

THE MATERNAL SUPPORT GRANT IS A COST-EFFECTIVE INVESTMENT IN SOUTH AFRICA'S FUTURE

Cost: R1.92 billion - R2.1 billion

- **Value:**
R560 per month (*same as the Child Support Grant*)
- **Duration:**
Nine months (*six during pregnancy, three post-birth*)
- **Eligibility:**
All pregnant women below the Child Support Grant income threshold



Benefits:

- The MSG could save our country approximately **R13.8 billion over the first 1000 days of life** by reducing healthcare costs associated with poor birth outcomes.
- It can also improve maternal mental and physical health and child health outcomes.
- Social grants also enable more people to participate in the economy, as workers and consumers; and have reduced economic exclusion by about 10%.
- Children who receive proper **nutrition, healthcare, and education** are more likely to break out of the poverty cycle.

