percent of the total unemployment insurance holders, to receive the payment deferral
Labor Markets	Activation measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further vocational training for job seekers (an increase of training allowance, lowering co-payment rates, lifting the income threshold for job-seeker package, continued provision of training through on-line). • Increase funding for employer-provided training
	Labor market regulations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flexibility in the system introduced: (i) extend the employment contract by 50 days for those whose employment terms are approaching; (ii) support replacement of new EPS workers who cannot leave their home countries, (iii) operate EPS-related business through one-stop service, and (iv) extend the job search period for EPS job changers.

	Reduced work time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased by 250% of existing indirect employment-cost subsidies (to W400,000 per worker) in the event an employee reduces work hours for COVID-19-related family care, coupled with relaxing eligibility criteria (e.g. the minimum employment duration from 6 months to 1 month).
	Wage subsidies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased by W400 billion, to KRW500 billion: This emergency measure introduced a further increase in employment retention subsidies from 66% of wages to 90% for 3 months, April to June (while maintaining the cap of \$66/employee/day). Large firms are subject to the 66% threshold. Wage subsidies to those with unpaid leaves in targeted industries (e.g., tourism) to help retain employment

South Sudan



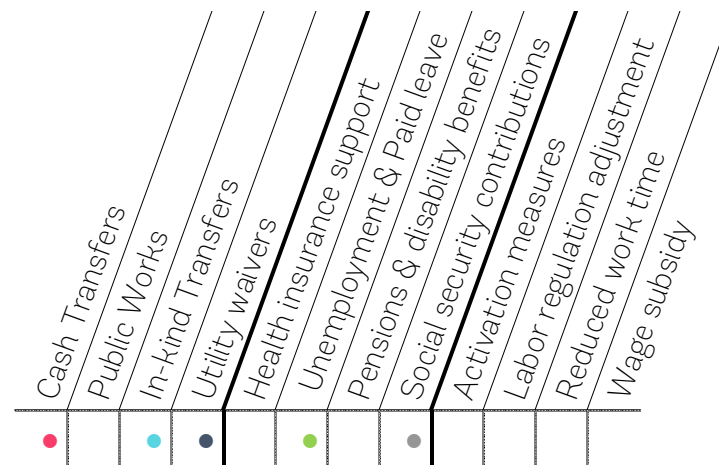
Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The South Sudan Safety Net Project (SSSNP) will expand access to safety net and provide income security for low income families, while strengthening delivery tools and local level capacities. Nearly 430,000 people will receive cash transfers in 10 counties across South Sudan, including Juba. Specifically, the project will provide cash transfers to the poorest and most vulnerable people for working on public works projects. It will also provide direct grants to those who are unable to work, including people with disabilities, the elderly and pregnant or breastfeeding women, among others, Total budge allocate is US\$40 million⁵³⁵
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	
	School feeding	
	Public works	
	Utility waivers	

⁵³⁵ <https://reliefweb.int/report/south-sudan/south-sudan-benefit-world-bank-support-social-safety-net>

Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
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Spain

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Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spain is introducing Guaranteed Minimum Income (GMI) for around 5 million low-income people. No specific date was unveiled yet. While the measure is announced to help citizens weather the economic fallout from the novel coronavirus, the government is contemplating make it a permanent instrument⁵³⁶. Allocation of 300 million euros for an extraordinary contingency fund to support social services with special attention to older persons and dependents (transfers to be made to Autonomous communities and localities to this effect) (e.g. cover basic needs including through social assistance, people that need assistance at home, increases resources in centers, etc..⁵³⁷) Among the measures to support families is to guarantee the basic right to food for vulnerable children who are affected by school closures. Specifically, a total of Euro 25M is established to provide

⁵³⁶ <https://www.businessinsider.com/spain-universal-basic-income-coronavirus-yang-ubi-permanent-first-europe-2020-4>

⁵³⁷ <https://www.boe.es/boe/dias/2020/03/11/pdfs/BOE-A-2020-3434.pdf>

		income support (wallet cards, wire transfer, voucher in supermarkets). (This is a measure 'borderline' between cash and in-kind).
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction of a family benefit to pay for parents who have to take care of their children during the closing of classrooms by Covid-19 and when their company cannot offer them alternatives. More details be released.⁵³⁸
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part of the above funding also includes in-kind support, such as catering at home, home deliveries, opening specific schools as food distribution points.⁵³⁹ • Measures for homeless persons provided through social services include hygiene kit, food, and drinks, information about prevention measures.⁵⁴⁰
	School feeding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spain will soon allocate a €25 million investment will ensure that families with children that received school meals, or a scholarship, will receive either financial aid or direct food distribution while schools are closed.⁵⁴¹
	Public works	
	Utility waivers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The government has ruled that key utilities such as energy, gas and water - as well as telecommunication services cannot be suspended to vulnerable persons during the crisis. It has instigated a mortgage moratorium on primary residences for employees who lose their jobs, such as self-employed workers.⁵⁴²
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A legal decree permits periods of isolation or infected workers as an exceptional situation assimilated to a work accident (temporary incapacity). This applies to the self-employed worker or an employee who is registered with any of the Social Security regimes and will cover the date from which the worker is in isolation or illness. Sick leave is

⁵³⁸ <https://elpais.com/economia/2020-03-11/escriva-anuncia-una-prestacion-extraordinaria-para-los-padres-que-tengan-que-cuidar-a-sus-hijos.html>

⁵³⁹ <https://www.boe.es/boe/dias/2020/03/13/pdfs/BOE-A-2020-3580.pdf>

⁵⁴⁰ <https://www.boe.es/boe/dias/2020/03/13/pdfs/BOE-A-2020-3580.pdf>

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⁵⁴² <https://www.boe.es/boe/dias/2020/03/11/pdfs/BOE-A-2020-3434.pdf>

		issued after that date. This is also extended to personnel under the Special Schemes for Civil Servants.
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Given the estimated 100,000 workers facing temporary layoffs as a result of the halt in economic activity in this regard the Government has introduced measures to ease the conditions of the temporary collective layoffs (known as ERTes - temporary contract suspension and temporary reduction of working hour - in Spain). Note that some measures could also fit under social security contributions waiver and worktime reduction, but they are here presented as a package: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All persons affected by ERTE will benefit from unemployment benefit, even those who are not entitled to it because they do not have a sufficient contributory period. In addition, those benefiting from such unemployment benefits will not consume the benefit rights already accumulated (i.e. will not account towards maximum benefits). Unemployment benefits collected during the state of alert will not count towards unemployment afterwards. In other words, explains the vice-presidency of Social Rights, these people will not have exhausted their unemployment benefits, and if they are dismissed in the future, they will start collecting them from scratch. Lifting social security contribution requirements for small and medium businesses who do not lay off workers, and adjusting the social security system contributions made by self-employed workers whose income plummets due to the crisis. (exemption of 75% of employer contribution or 100% for companies with less than 50 employees in so far as the workforce is maintained) (so they've extended existing provisions in case of natural disasters). Allows workers to adapt and reduce their working hours, by as much as 100% if necessary, if they need to provide care to dependents. For the self-employed, access to an extraordinary benefit in relation to cessation of activity is eased when they have had to close their establishments or suspend their services equal to

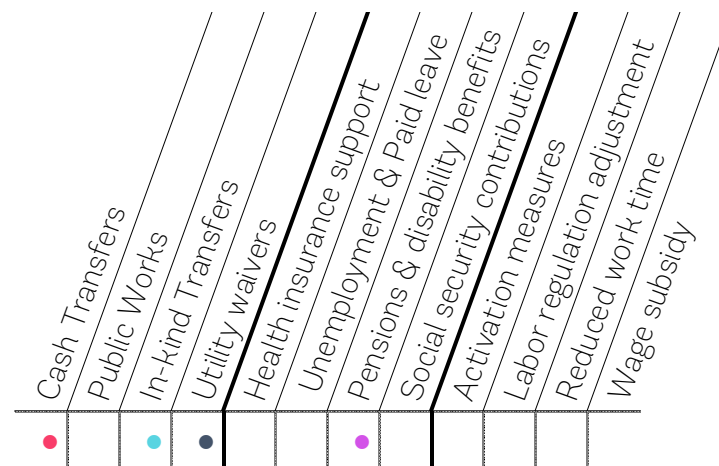
		<p>70% of the regulatory base for one month or until the last day of the month when the mandated state of alert ends. It will affect professionals who see their turnover fall by 75% compared to the previous six months. This period will be assimilated to contributory periods and will not reduce future benefits. This benefit will be compatible with the exemption of payment of fees.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Companies under redundancy procedures (ERTE) will not pay contributions to the Social Security, to avoid them to dismiss workers.⁵⁴³
	Social security contributions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Special measures to support the extension of the period of activity of workers include a reduction in their share of contributions to the social security system (including unemployment) of 50% between February to June 2020.⁵⁴⁴ ⁵⁴⁵
Labor Markets	Activation measures	
	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	

⁵⁴³ <https://www.boe.es/boe/dias/2020/03/11/pdfs/BOE-A-2020-3434.pdf>

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Sri Lanka



Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transfer of LKR 5000 to 1,798,655 people who are the recipients of the "samurdhi" allowance (the largest cash-transfer program) and for 600,339 families who have been identified as recipients of the "samurdhi" allowance and are in the waiting list.
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transfer of LKR 5000 for 416,764 people who are the recipients of the senior citizens allowance and for 142,345 people who have been identified as adults and are in the waiting list. Payment of LKR 5000 for 84,071 people who are the recipients of the disability allowance and for 35,229 people who have been identified as people with disabilities and are in the waiting list. Transfer of LKR 5000 for 160,675 farmers who are registered under the farmers and fishermen's insurance scheme. Payment of LKR 5000 for 25,320 people who are the recipients of the kidney disease allowance and for 13,850 people who are in the waiting
	In-kind transfers	

	Food, vouchers, others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To deliver “triposha” and other nutritious supplements to the households of pregnant mothers and infants with nutrition deficiencies
	School feeding	
	Public works	
	Utility waivers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assistance will be given for the owners of three wheelers, school buses and vehicles used for self-employment on their leasing payment. Relief will be given for private sector business who face difficulties in paying salaries for the workers.
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To pay the pension for the 645,179 pension receivers from the public sector.
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions	
Labor Markets	Activation measures	
	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	

Sudan

Cash Transfers	
Public Works	
In-kind Transfers	•
Utility waivers	
Health waivers	
Unemployment support	
Pensions & disability benefits	
Social security contributions	
Activation measures	
Labor regulation adjustment	
Reduced work time	
Wage subsidy	

Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The ministry of labor and social development will provide in kind support to poor households, informal workers, teachers, and casual workers (total 2,050,000 households). Each targeted household will receive a support package comprising 3,000 SDG (\$55) in a form of food basket with five commodities. These include pulses (5kg), oil (2liters), sugar(5kg), tea (1 pound), wheat or sorghum flour (7kg), two types of soap (10 pieces) and salt(1 kg). This food basket is expected to cover the basic needs of the targeted families for three weeks, the time observed for the restricted movement, it is estimated to cost roughly 6.15B SDG (\$110M).⁵⁴⁶
	School feeding	
	Public works	

⁵⁴⁶ Ministry of Labor & Social Development: Informal Sector Support Rapid Response Plan

	Utility waivers	
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions	
Labor Markets	Activation measures	
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Suriname



