

WHAT IS A MATERNAL SUPPORT GRANT AND HOW WILL IT WORK?

Currently poor pregnant women can only access social assistance once their child is born. The Maternal Support Grant (MSG) can be described as an extension of the Child Support Grant (CSG) into pregnancy for poor and vulnerable women.



All pregnant women would qualify if their **income is below the means** test used for the CSG.

In 2024, this was:

R62 600/year
for single applicants

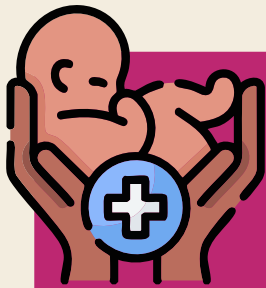
R127 200/year
for married or cohabiting couples



The grant would apply from the **second trimester through to three months post-birth**, covering nine months in total.



This provides a financial bridge until the CSG is activated.



The design of the MSG must ensure that after birth, recipients would transition **automatically** to the CSG, ensuring continuity of support.



At the 2025 CSG value of **R560 per month**, the total benefit per pregnancy would be

R5 040.



How the MSG could work (Based on recommendations from NGOs)

- It's envisioned that the MSG could be delivered through SASSA's existing infrastructure.
- Grant eligibility would be **verified** at the first antenatal visit.
- Collaboration with the **Departments of Home Affairs and Health** so that birth registration triggers the automatic transition to the CSG. This three-way integration – between **SASSA**, **Health**, and **Home Affairs** – could reduce paperwork, avoid duplicate applications, and ensure that eligible women are identified and enrolled as early.

