

2024 Division of Revenue Bill & 2023/24 Second Adjustments Bill



Opening & Acknowledgements

- We welcome the increases to some of the social grants;
- We welcome the extension of the R350 grant to March 2027;
- We welcome the increases in taxes on alcohol and tobacco;
- We welcome the budget set aside for PES;
- We welcome the budget allocation for teachers, doctors and nurses' salaries.



Continue to fund and expand employment opportunities like PYEI



Increase all grants

An increase of R100 to the old age grant. This amount will be divided into R90 effective from April, and R10 effective October. The Child Support Grant will be increased by R20.



Increase and expand the R350 until it is turned into a Basic Income Grant (BIG)

"Work is currently underway to improve the COVID-19 Social Relief of Distress Grant by April this year."



Tax the greedy



Increase tax on sugary drinks, tobacco, e-cigarettes and alcohol

Although there will be an increase in tobacco, e-cigarettes & alcohol, the Minister said nothing on the Sugary Drinks Tax.



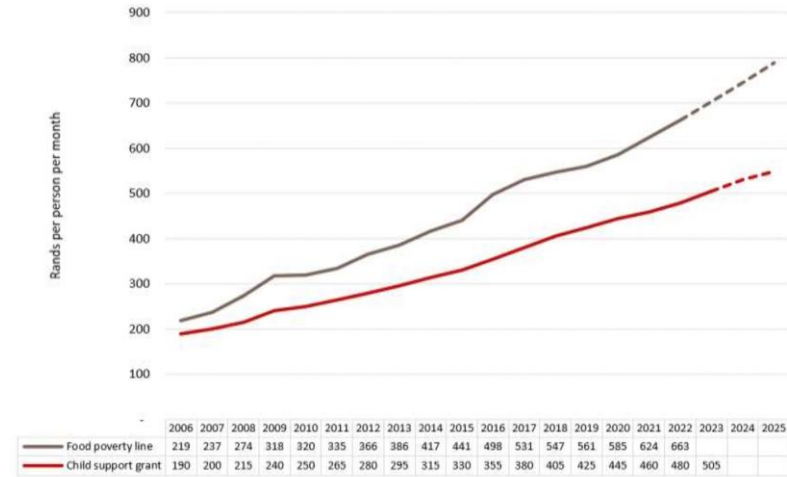
Minister Godongwana #Budget2024 Scorecard

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The pie

2024 Division of Revenue Bill

Widening gap between the value of the Food Poverty Line and the Child Support Grant



[Graph: Children's Institute](#)

- Government allocates more budget for social grants each year, but that gets undermined by the skyrocketing cost of living that has gotten severe in the past years.
- Cost of living crisis - inequality, poverty, unemployment.
- Household food basket has increased to an average of R5 098, which is over the minimum wage for general workers.
- Between 2018 and 2022, more people have experienced hunger.

R350 SRD Grant

Why we fight for grants so much and why the budget continues to undermine them

- Social grants increases still not enough.
- R350 grant does not match the food poverty line of R760.
- Provisional allocation of funding for the R350 grant.
- 16 million people qualify, only 8.5 million people are getting it.
- Exclusionary regulations.
- Increase and expand R350 to BIG.



Child Support Grant

- 13 million children receive the CSG *As of October 2023.
- It costs R938.25 to feed a child a nutritious meal/diet.
- Rising food prices = increase of R74 for a basic nutritious meal.
- Malnutrition and stunting putting children at risk.
- R530 is not enough!!

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Political parties must show the people clear plans

DA proposes R585 grant for unemployed people, but only when SA's economy grows substantially

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DA proposes 'taxless' basic income grant in South Africa



The opposition Democratic Alliance has outlined its proposal for a basic income grant in South Africa ahead of the national budget on Wednesday (23 February).

The DA said it has been a longstanding supporter of the idea of income support for the unemployed, and that a Basic Income Grant would provide an economic floor for the most vulnerable as well as put money directly in the hands of the people who are best placed to decide where to spend it.

POLITICS

Basic income grant on the way, promises ANC

On Saturday, the party presented its blueprint to curb raging unemployment and poverty by providing comprehensive social security and basic services for households

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EFF wants parliament involved in basic income grant plan

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ActionSA supports limited basic income grant

The party is holding its inaugural policy conference in Johannesburg

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National Treasury:

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obligation

- National Treasury's response was very disappointing and underwhelming.
- No actual research evidence provided.
- Is Treasury using outdated/non-existent info to make decisions?
- This committee must intervene.