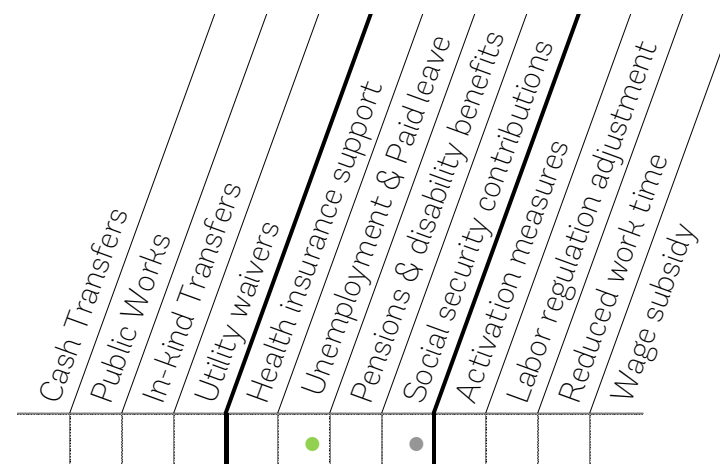
Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On May 11, the Minister of Finance announced two funds: one of SRD400 million to support unemployment, pensions, and assistance for children and one of SRD 300 million to support local production.. This additional (top-up) monthly payments through Suriname's COVID-19 Emergency Fund include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> General Child Benefit: Extra SRD 1000 (US\$ 134) per household (in addition to SRD 525 (US\$ 70) per child); General Old Age Provision (AOV): Extra SRD 525 (US\$ 70) for elderly receiving only the AOV; Financial Assistance People with Disabilities (FB MMB): Extra SRD 675 (US\$ 90); Financial Assistance for Weak Households (FB ZWH): Extra SRD 250 (US\$ 33); Deposits: Extra SRD 1000; and Pension: Extra SRD 500.⁵⁴⁷
	One-off cash transfers	

⁵⁴⁷ <https://covid-19.sr/covid-19-noodfonds-in-uitvoering-aanvang-uitbetaling-akb-aov-financiele-bijstand-en-pensioen/>

	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	
	School feeding	
	Public works	
Social Insurance	Utility waivers	
	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As of 18 May, the following groups are eligible for unemployment benefits: Persons who have been dismissed because of the COVID-19 measures by their employer: SRD 1500 (US\$ 201) per person, after approval; Persons who have no / less work and income because of the COVID-19 measures have their current job: SRD 1500 per person, after approval; Persons who demonstrably have income problems as a result of COVID-19: SRD 1500 per person, after approval; Persons where, due to COVID-19 measures, the company where they work is closed or partially closed and the turnover of the company has decreased significantly: Business loan at soft conditions or SRD 1,500 per person.⁵⁴⁸
	Social security contributions	
Labor Markets	Activation measures	
	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	

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Sweden



Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	
	School feeding	
	Public works	
Social Insurance	Utility waivers	
	Paid sick leave	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sweden abolished the qualifying day of sickness due to coronavirus. The decision means that workers will get sickness benefits from the moment they have to be absent from work due to illness, and the state rather than employers will cover the cost of the first day of leave. (Swedish law usually guarantees sick pay from the second day of illness, but concerns had been raised that employees would turn up at work despite feeling ill in order not to lose out on the first day's salary). The new proposal went into effect from 11 March 2020.^{549 550} (Admin adaptation).

⁵⁴⁹ <https://www.thelocal.se/20200311/sweden-changes-sick-pay-rules-to-help-fight-coronavirus>

⁵⁵⁰ <https://www.krisinformation.se/en/news/2020/march/abolished-qualifying-day-of-sickness-due-to-corona-virus>

	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A temporary reduction of employers' social security contributions has been proposed which will be effective from March 1 to June 30 2020. This reduction applies to up to 30 employees and when the monthly wage does not exceed SEK 25 000 (USD 2500). For sole traders a reduction of individual contributions is also proposed. The only contribution to be paid is old age pensions.
Labor Markets	Activation measures	
	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	

Switzerland

Cash Transfers	
Public Works	
In-kind Transfers	
Utility waivers	
Health insurance	•
Unemployment support	
Pensions & Paid leave	
Social security contributions	
Activation measures	•
Labor regulation adjustment	
Reduced work time	
Wage subsidy	•

Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	
	School feeding	
Social Insurance	Public works	
	Utility waivers	
	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unemployment insurance funds can claim up to CHF 8B for short-time work allowances. The waiting period for short-time work will be reduced to one day from March until 30 September 2020. This means that companies only have to bear one day's lost work independently before they are entitled to unemployment insurance support (admin adaptation).
	Social security contributions	

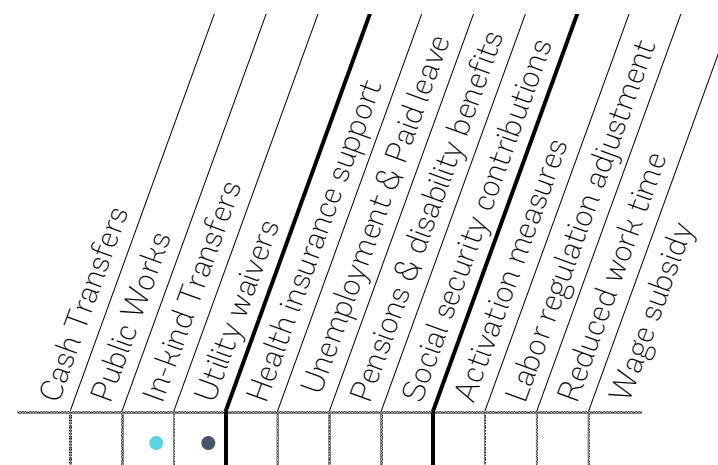
Labor Markets	Activation measures	
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	Reduced work time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Federal Council has instructed SECO to extend the right to short-time work compensation to employees with temporary employment contracts and temporary workers by 20 March. ⁵⁵¹ ⁵⁵²
	Wage subsidies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> compensation for loss of earnings for self-employed people (SE) and for some employees affected by official measures to combat the coronavirus (e.g., parents who need to take care of children with closing of schools)

⁵⁵¹ https://www.seco.admin.ch/seco/de/home/Arbeit/neues_coronavirus.html

⁵⁵² <https://www.admin.ch/gov/de/start/dokumentation/medienmitteilungen.msg-id-79716.html>

Syria

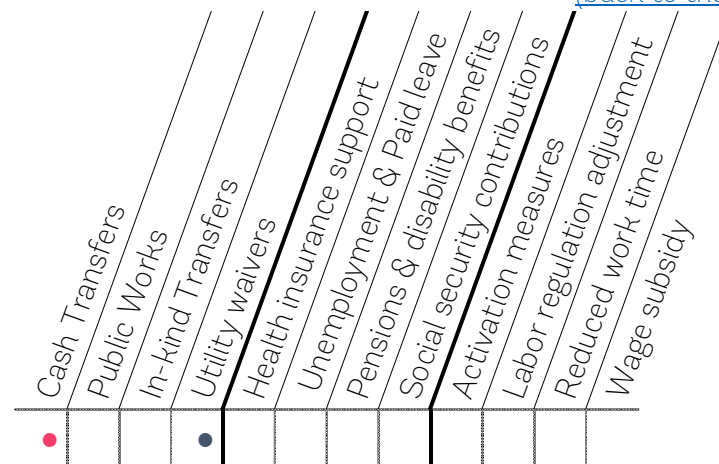
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Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Authorities announced monthly food distributions for low-income families throughout the lockdown period
	School feeding	
Social Insurance	Public works	
	Utility waivers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> People in the NES region were exempt from paying water and electricity fees for two months. In NWS, similar measures were introduced, including significant scale up of health services and the provision of personal protective equipment.
	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions	

Labor Markets	Activation measures	
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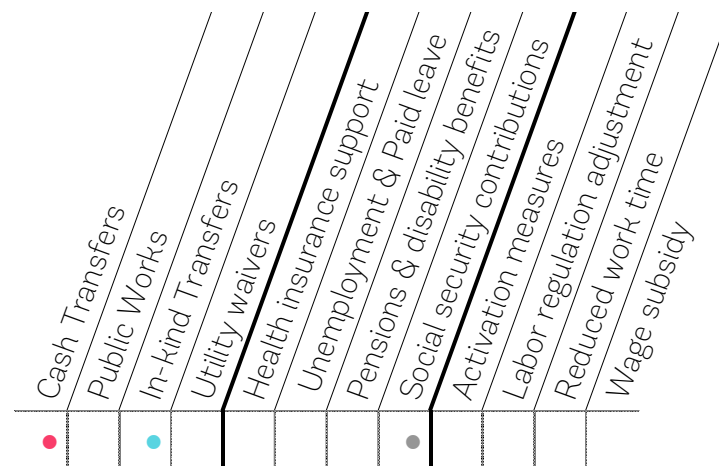
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Tajikistan

Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A supplementary temporary cash benefit is planned for certain categories of beneficiaries of the Targeted Social Assistance program (details not available).
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	
	School feeding	
Social Insurance	Public works	
	Utility waivers	tariff increases on electricity, water, and communal services have been postponed until end of 2020
	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
Labor Markets	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions	
	Activation measures	
	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	

Taiwan, China



Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The government announced a relief payment to about 900,000 people. Beneficiaries will receive NT\$1,500 (US\$49.88) remitted directly to their accounts. These payments will be issued for three months (starting in April) to those whose livelihoods have been hardest hit by the pandemic⁵⁵³
	One-off cash transfers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Special benefit for self-employed workers. 10 percent of the 1 million self-employed workers who have joined the Labor Insurance Fund and have an insured monthly salary under NT\$24,000, will receive a single one-time payment of NT\$30,000⁵⁵⁴
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Government of Taiwan provided NT\$2 billion (\$66.1M) of coupons to be used at night markets, shops, and restaurants.⁵⁵⁵
	School feeding	
	Public works	

⁵⁵³ <https://focustaiwan.tw/politics/202004220017>

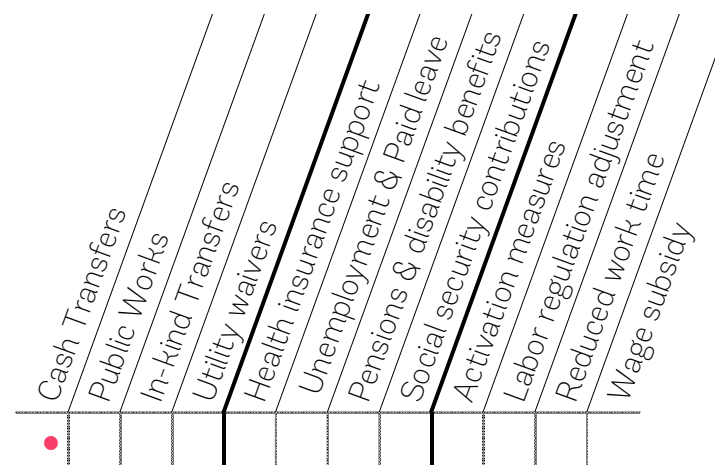
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⁵⁵⁵ <https://www.taiwannews.com.tw/en/news/3875674>

	Utility waivers	
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deferred payment of labor, insurance premiums and labor pension⁵⁵⁶
Labor Markets	Activation measures	
	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	

