



MINISTRY OF FINANCE

PRESS STATEMENT

The Ministry of Finance intends to undertake the Proof of life verification exercise for beneficiaries of Old Age Pensions (OAP) in November 2019 during payment dates. The primary purpose of this exercise is to verify that pensions are paid only to existing pensioners in terms of the relevant regulations and to help the Government to make proper budget allocations.

This is the first time that an exercise of this nature and magnitude will be undertaken since the inception of the Old Age Pension program in November 2004. During the Verification exercise, all pensioners are requested to physically be present at their respective pay-points, as this will be a once off exercise. Pensioners are requested to bring their forms of identification for verification.

The Ministry of Finance is working together with the Ministries of Social Development and Home Affairs in this exercise.

Old Age Pensioners or their Proxies are urged to call the following tollfree numbers for all their complaints or clarifications **800 10000 or 800 20000**.

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