



# **Social Assistance During the Pandemic Applied by The Ministry of Family and Social Services and Some Implementations by Other Institutions**

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# MEASURES DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

State of Emergency

Increase of The Periodic Payments and Additional Periodic Payment

Phases I-II-III

«Biz Bize Yeteriz Türkiyem»

Social Assistance Programme for Full Closure

Increase of The Amount of Social Assistance

Other Measures and Implementations by Other Institutions



# MEASURES REGARDING SOCIAL ASSISTANCE-STATE OF EMERGENCY

## STATE OF EMERGENCY

(9 APRIL 2020)

- ❖ State of Emergency has been declared for citizens who are periodically needy due to sudden economic shocks during the pandemic period.
- ❖ Thus, these citizens are included in legal scope.



# MEASURES REGARDING SOCIAL ASSISTANCE- INCREASE OF THE PERIODICAL SHARES

Social  
Assistance And  
Solidarity  
Encouragement  
Fund

**PERIODICAL  
SHARE**

**1.003 Social  
Assistance and  
Solidarity  
Foundation**

**Monthly Periodical  
Share Increment**

From 135 million TL  
to **188 million TL**

**Additional Periodical  
Share**

**5 additional payments  
to the SAS Foundations**



# MEASURES REGARDING SOCIAL ASSISTANCE- PANDEMIC SOCIAL SUPPORT PROGRAMME

(1.000 TL per household)

## PHASE I

- > 2 Million Housholds
- 1-5 April 2020

## PHASE II

- > 2 Million Households
- Started as of 19 April 2020.

## PHASE III

- > 2 Million Households
- On Demand Based via E-Government applications
- Started as of 20.04.2020.

## *Biz Bize Yeteriz Türkiyem*

- > 2 Million Households
- The donations collected within the campaign of 'Biz Bize Yeteriz Türkiyem' has started to be distributed.



# MEASURES REGARDING SOCIAL ASSISTANCE- PANDEMIC SOCIAL SUPPORT PROGRAMME

## PHASE I (More than 2 million households / April 1-5)

### The households who receive regular social assistances within the scope of the Law No 3294

- Conditional Education Assistance
- Conditional Health Assistance
- Conditional Birth and Puerperant Assistance
- Multiple Birth Assistance
- Assistance for Widowed Women
- Orphan Assistance
- Assistance for Needy Soldier's Family
- Assistance for Needy Soldier Child
- Silicosis Payment

### The households who receive monthly pensions within the scope of the Law No 2022

- Old-Age Pensions
- Disabled Pension
- Disabled Relative Pension



# MEASURES REGARDING SOCIAL ASSISTANCE- PANDEMIC SOCIAL SUPPORT PROGRAMME

## PHASE II (More than 2 million households / April 19)

have received  
periodical payments  
within the Scope of  
the Law no 3294 in the

- Coal/Food Assistance
- Education Material Assistance
- Housing benefit
- Furniture Assistance
- Health Assistances
- Student housing-transport-catering assistance
- Etc...

The households with  
G0 («Greencard»)

- The households whose premiums are paid by the State within the scope of the Article 60/c-1 of the Law no 5510