⁵⁵⁶ <https://www.bli.gov.tw/0104102.html>

Tanzania

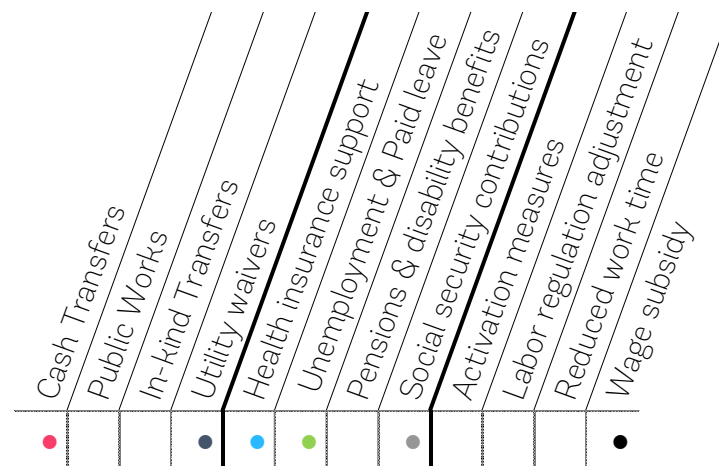


Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Zanzibar will be vertically expanding their soc pension by 20% (which bring the monthly transfer to TZS 24,000 (US\$ 10.36))⁵⁵⁷
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	
	School feeding	
Social Insurance	Public works	
	Utility waivers	
	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions	
	Activation measures	

⁵⁵⁷ <https://www.helpage.org/newsroom/latest-news/zanzibar-responds-to-covid19-economic-challenges-with-a-20-rise-to-their-universal-social-pension/>

Labor Markets	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	

Thailand



Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	
		<p>The cash handout schemes target four main groups. In total, the cash relief programmes totaled 366 billion baht.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The first scheme, "Rao Mai Ting Gun" or "we do not leave anyone behind*" (229.5 billion baht or \$4B), targets those put out of work by the outbreak such as temporary employees, contractors and self-employed workers, informal workers not covered by the social security system. 15 million people received a cash handout of 5,000 baht per month from April to June^{558 559}. Similarly, the second scheme (112.5 billion baht) provided 5,000 baht monthly from May to July for 7.5 million registered farmers. The Bank for Agriculture and Agricultural Cooperatives has already disbursed 72.4 billion baht for May and June payments. The final payment will be completed by July 22.⁵⁶⁰ The third scheme targets 1.2 million welfare card holders who did not participate in the first or the second scheme. The government approved a 3.5 billion-baht budget for a cash handout of 3,000 baht

⁵⁵⁸ <https://www.samuitimes.com/welfare-card-holders-to-get-3000-thb-handout/>

⁵⁵⁹ <https://thethaiger.com/coronavirus/5000-baht-per-month-for-informal-thai-workers>

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		distributed over three months, May - July. The payment was completed on July 9. ^{561 562}
	One-off cash transfers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The fourth group targets the vulnerable population (20.3 billion baht). The government aimed to provide a cash handout of 1,000 baht per month from May to July for 6.8 million vulnerable people, which consist of elderly, children and the disabled. Other measures such as electricity and water expense reductions, tax breaks and deductions were automatically effective⁵⁶³
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	
	School feeding	
	Public works	
	Utility waivers	Other measures such as electricity and water expense reductions, tax breaks and deductions were automatically effective
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Thai social security agency will cover all medical costs of those infected with COVID-19. In addition, Health insurance premiums deduction increased to 25,000 baht (\$760) from 15,000 (\$460).
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Workers get increased unemployment compensation up to 62% of salaries with a maximum of 9300 THB per day, for three months (March to May) Thailand has initiated a multi-prong package for Thai workers forced to return from Korea due to the outbreak. This includes: (i) those who are members of Overseas Workers Fund will be entitled to THB15,000 compensation (also available to member workers who return from other countries that have announced a Covid-19 outbreak); (ii) the Ministry of Labor will coordinate with labor offices Korea to make sure

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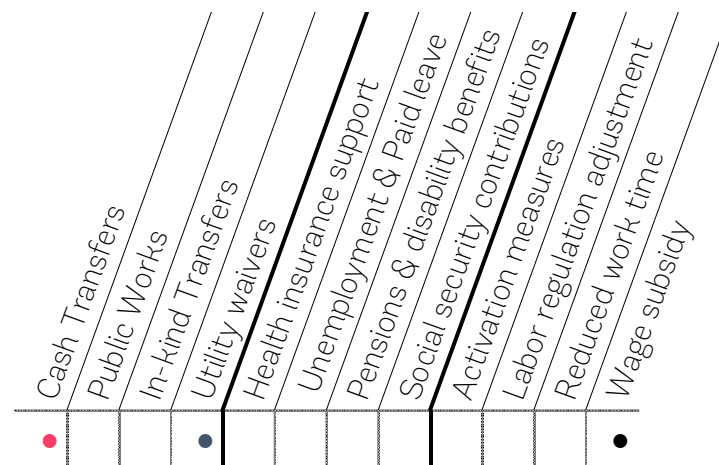
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		that Thai laborers receive pending wages and benefits (the Department of Employment has identified over 81,562 domestic jobs for Thai laborers returning from overseas).
	Social security contributions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tax measures will include a reduction in the rate of contributions to the social security fund of employers and employees from a rate of 5% to 0.1% of wages for 3 months (and maintain the same contribution rate of the government at 2.75% of wages and reduce the contribution amount of the insured people while the government pays the same amount)⁵⁶⁴.
Labor Markets	Activation measures	
	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SMEs can deduct three times the cost incurred by salary payment from April to July 2020 for the employees who are members of the Social Security Office and receive a salary of up to 15,000 baht/person/month. The SMEs have to maintain the same level of employment during that period as to the number insured under social security end-December 2019.⁵⁶⁵

⁵⁶⁴ <https://www.straitstimes.com/asia/se-asia/thailand-unveils-us127-billion-stimulus-package-to-ease-coronavirus-impact>

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Timor-Leste



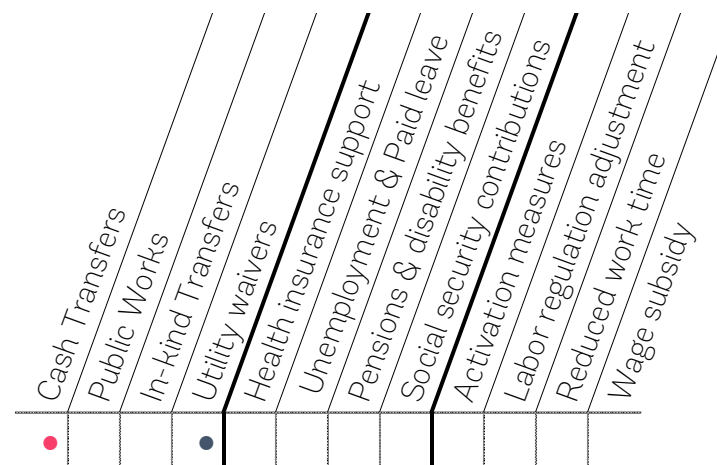
Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> cash transfers with a monthly basic income to over 214,000 households, worth US\$100 per month per household, lasting for 3 months⁵⁶⁶
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	
	School feeding	
Social Insurance	Public works	
	Utility waivers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Waiving for three months (for low-income households) the payment of electricity (up to US\$15 per month), water bills, property rental payments owned by the government
	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
Social Insurance	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	

⁵⁶⁶ <https://thedi diplomat.com/2020/05/timor-lestes-coronavirus-response/>

	Social security contributions	
Labor Markets	Activation measures	
	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wage subsidy of 60% for formal sector workers, on the condition that employers do not terminate employment.

Togo

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Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Togo launched a social safety net scheme called "Novissi". This means solidarity in local dialect and is an unconditional cash transfer scheme designed to support all Togolese informal workers whose incomes are disrupted by the Covid-19 response. All informal workers, above 18 years old, who have a valid voter's ID and can prove they have lost their income due to the Covid-19 response are eligible to benefit from the scheme. Beneficiaries, women, and men respectively get XOF12,500 (US\$21) and XOF10,500 (US\$17) per month to meet basic needs (food, water, power, communication). It already has 1.3 million people registered and has sent money to more than 500,000 in the region of Greater Lomé (the capital) alone⁵⁶⁷. The money is sent via the Tmoney and Flooz mobile money platforms. *855#.^{568 569 570}

⁵⁶⁷ <https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2020/may/06/vulnerable-countries-poverty-deadly-coronavirus-crisis>

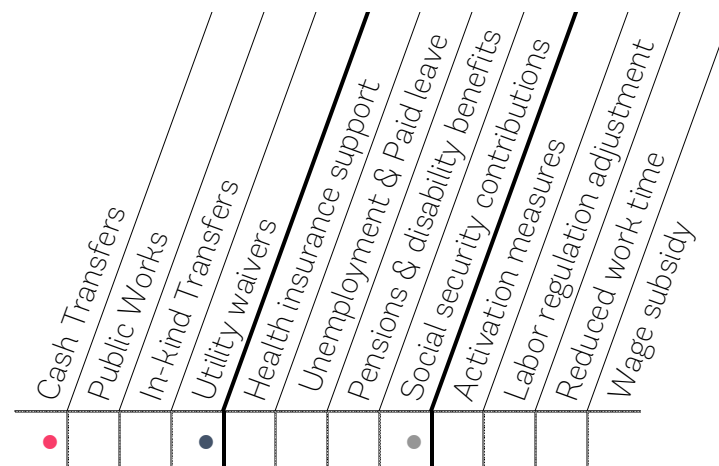
⁵⁶⁸ <https://www.togofirst.com/en/public-management/0405-5464-covid-19-novissi-cash-transfer-scheme-extended-to-tchauodjo-in-the-central-region>

⁵⁶⁹ <https://www.republiquetogolaise.com/social/0804-4237-coronavirus-le-gouvernement-met-en-route-novissi-le-programme-de-transferts-monetaires-en-soutien-aux-plus-vulnerables>

⁵⁷⁰ <https://novissi.gouv.tg/>

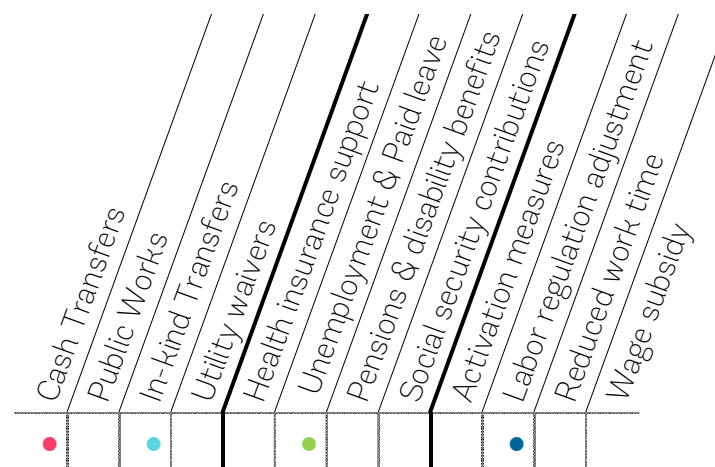
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The government will support the ongoing Cash Transfer Program, under the Safety Nets and basic Services Project. The program is in the process of being horizontally scaled up to support the Government's response to the COVID-19 situation in rural area. While the program currently covers 61,000 households or approximately 274,500 beneficiaries, it will be scaled up to 140,000 households or 630,000 beneficiaries.
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	
	School feeding	
	Public works	
	Utility waivers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To promote the use of electronic payment tools the Western Africa Central Bank (BCEAO) is providing more flexible measures to open a mobile money and making transfers between people backed by the electronic money free
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions	
Labor Markets	Activation measures	
	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	

