



SOCIAL SECURITY BOARD

# **SNAPSHOT of SOCIAL PROTECTION INTERVENTIONS at NATIONAL LEVEL**

## **SOCIAL SECURITY BOARD, BELIZE**

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**Virtual Roundtable**  
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## SOCIAL PROTECTION INTERVENTIONS at NATIONAL LEVEL



### Social Insurance

- Relaxation of SS benefit claims submission: **6 mths**
- Advanced payment of pensions & extension of life declaration forms' (P6) deadline
- Sickness Benefit coverage: **Isolation/Quarantine**
- Contribution Payment & Interest Waivers: March and April; **Statements required**
- Investments Moratorium
- **New** SI No. 43 of 2020: Sickness Benefit Coverage to Unemployed with COVID-19 – **3 mths**

### Social Assistance

- **New** COVID-19 Unemployment Relief Program
  - **Forms collection and data entry**
  - **Process Payment**
    - Direct Deposit
    - Bank Debit Cards
- Donations to Frontline Institutions and workers: **Ministry of Health and Police Department**

### Enhanced Service Experience & Strengthened Interagency Collaboration

Uninterrupted essential services at SSB

Online Services: Submission of claims & forms (P6 etc.)

Increased communication through social media

SSB/ COVID-19 Task Force/CITO

SSB/NHI and Ministry of Health

NHI - educate patients on calling first, tele-consults via zoom; PCPs reinforce in service training with emphasis on infection control

SSB/Labour Department/ILO

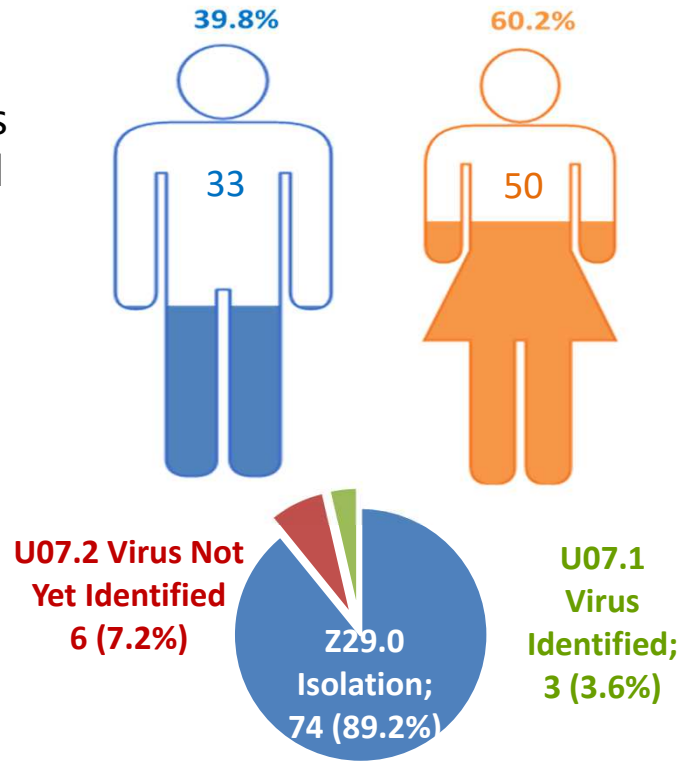


# INTERVENTIONS IN FIGURES (BZ\$)



Sickness Benefit for COVID-19 related Claims - **\$40,662** to **83** Insured Persons for **908** days of incapacity  
 Funeral Grant – **two** deceased IPs due to COVID-19; **\$3,000**

One month's Contributory Pensions paid in advance: **10,738 pensioners;** **\$4.4M**  
 Internal SSB preparations & response: **\$74,931**



## SSDA Fund

- ❖ **\$200,000** social assistance to Ministry of Health – Purchase medical equipment; Communication supplies
- ❖ **\$10,000** to Police Dept. – PPE
- ❖ Paid out on behalf of Government's Unemployment Relief Program - **\$11M to 43,729** Persons, **9,054** Bank Cards
- ❖ Commitment to COVID-19: **\$5M**