The households who  
receive home-care  
payment

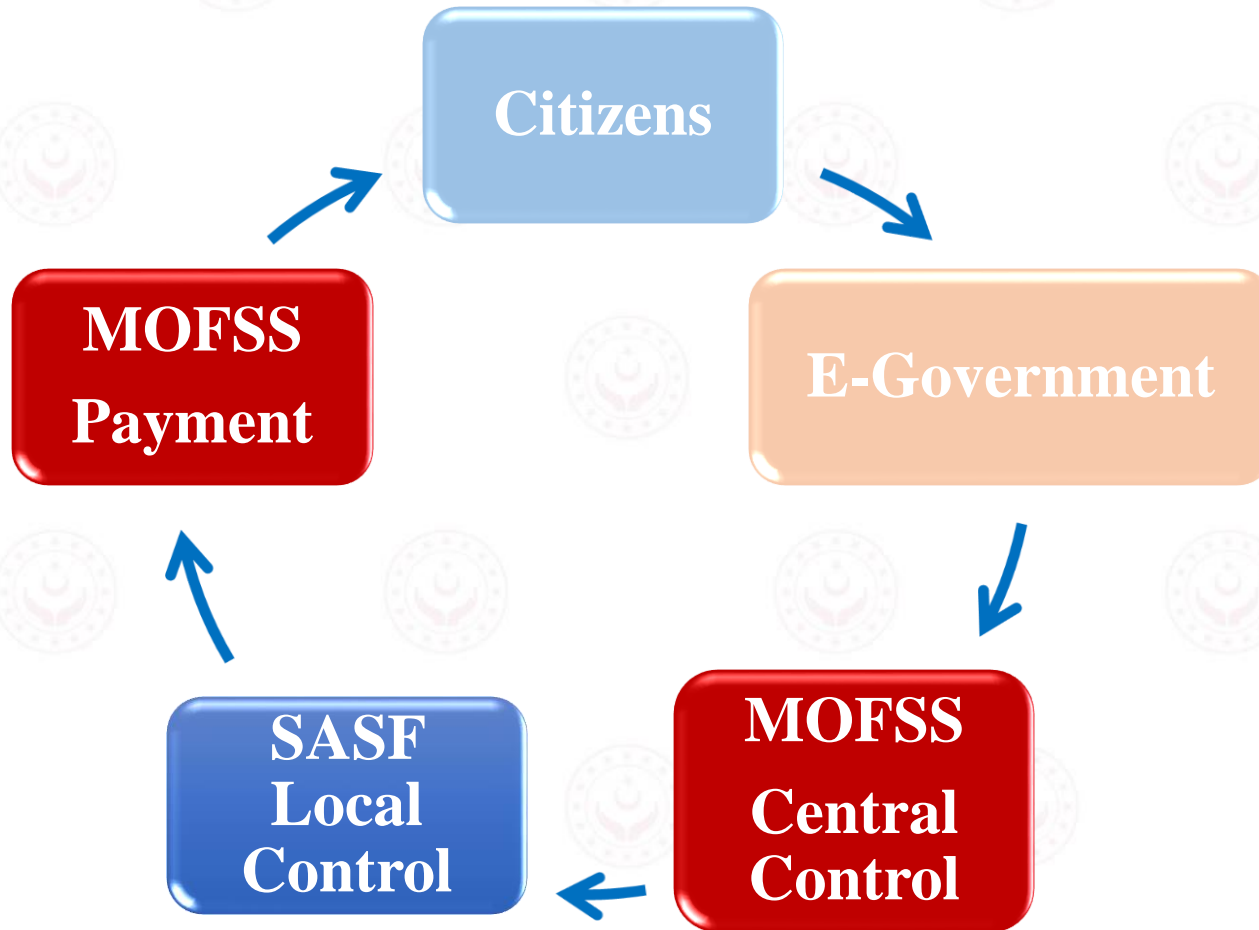
- The households who benefit from the home-care payments within the scope of the Law No 2828





# MEASURES REGARDING SOCIAL ASSISTANCE- PANDEMIC SOCIAL SUPPORT PROGRAMME

PHASE III (More than 2 Million Households / April 20)







# MEASURES REGARDING SOCIAL ASSISTANCE- PANDEMIC SOCIAL SUPPORT PROGRAMME

## BİZ BİZE YETERİZ TÜRKİYE’M (More than 2 million households)

- ❖ “*Biz Bize Yeteriz Türkiyem*” Campaign was launched to reinforce the sense of social solidarity in our country during the pandemic and to deliver additional assistance to the households in need.
- ❖ The donations collected in the scope of the campaign are being delivered by 1.003 Social Assistance and Solidarity Foundations throughout the country.
- ❖ With this campaign, **1.000.TL** payment were transferred to more **than 2 million households**.