Tonga



Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Top up of TOP 100 made to Elderly Benefit and Disability Benefit in April, 2020, in addition to regular benefit.
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	
	School feeding	
Social Insurance	Public works	
	Utility waivers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assistance with the payment of utility bills by public enterprises (announced, but full details not available).
	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
Social Insurance	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deferral of retirement contributions and hardship allowances for laid-off employees (up to 3 months).
	Activation measures	

Labor Markets	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	



Trinidad and Tobago

Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Three-month top-ups for Food Card, Public Assistance and Disability Assistance beneficiaries ranging from TT\$150 to TT\$450 (\$22-US\$67) per month for three months, depending on household size. Rental assistance up to TT\$2,500 (US\$367) per month for an initial period of 3 month but not more than 6 months, for households where a wage earner was laid off or whose income reduced.
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suspension of the life certification requirements for elderly social pension recipients (normally required to visit their local board to sign a life certificate register).⁵⁷¹
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Food Support (Food Card) top up for 3 months to be paid in April. The government will be providing households with family member that was laid off or whose income reduced and with children enrolled in the

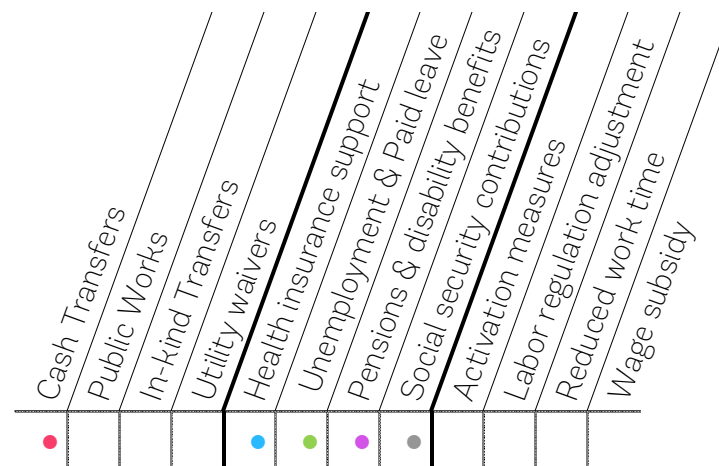
⁵⁷¹ <https://www.opm.gov.tt/media-conference-on-covid-19-monday-23rd-march-2020/>

		national School Feeding Programme with temporary Food Support Card, particularly those families that are not already covered by other national food support programme. This measure reaches a total of 2,050 households. Food support cards are valued at 510 Trinidad and Tobago dollars (C. US \$75) ⁵⁷²
	School feeding	
	Public works	
	Utility waivers	
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trinidad and Tobago's Ministry of Labor has introduced a "pandemic leave" as a new classification of paid leave for public officers, including those not eligible for sick leave. People who have fallen ill and exhausted their sick leave will proceed on extended sick leave, followed by pandemic leave. Pandemic leave will also apply to those workers who are not eligible for sick leave.⁵⁷³
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Salary Relief Grant - \$1500/month for 3 months (not applicable to Venezuelan migrants).
	Social security contributions	
Labor Markets	Activation measures	
	Labor market regulations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Government has announced plans to introduce as a new classification of paid leave in light of the effects of COVID-19 on business operations. It is different from sick leave and is meant to accommodate leave for employees who do not have sick leave eligibility as part of the agreed terms of their employment. The leave applies to workers classified as short-term employees, and temporary workers who only have sick leave, but no provision for extended sick leave.
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	

⁵⁷² <https://cdn.wfp.org/2020/school-feeding-map/index.html>

⁵⁷³ https://trinidadexpress.com/newsextra/workers-you-can-get-pandemic-leave/article_bebb87fe-66d9-11ea-8cda-af9f2ecf2a9a.html

Tunisia



Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	
	One-off cash transfers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One-off cash transfer of TND200 (USD68) to 623,000 households working in the informal sector, who are not covered by any social assistance program and who are vulnerable to shocks (households registered in the social security system with low-cost healthcare card). One-off cash transfer of TND50 (\$17) to 260,000 households working in the informal sector (a top-up of the already received transfer of TND180 in March, i.e., households registered in the social security system with a free healthcare card). One-off cash transfer TND200 (\$68) to households hosting an elderly. One-off cash transfer TND200 (\$68) to households fostering children without parental support.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One-off cash transfer TND200 (\$68) to households hosting a person with handicap.⁵⁷⁴
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	
	School feeding	
	Public works	
	Utility waivers	
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Healthcare insurance maintained for all workers, family allowance maintained and a wage premium for those who can't continue their business (formal sector).
	Pensions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pension top-up of DT100 per month for 133,000 retirees whose monthly pension is below DT180.⁵⁷⁵
	Disability benefits	
	Unemployment benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unemployment benefits for workers (contributory system) who will be affected by partial unemployment.
	Social security contributions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For businesses and companies operating in the formal sector, a waiver of 3 months is granted to the employer's contribution to the social security scheme.
Labor Markets	Activation measures	
	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	

⁵⁷⁴ <https://www.tap.info.tn/fr/Portail-Soci%C3%A9t%C3%A9/12474291-une-aide-sp%C3%A9cifique>

⁵⁷⁵ <https://directinfo.webmanagercenter.com/2020/04/03/tunisie-versement-de-100-dinars-a-pres-de-133-milles-retraites/>

Turkey



Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monthly budget allocated to the 1003 Social Assistance and Solidarity Foundations, who provide social assistance to various disadvantaged groups, are increased from 135 million TL (around \$21 million) to 180 million TL (around \$27 million) in total. Healthcare employees will receive the maximum performance payments for 3 months and an additional 32,000 health care staff will be hired.⁵⁷⁶ Social Assistance of elderly and disabled pensions and social assistance for elderly care will be made for three months (until the end of May 2020) without seeking income criteria and severe disability.⁵⁷⁷ (Admin adaptation). Cash transfers targeted for women are increased. Amounts of conditional cash transfers are increased by 29% for health, postnatal and pregnancy payments. Cash transfers for new mothers are increased to 100 TL (around \$15.5) and monthly transfers for women who recently lost their husbands to 325 TL (around \$50).

⁵⁷⁶ <https://www.aa.com.tr/en/economy/turkeys-economic-stability-package-acts-like-shield-against-pandemic/1800889>

⁵⁷⁷ <https://www.ailevecalisma.gov.tr/tr-tr/haberler/bakan-selcuk-2-faz-sosyal-yardim-ihtiyac-sahibi-farkli-2-milyon-300-bin-haneye-verilecek/>

	One-off cash transfers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Turkish government has announced 3 phases for financial aid to families in need. A one-time transfer of 1000 TL (around \$150) are made to over 4 million current social assistance beneficiary households in two separate phases. All existing beneficiary households were eligible for this payment without the need for a separate application and cash payments were delivered to the households. The third phase of the one-time transfer of 1000 TL targets households that are not currently benefitting from any social assistance program but are adversely affected by the Covid-19 outbreak. Individuals except public sector employees, formally registered or retired workers, and those that benefit from the short-term work allowance or unpaid leave support can apply to nominate their households for this cash transfer. Currently, both application and payments of the eligible people processes continue.
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Ministry of Agriculture will provide hygiene and protection equipment against COVID-19 as well as appropriate housing and transportation conditions for seasonal agricultural workers.
	School feeding	
	Public works	
Social Insurance	Utility waivers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tax payments for individuals over 65 years old or those with chronic conditions were postponed during the time they were not allowed to go outside. They are allowed to go outside since mid-June. University Students' loan debts, income tax debts of municipalities and municipal firms, social insurance premium payments of municipalities will be postponed for three months. They can also be further postponed contingent upon President's approval. Water bill debts of residences and businesses whose activities have been suspended due to COVID-19 may be postponed by the municipalities for three months. Tax payments of employers (in some economic sectors) were postponed until the end of June 2020.
	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	

	Pensions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum pension level will be increased to Turkish Lira 1,500 (US\$230). A holiday bonus was planned to be paid to retirees just before the religious holiday, but it will be paid earlier (at the beginning of April 2020). To get the above bonus, the retiree had to go to the Bank Branch. But now, the bonus will be deposited to their Bank accounts. (Admin adaptation).
	Disability benefits	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Postponed for six months the VAT withholdings and Social Security Insurance for April, May, and June for selected sectors.
Labor Markets	Activation measures	
	Labor market regulations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Layoffs are not allowed. If needed, firms can force employers to take unpaid leave, in which case the worker will receive 1,170 TL (around \$180) from the government. This regulation was initially valid until the end of June, but is currently extended for another month.
	Reduced work time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For firms that reduced working hours or halted operations during the outbreak, a Short-term Work Allowance covers the wages of workers. The allowance provides 1,752 TL/month (around \$271) for those that receive minimum wage in the last 12 months. The allowance can be provided for a maximum of 3 months and can be extended to 6 months through a Presidential decree. This payment was initially until the end of June, but is currently extended for another month for the current beneficiaries.
	Wage subsidies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The compensatory working period will be increased from 2 to 4 months. Compensatory working is compensating for the decrease or stop in working hours due to coercive reasons. The employer can request for an increased number of working hours by a daily maximum of 3 hours to compensate for this loss, for a maximum of 2 months after the decrease in working hours has occurred. This duration is now increased to 4 months under the Coronavirus measures to increase employment sustainability.

- Wage payments for contracted teachers in state schools that receive wages based on the hours they teach will continue to receive wages during the school closure period.

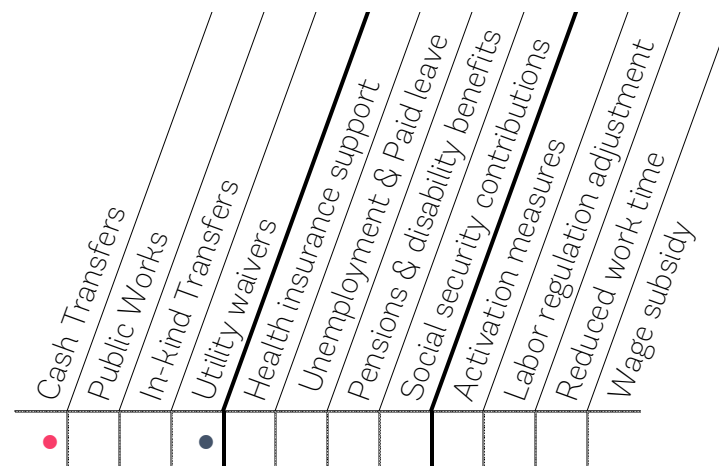
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Utility waivers	
Health insurance	
Unemployment support	
Pensions & disability benefits	
Social security contributions	
Activation measures	
Labor regulation adjustment	
Wage subsidy	

Turkmenistan

Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	•
	One-off cash transfers	•
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	Seniors with low income will received US\$35 as one-off payment ⁵⁷⁸
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	
	School feeding	
Social Insurance	Public works	
	Utility waivers	•
	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Disability benefits	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions	

⁵⁷⁸ <https://www.unicef-irc.org/publications/pdf/Supporting%20Families%20and%20Children%20beyond%20COVID-19%20Southern%20and%20Eastern%20Europe%20and%20Central%20Asia.pdf>

Labor Markets	Activation measures	
	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	



Turks and Caicos (UK)

Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The government doubled the social welfare budget. An additional \$500,000 has been added to the budgetary allocation to further boost the Home-Help Program.
	One-off cash transfers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$15 million will be made available in direct assistance to employees and self-employed within the hospitality industry that would have been laid off, ceased operations or terminated since March 16, 2020. This includes a proposed one-off payment of \$1,200 per employee.
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	
	School feeding	
	Public works	
	Utility waivers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additionally, a payment moratorium will be placed on existing TC Invest mortgages for the period April to September 2020. This moratorium will be offered to all mortgages holders who are not in arrears with mortgage payments. Waiver for all charges for water for the months of April –June 2020; No disconnections would be carried out during the period April to June 2020. (\$9.7m Write Off of Long Outstanding Water Arrear). Waiver of Duties (where applicable) and

		CPF for basic food items and essential medical supplies; Order to be issued giving effect to the Covid-19 Basket of Goods which will make it mandatory that every vendor observe the prices set by the Government in relation to each item in the Covid-19 Basket of Goods ⁵⁷⁹ .
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Disability benefits	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions	
Labor Markets	Activation measures	
	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	
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⁵⁷⁹ <http://magneticmediatv.com/2020/04/stimulus-package-announced-by-tci-premier-march-26/>

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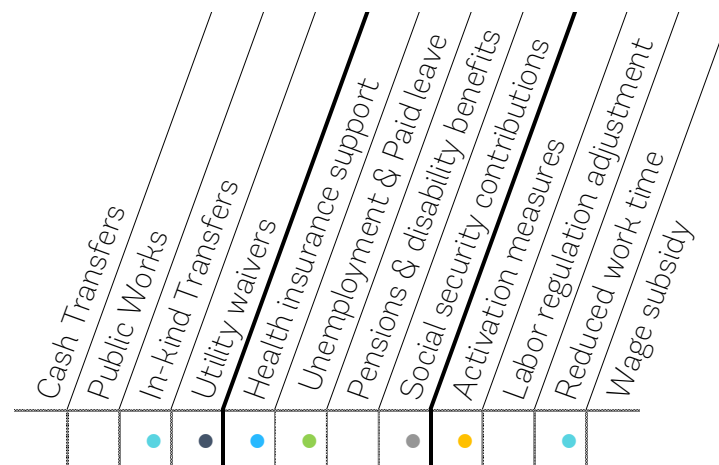
Cash Transfers	
Public Works	
In-kind Transfers	
Utility waivers	
Health insurance	
Unemployment support	
Pensions & disability leave	
Social security contributions	
Activation measures	
Labor regulation adjustment	
Wage subsidy	

Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cash payment to all citizens (nearly 11,500) for an amount of \$17 per person per month for the duration of the crisis (funded by donors and government). (New)⁵⁸⁰
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	
	School feeding	
Social Insurance	Public works	
	Utility waivers	
	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Disability benefits	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions	

⁵⁸⁰ <https://www.rnz.co.nz/international/pacific-news/415493/tuvalu-govt-announces-covid-19-relief>

Labor Markets	Activation measures	
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	Wage subsidies	

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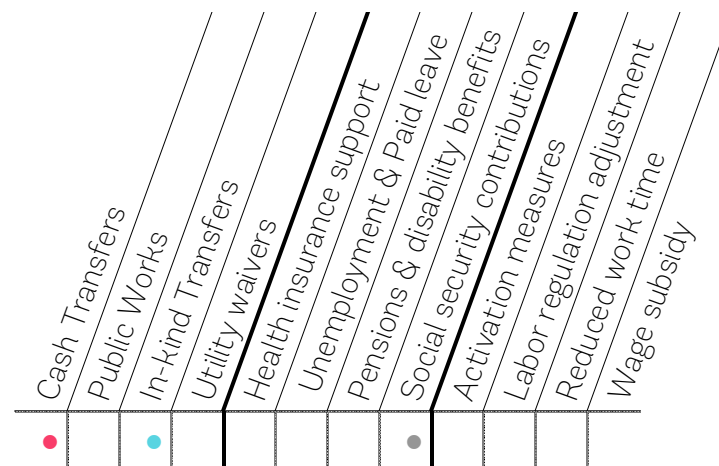
Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ministry of Education provided 50,000 laptops to students across UAE in order to support them on the learning from distance. Sharjah Government started a campaign to provide 30,000 laptops to the students in Sharjah City. UAE Government have provided 3 months Food & essential needs for 44,500 Families across UAE. Government initiative started to provide 15,000,000 meals to the low income labors across UAE. Abu Dhabi Government with association with charity NGO started to provide 4,500,000 meals to low income labors in Abu Dhabi NGO with Sharjah Islamic Bank provide 1-month Food & essential needs for 4000 Families in Sharjah.
	School feeding	

Social Insurance	Public works	
	Utility waivers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The current employer must pay housing and other allowances until the worker finds another job or leaves the country. • Abu Dhabi government's Ghadan 21 scheme - will include tourism and municipality fees being suspended for the remainder of 2020 and Dh5 billion being set aside to "subsidise water and electricity" charges for UAE citizens and businesses • The Government of Sharjah have approved a discount of 10% on all utility bills for 3 months that worth a contribution of AED230 Million • Dubai Water & Electricity Authority have approved a discount of 10% on all utility bills for 3 months. • The government provide utility partially waivers for all social security beneficiaries (44,000 families) • The Government represented by the Central Bank that any (Citizen & Resident) that impacted by Covid-19 in term of lost job, the loan installment will be postponed without any additional cost on original loan value
	Paid sick leave	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Federal Authority for Government Human Resources (FAHR) has amended the law of Human Resource a regulation that any employee that being hospitalized or being in quarantine period will be paid fully sick leave benefit. Also, a regulation has been set that a spouse of sick employee will be paid fully during the during the period of employee being hospitalized or allocated to quarantine facility due to COVID-19. • The Ministry of Human Resources and Emiratization has called on private sector establishments to consider workers infected with Covid-19 as sick cases entitled to sick leave
	Health insurance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Government provided full health coverage for all (Citizen, Resident & Tourist) infected or who were exposed to Covid-19, during their treatment and quarantine period. • The Government approved that the testing for Covid-19 is free of cost for all all (Citizen, Resident & Tourist)
	Pensions	
	Disability benefits	

	Unemployment benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Since the start of COVID-19 pandemic, The Ministry of Community Development worked on the cases related to unemployment citizen and enrolled them in Social Fund support: (Jan-224 beneficiary , Feb - 234 beneficiary, Mar 406 beneficiary , Apr 266 beneficiary, May 282 beneficiary).
	Social security contributions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Abu Dhabi Pension Fund on Tuesday announced that private sector companies in the emirate can apply to postpone paying pensions over the next three months.⁵⁸¹
Labor Markets	Activation measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Firms can register workers on a job matching virtual platform in case workers' contract is terminated. Nationwide campaign started to provide online training by different entities and members of community. The number of workshops and training on the volunteer platform more than 55 volunteer training sessions and workshops were prepared and presented to the community, at a cost equivalent to 500,000 dirhams
	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In light of the precautionary measures to limit the spread of coronavirus pandemic in the country. Also, all relevant entities to provide all enablers (Advance technology systems, laptop) and certain entities reach to 30% capacity. The Government approved new rules in the pandemic period: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduced to the working hours to 7 hours' daily Allow the entities to start remote work from home completely and partially No direct or indirect impact on the employee compensation and benefits.
	Wage subsidies	

⁵⁸¹ <https://gulfnews.com/uae/coronavirus-private-companies-can-postpone-pension-payments-over-next-three-months-1.70725712>

Uganda



Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The "Girls Empowering Girls" urban cash transfer and mentoring programmes for adolescent girls, implemented by the Kampala Capital City Authority (KCCA), has transitioned to remote coordination, adopted a virtual mentoring model to ensure delivery continuity, and implemented remote enrolment for pre-registered beneficiaries.⁵⁸²
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The government of Uganda has begun delivering food packages to 1.5 million vulnerable people in Kampala and Wasiko districts. The food packages include six kilograms of maize flour and three kilograms of beans and salt per head. Lactating mothers and the sick will additionally receive two kilograms of powdered milk and two kilograms of sugar.⁵⁸³
	School feeding	

⁵⁸² <https://www.girlsempoweringgirls.org/>

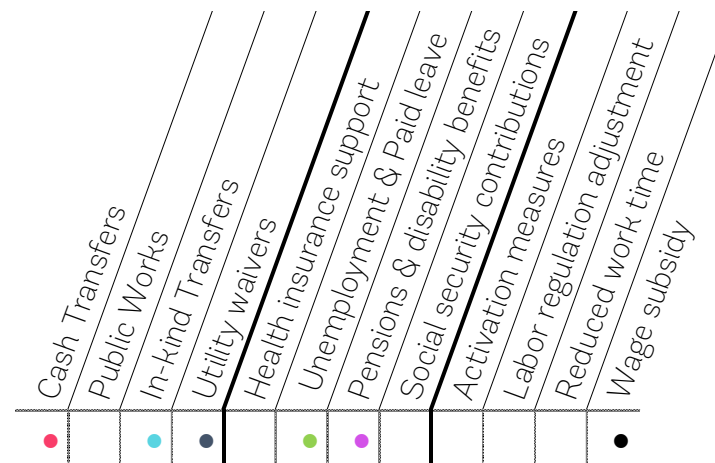
⁵⁸³ <https://observer.ug/news/headlines/64116-gov-t-starts-covid-19-food-distribution-this-weekend>

	Public works	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The country is implementing a time-bound expansion of labor-intensive public works program ("Urban Cash for Work Program" (UCWP)) to the main urban areas of the country as well as flood-affected districts. This is the first attempt in the country to cover new beneficiaries in major urban areas particularly in parts of the districts where many informal sector workers live. Within the selected urban locations, the program will target beneficiaries using a mixture of poverty and jobs-related criteria. The program will benefit an estimated 500,000 beneficiaries. Beneficiaries will work on selected public works projects (maintaining social distancing requirements) for 12 days a month for 2 months for a daily wage of \$1.75.
	Utility waivers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The National Social Security Fund (NSSF) of Uganda has announced measures that allow businesses/employers facing economic distress due to COVID-19 to reschedule NSSF contributions for the next 3 months without accumulating a penalty.⁵⁸⁴
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The National Social Security Fund (NSSF) of Uganda has announced measures that allow businesses/employers facing economic distress due to COVID-19 to reschedule NSSF contributions for the next 3 months without accumulating a penalty
Labor Markets	Activation measures	
	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	

⁵⁸⁴ <https://twitter.com/nssfug/status/1244987818314784769>

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Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The universal credit standard allowance for the next 12 months would increase by 1,000 pounds a year, with the working tax credit basic element rising by the same amount as well. It is expected that the measures will benefit over 4 million of the most vulnerable households. (Vertical expansion). For the duration of the outbreak, the requirements of the Universal Credit Program will be temporarily relaxed for those who have COVID-19 or are self-isolating according to government advice. People will be able to claim Universal Credit and access advance payments upfront without the current requirement to attend a job Centre if they are advised to self-isolate.⁵⁸⁵ (Admin adaptation). New payment for people self-isolating in highest risk areas. People on low incomes who need to self-isolate and are unable to work from home in areas with high incidence of COVID-19 will benefit from a new payment scheme starting on Tuesday 1 September, the Health

⁵⁸⁵ <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/support-for-those-affected-by-covid-19>