# MEASURES REGARDING SOCIAL ASSISTANCE- PANDEMIC SOCIAL SUPPORT PROGRAMME

## SOCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMME FOR FULL CLOSURE

- ❖ Full Closure was declared between April 29th - May 17th 2021.
- ❖ Social Assistance Programme for Full Closure” was introduced for the households who were determined to be in need.
- ❖ Without re-evaluation of entitlement, payments were made through central database checks.
- ❖ **More than 2 million households**, were granted a payment of **1.100 TL**
- ❖ Entitlement situation could be checked via the E-Government gateway.
- ❖ Beneficiaries were informed via text messages on how to withdraw their payments.



# MEASURES REGARDING SOCIAL ASSISTANCE

## INCREASE IN THE AMOUNT OF THE SOCIAL ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS

❖ Increase of several regular social assistance programmes by 18% to 50%

PROGRAMME	2019 (TL)	2020 (TL)	Increment (%)
Conditional Education Assistance (Elementary / Girl)	40	50	25
Conditional Education Assistance (Elementary / Boy)	35	45	28
Conditional Education Assistance (Secondary / Girl)	60	75	25
Conditional Education Assistance (Secondary / Boy)	50	55	10
Orphan Assistance	100	150	50
Assistance for Widowed Women	275	325	18
Assistance for Needy Soldier's Family	275	400	45
Assistance for Needy Soldier Child	100	150	50
Conditional Health Assistance	35	45	29
Conditional Pregnancy Assistance	35	45	29
Conditional Puerperant Assistance	35	45	29
Conditional Birth Assistance	75	100	33



# MEASURES REGARDING SOCIAL ASSISTANCE

## OTHER MEASURES

- ❖ Payments for elderly and disabled pensions are delivered to the beneficiaries in their residances if requested.
- ❖ Phase III payments are transferred to the bank accounts of the beneficiaries upon their request
- ❖ The Social Assistance and Solidarity Foundations, provided hot food to vulnerable groups during the pandemic period,
- ❖ Expired Disability Certificates' validity period was extended for disability pensions.
- ❖ Free health services provided for COVID-19 were expanded to include both Turkish citizens and foreigners
- ❖ Additional payments were made to provide support for the beneficiaries of the Emergency Social Safety Net and CTE Programme for Foreigners



## SOME IMPLEMENTATIONS BY OTHER INSTITUTIONS

- ❖ **Distance education studies** were conducted with EBA, which is a digital education platform developed by The Ministry of National Education.
- ❖ EBA TV channels, fixed and mobile EBA Support Points.
- ❖ Internet and tablet computer support for the students who are unable to participate distance education due to socioeconomic conditions.
- ❖ Many services have been implemented for Syrian students, students with special education needs, and students with special talents.
- ❖ The General Directorate of Child Services prepared a "Guide for Parents and Persons Responsible for Child Care in the Coronavirus Process"



# SOME IMPLEMENTATIONS BY OTHER INSTITUTIONS

- ❖ Several measures were put in place to help **Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs)**
  - ✓ Such as postponing receivables, providing an additional period for project-based support program beneficiaries and entrepreneurship supports, postponing loan installments of some enterprises etc.
- ❖ Several measures to assist **women's cooperatives** that have had to halt operations due to the COVID-19 outbreak.
- ❖ **Taxpayers** were supported in terms of taxation processes.
  - ✓ Time extensions,
  - ✓ Reduced VAT rates on certain services,
  - ✓ Tax transactions were carried out electronically.



## SOME IMPLEMENTATIONS BY OTHER INSTITUTIONS

- ❖ In order support **tourism sector**, tax incentives, VAT reductions, dues benefits, and employment incentives and credit supports were provided.
- ❖ Necessary measures have been implemented in **culture, art, and tourism facilities**.
- ❖ "**Safe Tourism Certification Program**" has been implemented to alleviate negative effects of the pandemic on the sector.
- ❖ Several Measures taken during the pandemic by **Turkish Employment Agency**.





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