		Secretary has today. Starting with a trial in Blackburn with Darwen, Pendle and Oldham to ensure the process works, eligible individuals who test positive with the virus will receive £130 for their 10-day period of self-isolation. Other members of their household, who have to self-isolate for 14 days, will be entitled to a payment of £182. ⁵⁸⁶
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	
	School feeding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On March 20, 2020, schools across the United Kingdom were closed. By March 31, 2020, the government formally launched a national voucher scheme to ensure that the 1.3 million eligible school-aged children will continue to have access to meals during COVID-19-induced school closures. Under the scheme, each school-aged child would receive £15 per week voucher (equivalent to £3 per day), with the vouchers being redeemable at all major supermarkets. The value of the vouchers exceeds the costs of free school meals. Families with school-aged children can know their eligibility through the government website. The delivery of the vouchers will be under the responsibility of schools. The government has also provided the flexibility for schools to utilize their existing in-house caterers and hire a local meal delivery service provider, with the government reimbursing the additional costs⁵⁸⁷.
	Public works	
	Utility waivers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Temporary suspension of mortgage payments, fuel duty (for a year), and suspension of new evictions from social or private rented accommodation.^{588 589}
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Statutory Sick Pay (SSP), paid by the employers and refunded by the stat, will now be available for eligible individuals diagnosed with COVID-19 or those who are unable to work because they are self-isolating in line with government advice. SSP will be made available

⁵⁸⁶ <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-payment-for-people-self-isolating-in-highest-risk-areas>

⁵⁸⁷ <https://cdn.wfp.org/2020/school-feeding-map/>

⁵⁸⁸ <https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2020/03/sunak-unveils-support-for-workers-self-employed>

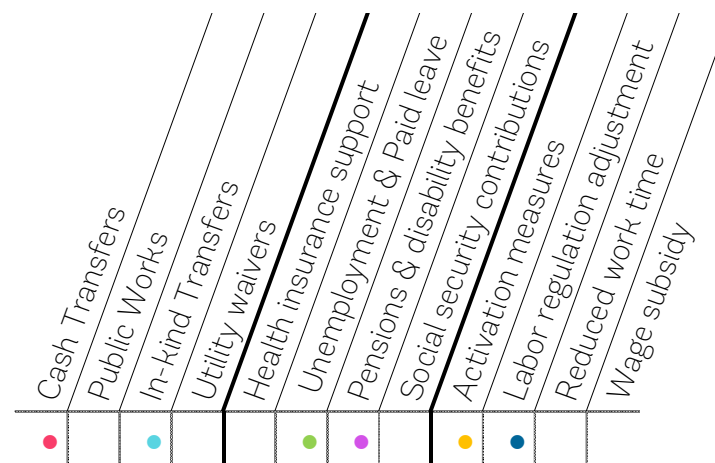
⁵⁸⁹ <https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2020/mar/11/key-points-from-budget-2020-at-a-glance>

		<p>from day one when self-isolating, instead of day four. This is in addition to the change that SSP will be payable from day one instead of day 4 for affected individuals.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The self-employed or people earning below the Lower Earnings Limit of £118 per week can now more easily claim Universal Credit or Contributory Employment and Support Allowance (Contributory Employment and Support Allowance will be payable, at a rate of £73.10 a week for those over 25, for eligible people affected by COVID-19 or self-isolating in line with advice from Day 1 of sickness, rather than Day 8).⁵⁹⁰ (Admin adaptation).
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pension firms issue warning to savers over transfers. To prevent people from losing out, anyone who wants to shift their money will now get a letter from their scheme stating that a transfer is unlikely to be in their best long-term interests. Pension scheme trustees will warn savers of the risks during the pandemic and urge them to consider the decision carefully.
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions	
Labor Markets	Activation measures	
	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Employers will be able to contact HMRC (revenue and customs) for a grant to cover most of the wages of people who are not working that are furloughed and kept on payroll rather than being laid off. Government grants would cover 80% of the salary of retained workers to a total of 2,500 pounds a month. The scheme will cover the cost of wages backdated to March 1 and will initially be open for three months (might be extended if needed).⁵⁹¹

⁵⁹⁰ <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/support-for-those-affected-by-covid-19>

⁵⁹¹ <https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2020/03/sunak-unveils-support-for-workers-self-employed>

Ukraine



Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Government introduced child benefits to support children of individual entrepreneurs, which is one of the most affected group in terms of income loss, for the duration of quarantine plus one month after the day when it's officially lifted. About 337 thousand families (414 thousand children) are expected to benefit from this assistance. It will be provided for each child up to 10 years old in the amount of the subsistence minimum (for children under 6 years - USD 66; for children aged 6 to 10 years - USD 82)⁵⁹². The cost of measure – US\$ 61.3 mln. Relaxed eligibility rules of the Guaranteed Minimum Income (GMI) Program allowing to: extend duration of payments; scale up activities aimed at increasing coverage of the poor;⁵⁹³ make individuals who have lost their jobs during quarantine, informal sector workers and returning migrants eligible for the GMI benefit.

⁵⁹² <https://www.kmu.gov.ua/news/uryad-vidiliv-16-mlrd-grn-dlya-fopiv-yaki-mayut-ditej-na-period-karantinu>

⁵⁹³ Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers #264 dated April 8, 2020, <https://zakon.rada.gov.ua/laws/show/264-2020-%D0%BF>
Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers #329 dated April 22, 2020, <https://zakon.rada.gov.ua/laws/show/329-2020-%D0%BF>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Simplified administrative requirements to enroll in the Housing Utilities Subsidy (HUS) program (energy social assistance). Removed restrictions preventing enrollment for those who have lost their jobs as a result of quarantine.⁵⁹⁴ The cost of measures – US\$ 122.2 mln. The authorities have extended existing social entitlements for the period of the quarantine without the need to reapply⁵⁹⁵ (Admin adaptation). E-platforms allowing remote enrollment in social assistance programs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> E-Service online platform, operated by the Ministry of Social Policy, allows remote registration and enrollment to: Housing and Utilities Subsidy program, birth grants and child benefits to children of individual entrepreneurs under 10 years old; Social Community integrated information system allows remote enrollment in 23 social assistance programs for the citizens of amalgamated territorial communities;
	One-off cash transfers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Government introduced one-off cash assistance (UAH 1000 = \$35) for vulnerable pensioners (whose pension is up to UAH 5000 = US\$185), current beneficiaries of the disability programs (children with disabilities and persons with disabilities since childhood) and beneficiaries of social assistance to persons who are not eligible for pension. The total amount of funds received as of May 18 was UAH 9.88 bln (US\$ 365 mln). The state announced a one-off payment to the current beneficiaries of child disability payments.
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Help Nearby web platform was launched to coordinate provision of targeted in-kind social assistance and delivery of services to the elderly, poor and vulnerable (people with disabilities, single parents, internally displaced persons, etc.) based on the applications submitted online.
	School feeding	
	Public works	

⁵⁹⁴ Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers #247 dated March 25, 2020, <https://zakon.rada.gov.ua/laws/show/247-2020-%D0%BF>

⁵⁹⁵ <https://www.imf.org/en/Topics/imf-and-covid19/Policy-Responses-to-COVID-19#U>

	Utility waivers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The government adjusted eligibility and access to housing and utility subsidy program (HUS). The changes include (a) increasing norms (by 50 percent) for energy consumption used to determine the amount of housing and utility (HUS) subsidy; (b) stopping the disqualification from the HUS program of a person that breaches qualification criteria; (c) automatic re-enrollment into the HUS program for the heating season 2020-2021.
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Government allocated UAH 2.28 billion (US\$ 84.44 mln) to the Social Insurance Fund to finance paid sick leaves and one-off assistance for the families of doctors and medical workers, who died from COVID-19⁵⁹⁶. Social Insurance Fund introduced temporary compensation for the income losses for COVID-19 patients. All insured employees are eligible to receive 50% of their average wage, regardless of seniority, starting from the 6th day of the confirmed temporary incapacity to work (the first 5 days are financed by employers).
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slight increase in pensions for pensioners with incomes below the threshold UAH 5000, or \$ 180; it is also considered to extend this measure to children with disabilities.^{597 598 599}
	Unemployment benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum unemployment benefit was increased from UAH 650 to UAH 1000 (from US\$24 to US\$37, respectively). The maximum unemployment benefit under this measure is equal to four-fold subsistence minimum for the work-able individuals - UAH 8,408 (US\$ 311) as of March 31, 2020. Unemployed are eligible for the program regardless the number of years worked and the level of social insurance contributions. Graduates of the educational institution, informal workers and those who were fired because of work absence also qualify for this type of assistance. The cost of measure – US\$ 47.3 mln.
	Social security contributions	

⁵⁹⁶ <https://www.kmu.gov.ua/news/fond-socialnogo-strahuvannya-ukrayini-otrimaye-finansovu-dopomogu-vid-derzhavi>

⁵⁹⁷ http://tvoemisto.tv/news/u_kvitni_pensioneram_vyplatyat_dodatkovu_tysyachu_gryven_hto_otrymaie_107506.html

⁵⁹⁸ https://zik.ua/news/economics/odnorazova_sotsdopomoha_stalo_vidomo_khto_krim_pensioneriv_otrymaie_1_tys_hryven_962728

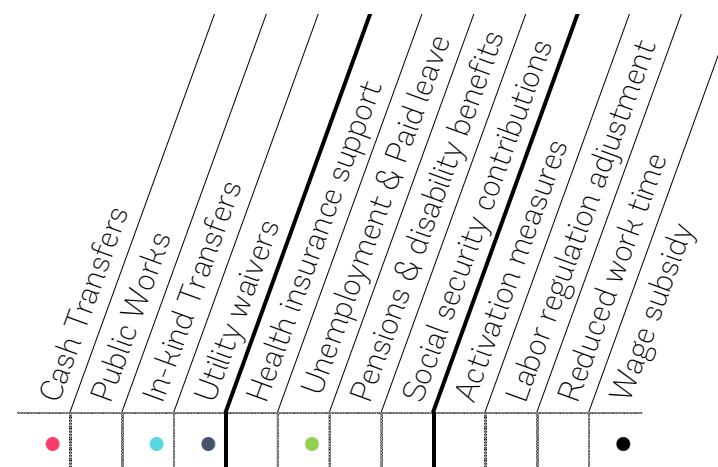
⁵⁹⁹ <https://www.kyivpost.com/ukraine-politics/timeline-of-ukraines-response-to-coronavirus-outbreak.html>

Labor Markets	Activation measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> State Employment Service moved the key employment service operations, such as outreach to and registration of newly unemployed cohorts, job search assistance, counseling, case management of vulnerable jobseekers, training, skilling, re-skilling activities to e-platforms (admin adaptation).
	Labor market regulations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Part-time employment status was introduced for employees of SMEs for the duration of the quarantine. In order to maintain jobs, the SMEs will receive support at the amount of 1 minimal wage per employee⁶⁰⁰. The cost of this measure is UAH 4.723 bln (US\$ 175 mln), the funds have been allocated from the state anti-COVID-19 fund. Quarantine related changes were introduced to the Labor Code of Ukraine to regulate remote work, flexible schedule and salaries for business interruption period⁶⁰¹ <p>State Employment Service simplified administrative procedures by introducing deferred formal registration (online registration of unemployed, which is subject to verification within 10 working days after the quarantine restrictions are officially lifted) and online enrollment in unemployment and part-time employment benefit programs.</p>
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	

⁶⁰⁰ Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers #308 dated April 27, 2020, <https://zakon.rada.gov.ua/laws/show/308-2020-%D0%BF>

⁶⁰¹ <https://zakon.rada.gov.ua/laws/show/530-IX>

Uruguay



Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extra payment for two months for Asignación Familiar Plan de Equidad beneficiaries (372,231)⁶⁰² Extra payment for two months for Tarjeta Uruguay Social beneficiaries (417,602)
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On March 19, the government announced that the Social Development Ministry would receive \$22 million to reinforce social programs, such as building refugee centers and extending transfers on the Social Uruguay Card, a government-funded program for the most disadvantaged to access food (horizontal coverage).
	School feeding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In Uruguay, families receiving the family allowance (targeted cash transfers) will receive a top-up for school meals, while other families with children will receive a voucher, which will be delivered at schools⁶⁰³ (admin adaptation).

⁶⁰² <https://www.gub.uy/ministerio-desarrollo-social/comunicacion/noticias/se-amplian-prestaciones-aumentan-cupos-refugios-para-personas-situacion-calle>

⁶⁰³ <http://www.ceip.edu.uy/prensa/2952>

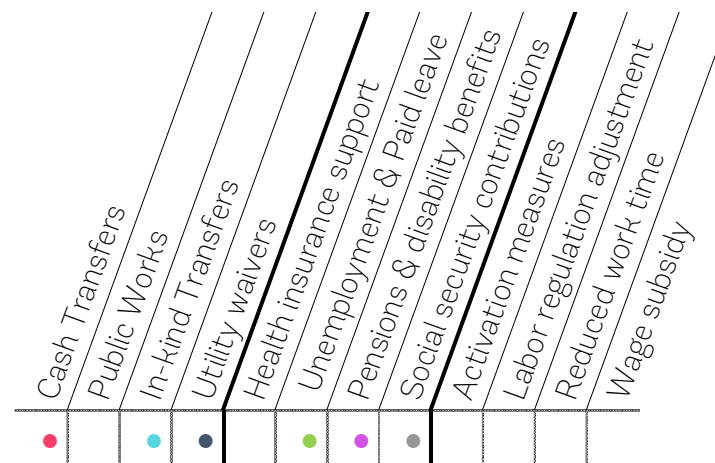
	Public works	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
	Utility waivers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Payment is postponed for 30 days for BROU credit card payment. The installments of Banco Hipotecario for April and May will be reduced by 50% for the entire portfolio of mortgage loan clients and promises of sale whose operations are in force. Extensions, bonuses are established and extrajudicial auctions are postponed for different cases for the National Housing Agency. Maturities are eliminated for the MEVIR installments, they are not collected and there will be no judicial or extrajudicial actions derived from the delay in payment in these two months.⁶⁰⁴
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
	Health insurance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
	Pensions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
	Unemployment benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application of a partial unemployment subsidy for dependent workers, contemplating reduction of hours and/or periods of subsidy of less than one month.
	Social security contributions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Labor Markets	Activation measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
	Labor market regulations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
	Reduced work time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
	Wage subsidies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Social Security Bank (El Banco de Previsión Social (BPS)) is working to implement the new special subsidy for partial unemployment for monthly workers, arranged by the Ministry of Labor and Social Security. Companies must, within the first 10 days of the month following the reduction in the number of days or hours worked, send the BPS the list of workers who meet the conditions of law. Payment of the subsidy will be made during the month following this reduction.^{605 606}

⁶⁰⁴ <https://www.gub.uy/comunicacion/comunicados/medidas-para-personas>

⁶⁰⁵ <https://www.bps.gub.uy/16867/subsidio-especial-por-desempleo-parcial.html>

⁶⁰⁶ <https://www.bps.gub.uy/bps/file/16867/3/resolucion-del-mtss-143---18-3-2020.pdf>

USA



Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adults will get \$1,200 each and children \$500 each. The benefit will start decreasing at a rate of \$5 for every additional \$100 in income. The phaseout starts at \$75,000 in adjusted gross income for singles, \$112,500 for heads of household, and \$150,000 for married couples filing jointly; it will phase out entirely by \$99,000 for singles and \$198,000 for couples (with no children).⁶⁰⁷ (New)
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The city of Seattle will provide \$5 million in grocery vouchers to help families impacted by a coronavirus. This includes \$800 per vouchers to 6,250 families to help them buy food, cleaning supplies, and other household goods at Safeway supermarkets during the coronavirus pandemic. The program will benefit "eligible families who are currently

⁶⁰⁷ <https://www.vox.com/future-perfect/2020/3/23/21190955/stimulus-checks-from-government-approved>

		<p>enrolled in City-supported childcare programs and food assistance programs.” The grocery vouchers will be distributed in two \$400 installments by mail. Funding will come from Seattle’s sugary beverage tax revenues.⁶⁰⁸ (New)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> March 18 2020, the United States Federal Government passed the Families First Coronavirus Response Act. The act empowers the US Department of Agriculture to approve state government plans to provide emergency food stamp assistance to households with school-aged children who would be benefiting from free or reduced-priced meals had there not been school closures⁶⁰⁹
	School feeding	
	Public works	
	Utility waivers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For taxpayers under an existing Installment Agreement, payments due between April 1 and July 15, 2020 are suspended. Taxpayers who are currently unable to comply with the terms of an Installment Payment Agreement, including a Direct Debit Installment Agreement, may suspend payments during this period if they prefer. Furthermore, the IRS will not default any Installment Agreements during this period. By law, interest will continue to accrue on any unpaid balances.⁶¹⁰
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Families First Coronavirus Response Act allows parents who are caring for children whose schools have closed to have a maximum of 12 weeks of paid family leave. This includes two weeks of paid sick leave at 100% of the person’s normal salary, up to \$511 per day. It would also provide up to 12 weeks of paid family and medical leave at 67 percent of the person’s normal pay, up to \$200 per day. Gig and self-employed workers also get these benefits in the form of a tax credit.⁶¹¹
	Health insurance	

⁶⁰⁸ <https://www.cnn.com/2020/03/17/us/seattle-vouchers-coronavirus-trnd/index.html>

⁶⁰⁹ <https://cdn.wfp.org/2020/school-feeding-map/index.html>

⁶¹⁰ <https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/irs-unveils-new-people-first-initiative-covid-19-effort-temporarily-adjusts-suspends-key-compliance-program>

⁶¹¹ <https://www.washingtonpost.com/business/2020/03/16/paid-sick-leave-coronavirus-house-bill/>

	Pensions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participants are allowed to make emergency withdrawals of up to \$100 000 from their 401(k) accounts without any early withdrawal penalties (admin adaptation)
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Defined benefit plan sponsors gained a one-year holiday from making their 2020 contributions, but did not get other measures sought, including delayed reporting or premium payments to the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corp. or longer periods for measuring plan liabilities. Defined contribution plan participants will get relief from rules on taking required minimum distributions and limits on hardship loans.
Labor Markets	Activation measures	
	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	

US Virgin Islands

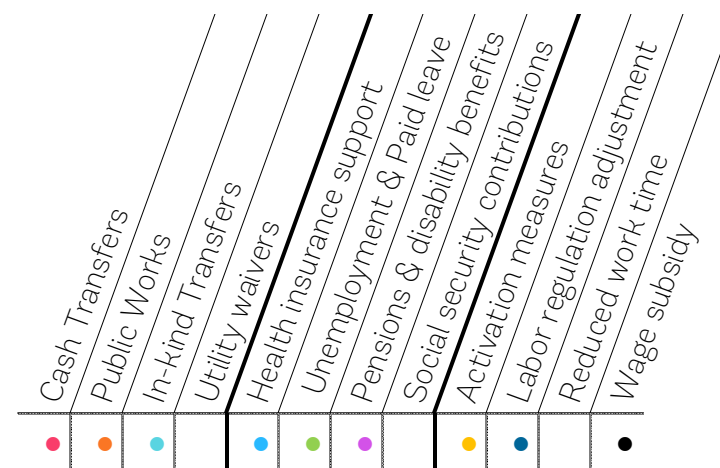


Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The V.I. Department of Human Services is waiving income requirements for child care assistance for parents who need to return to work amid the COVID-19 outbreak. The department is utilizing a federal child care grant in the amount of \$3.3 million awarded to provide assistance to families and child care providers⁶¹²
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	
	School feeding	
	Public works	
Social Insurance	Utility waivers	
	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	

⁶¹² https://stjohnsource.com/2020/07/21/human-services-offers-pandemic-childcare-subsidy-for-working-parents/?doing_wp_cron=1595637558.1210470199584960937500

Labor Markets	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions	
	Activation measures	
	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	

Uzbekistan



Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The number of beneficiaries receiving allowances will increase by at least 10% or to 60,000 households included through the Council of the Federation of Trade Unions of Uzbekistan (horizontal expansion) Extension of the duration of the social allowances for low-income families that expire in March-June for 6 months (or until a child reaches age of 2 or 14, depending on a social allowance) (additional USD 60 million). Moreover, Government is about to approve amendments to simplify the application process and relax the income test (by disregarding certain incomes and categories) to determine eligibility to family allowances (admin adaptation) Additional support will be provided through a 10 trillion soum (~ 1 billion USD) Anti-Crisis Fund.⁶¹³ Social assistance provisions under this Fund include covering the costs of quarantining persons at risk or in contact with infected persons.
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	

⁶¹³ <https://www.gazeta.uz/ru/2020/03/19/anti-crisis-fund/>

	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disposable masks, antiseptic sanitizers and antibacterial soap have been added to a list of 18 essentials foodstuffs and hygiene products provided to beneficiaries of regular goods baskets. Eligible populations include the elderly (men over 60 years and women over 55) and people with disabilities (groups 1 and 2) who do not have children (except for minors or people with disabilities), spouses and parents (with the exception of the elderly or disabled), or guardians, trustees, or persons entrusted by the court to provide care.⁶¹⁴
	School feeding	
	Public works	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expansion of public works programs (\$21M)
	Utility waivers	
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sick leave is normally paid at the rate of 60-80% salary depending on the employment history. For the duration of quarantine, it is increased to 100% of the salary for everyone and covers parents whose child is in quarantine A working parent (only one of the two) is given a paid leave for the duration of schools and kindergartens shutdown without affecting the regular annual paid leave schedule.
	Health insurance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If a member of the healthcare or medical staff is infected with COVID19 while dealing with patients, the person receives one-off compensation of USD 10,400. If the infection results in severe health damage or death, then the person or his/her family members receive USD 26,040 as compensation.
	Pensions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organization of a simplified system for issuing documents on temporary disability (admin adaptation).
	Unemployment benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Government of Uzbekistan simplified the procedures to apply and access unemployment assistance benefits during the quarantine measures (since April 17, 2020)
	Social security contributions	
Labor Markets	Activation measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Labor market interventions under the 10 trillion soum Anti-Crisis fund include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support for development of entrepreneurial activity of sureties and compensation for covering interest expenses on loans

⁶¹⁴ <https://www.gazeta.uz/ru/2020/04/03/free-items/>

		<p>issued, primarily for the production, purchase and sale of socially significant consumer goods.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 500 billion soum allocation to the state fund to support the development of entrepreneurship. ○ Organization of Ishga Markhamat monocenters and vocational training centers, as well as support for labor migrants by organizing their vocational and language training.
	Labor market regulations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prohibition of termination of the employment contract for an employee who is the parent (person, substitute, guardian, trustee) of a child under the age of 14 who is infected with coronavirus infection or placed in quarantine.⁶¹⁵
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interest-free loans for the payment of wages to employees of business entities that have suspended their activities in connection with the announcement of quarantine.

⁶¹⁵ <https://mfa.uz/ru/press/library/2020/03/23848/>

Vanuatu

Cash Transfers	
Public Works	
In-kind Transfers	
Utility waivers	•
Health insurance	
Unemployment support	
Pensions & disability leave	
Social security contributions	
Activation measures	
Labor regulation adjustment	
Wage subsidy	•

Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	
	School feeding	
	Public works	
	Utility waivers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School fee exemptions will be available for 2020 (secondary school tuition fees are suspended for 2020 (42,000 vatu per student for a total of 510 million vatu, paid directly to schools))
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions	
Labor Markets	Activation measures	
	Labor market regulations	

	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The government of Vanuatu has launched the Employment Stabilization Program, which will reimburse employers for up to VT 30,000 (US\$ 249) per employee on their payroll for 4 months (March-June 2020). Employers will also receive a payment of 15% of the amount they are reimbursed for wages as an additional incentive to maintain employment.⁶¹⁶

⁶¹⁶ https://dailypost.vu/news/vt4-billion-stimulus-package/article_91c9d47c-7399-11ea-b675-d7366938da98.html

Venezuela



Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	
	One-off cash transfers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased monthly cash transfers, plus several one-off transfer (reaching 80% of the population), through existing programs and paid through the Sistema Patria platform (vertical expansion). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quedate Casa: Stay at home payment for workers in the informal sector with 450,000 bolivars⁶¹⁷ Bono Normalidad Relativa: new payment aiming to help the population more disadvantaged and affected by coronavirus payment will be made June 12-19⁶¹⁸. Bono Salud y Vida: 350,000 bolivars (\$2,4) will be delivered to the most disadvantaged people between April 22-30 Bono Disciplina y Solidaridad: 350,000 to informal workers "Cuidar y Cuidarse" which is a bonus of 900,000 bolivars. The delivery will take place between July 14 to 18, 2020.⁶¹⁹
	Childcare support	

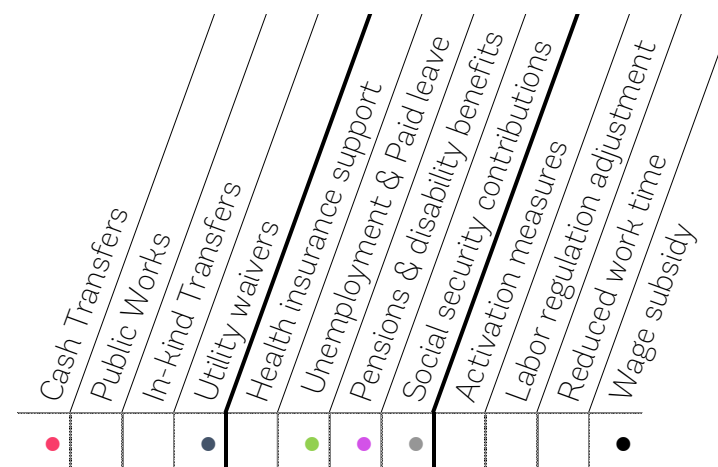
⁶¹⁷ https://socialprotection.org/sites/default/files/publications_files/Nota%20Tecnica%203_v3.pdf

⁶¹⁸ https://as.com/diarioas/2020/06/14/actualidad/1592162619_633353.html

⁶¹⁹ IMF policy tracker

	Social pensions	•
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	• Increase in deliveries of subsidized food parcels through the CLAP program.
	School feeding	
	Public works	
	Utility waivers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residential and commercial rent payments suspended for 6 months (for businesses and persons affected by COVID-19). Landlords will be reimbursed. Moreover, ban on service disconnection for lack of payment by telecommunications companies (cable TV, telephone, mobile phones, internet). • Government will waive income tax for people with income equivalent to less than three minimum wages in 2019 (2019 income tax was due in March). Eligible taxpayers who had already declared and paid their income tax by the time the waiver was announced will be granted a tax credit applicable for the following years.
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions	
Labor Markets	Activation measures	
	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The government will pay payroll for SMEs for six months (March to August), through the same online platform used for social transfers (Sistema Patria platform)

Vietnam



Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The government has announced an income support package of VND62,000 billion (US\$2.6 billion) on March 31, 2020. Each poor and near-poor household member will get a monthly allowance of VND250,000 (\$10.5), while social protection beneficiaries and national devotees would receive VND500,000 per person per month. Contracted employees/workers who lost jobs but not eligible for UI benefits, or who are on un-paid temporary leave, will get support of 1.8 million per month. Un-contracted workers (from informal sector) who lost jobs, from selected work, with income less than poverty line, will get support of VND 1 million per months for maximum 3 months. The same payment also extends to formally employed workers who do not meet the qualifying conditions for the country's unemployment insurance.
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	

	School feeding	
	Public works	
	Utility waivers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In several large and heavily affected cities like Ha Noi and Ho Chi Minh City, the local government cover all expensive related to living, testing and medical treatment for all Vietnamese citizens who were institutionally quarantined. • Government reduces electricity prices by 10 percent for 3 months⁶²⁰
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Payment of social security benefits at home⁶²¹
	Unemployment benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employees, small/household businesses that have had to suspend operation and suffer difficulties due to Covid-19 would be supported with VND1 million per month. The allowances would be provided over at least three months (until June), and financed by central government and local administrations' budgets (New program)
	Social security contributions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Temporary suspension of social insurance contributions for COVID-19 affected firms and entities for a maximum of 12 months. This will be applied for those firms and entities that have at least 50% of labor force being on temporarily leave as a result of the pandemic. Affected business are also suspended from making contribution to Labor Union fund.
Labor Markets	Activation measures	
	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided flat rate wage subsidies for workers on unpaid leave and wage credits for those on reduced pay. In both cases, the benefit is 1,800,000 dong. The scheme is managed by Viet Nam Social Security (VSS).

⁶²⁰ <https://www.imf.org/en/Topics/imf-and-covid19/Policy-Responses-to-COVID-19#U>

⁶²¹ <https://vss.gov.vn/english/news/Pages/vietnam-social-security.aspx?CatelD=198&ItemID=9251>

West Bank and Gaza



Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Palestinian Authority Ministry of Social Development is increasing the number of social allowances to vulnerable families in the West Bank and Gaza. Its quarterly cash transfer program, which usually reached 105,000 vulnerable families, was expanded in April to reach an extra 9,000 families from Gaza, in light of the socioeconomic impacts of COVID-19.⁶²² The government started on May 17 the disbursement of aid to 40,202 laborers affected by the Corona pandemic. Laborers in eligible sectors (e.g., construction, tourism, services, transport) would receive text messages to go to the bank and receive NIS 700. The process would take place over five days.
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The government also distributed some 98,000 food baskets and paid financial assistance to about 125,000 households

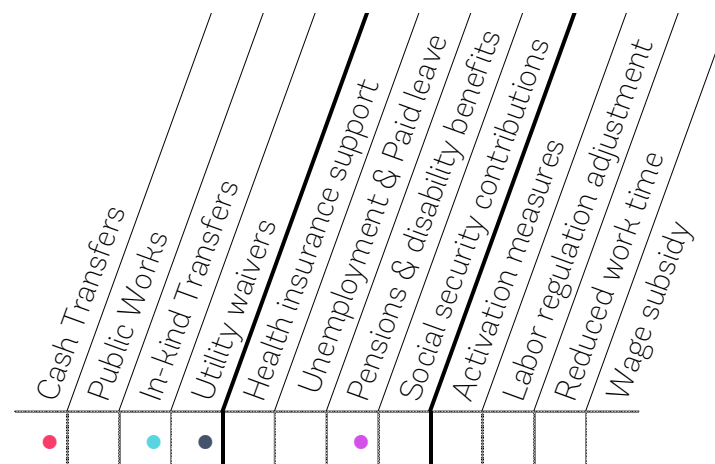
⁶²² https://eeas.europa.eu/delegations/palestine-occupied-palestinian-territory-west-bank-and-gaza-strip/77545/european-union-austria-and-spain-provide-%E2%82%AC145-million-vulnerable-palestinian-families-vital_en

	School feeding	
	Public works	
	Utility waivers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cancel penalties for late submission of tax returns, extending the tax filing deadline to June. Postponed monthly/periodic loan repayments to all borrowers for the next four months, and for the tourism and hotel sectors for the next six months⁶²³
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions	
Labor Markets	Activation measures	
	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	

⁶²³ <https://www.ilo.org/global/topics/coronavirus/country-responses/lang--en/index.htm#PS>

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Zambia



Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	In July, Zambia launched an emergency COVID-19 social cash transfer scheme to help vulnerable communities affected by the pandemic. Kampamba Mulenga, Minister of Community Development, said the emergency social cash transfer will help mitigate the impact of the pandemic in vulnerable homes of the elderly, women and their children. The beneficiaries will be given money as well as food hampers for a period of six months, she added ⁶²⁴ .
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	Part of the new cash transfers program beneficiaries will get food hampers for 6 months, starting in July 2020 ⁶²⁵
	School feeding	
	Public works	

⁶²⁴ <https://africa.cgtn.com/2020/07/28/zambia-launches-emergency-covid-19-social-cash-transfer-scheme/>

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	Utility waivers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The government waived charges for person to person electronic money transfers of up to K150. These transactions are now free of charge⁶²⁶
Social Insurance	Paid sick leave	
	Health insurance	
	Pensions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> K500 million to the public service pensions fund to pay over 1,500 retirees or their beneficiaries⁶²⁷
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions	
Labor Markets	Activation measures	
	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	

⁶²⁶ <https://home.kpmg/xx/en/home/insights/2020/04/zambia-government-and-institution-measures-in-response-to-covid.html>

⁶²⁷ <https://www.mof.gov.zm/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Presidential-24April2020.pdf>

Zimbabwe

Cash Transfers	
Public Works	
In-kind Transfers	
Utility waivers	
Health insurance support	
Unemployment & Paid leave	
Pensions & disability benefits	
Social security contributions	
Activation measures	
Labor regulation adjustment	
Wage subsidy	

Social Assistance	Cash-based transfers	
	Cash transfers (conditional and unconditional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On 31 March, the Government of Zimbabwe announced that ZW\$200 million (approximately \$550,000) per month will be set aside for the next three months for an emergency cash transfer program reaching one million vulnerable households.⁶²⁸ One-million households identified through the Social Welfare Department to benefit from the \$600 million kitty availed by the Government to mitigate the effects of Covid-19⁶²⁹ To rural households that will suffer indirectly from the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.
	One-off cash transfers	
	Childcare support	
	Social pensions	
	In-kind transfers	
	Food, vouchers, others	
	School feeding	
	Public works	
	Utility waivers	
	Paid sick leave	

⁶²⁸ <https://www.thezimbabwemail.com/health/mthuli-ncube-releases-500-million-for-covid-19-fight/>

⁶²⁹ <https://www.herald.co.zw/covid-19-relief-cash-transfers-start-today-1-coronavirus-confirmed-cases-rise-to-18/>

Social Insurance	Health insurance	
	Pensions	
	Unemployment benefits	
	Social security contributions	
Labor Markets	Activation measures	
	Labor market regulations	
	Reduced work time	
	Wage subsidies	