

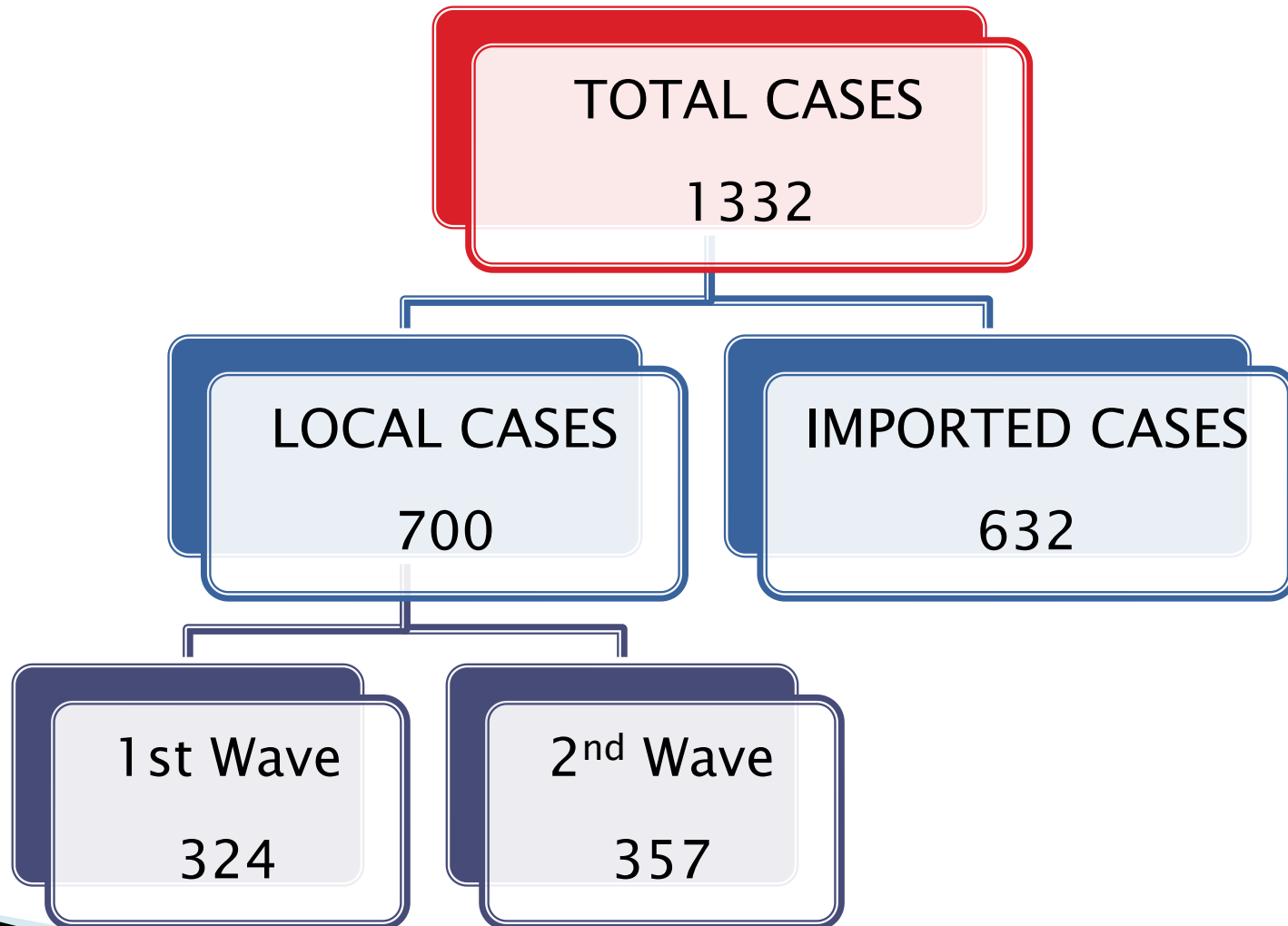
**FINANCIAL SITUATIONS
OF THE
LOCAL AUTHORITIES IN MAURITIUS
DURING COVID**

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Covid 19 Cases in Mauritius



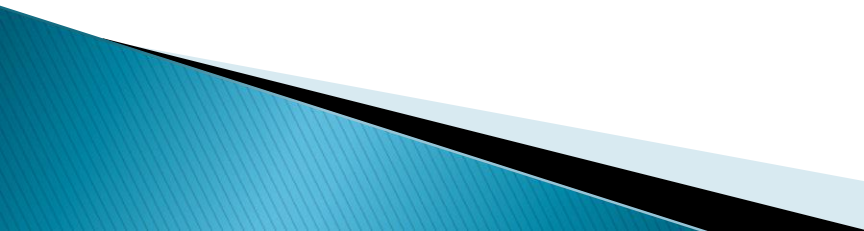
SITUATION AS AT DATE

- ▶ People Cured 586
- ▶ Death 17 (1st wave 10 - 2nd Wave 7)
- ▶ Last Local Case registered during 1st Wave was on 26 April 2020
- ▶ 2nd Wave started with a Local Case in February 2021
- ▶ Active Cases 99
- ▶ 1 st Lockdown - March 2020 to 15 June 2020
- ▶ 2 nd Lockdown - 10 March 2021 to 1 May 2021

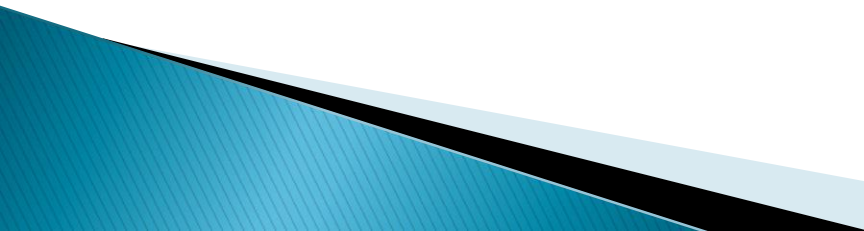
EFFECTS OF COVID ON LAs

- ▶ The Government Grant in Aid (GIA) - the main source of revenue for LAs has been reduced by 15% to 23% for Financial Year 2020/2021. Eg DCBR Rs 18,325,000 to Rs 15,350,000 (16.23%) - monthly
- ▶ GIA represents about 75 to 80% of the Total Revenue of a council.
- ▶ Overall Expenses of the Council have been reduced and some even completely eliminated from the budget.
- ▶ Severe impact on certain major items like maintenance. Total Expenses for 13 Villages is only Rs 1,598,000.
- ▶ All cultural activities budget from the Welfare Department has been cut.

EFFECTS OF COVID ON LAs

- ▶ The Central Government has requested the LAs to transfer their reserves to the Consolidated fund. The total transfer is about Rs 450m. (Euro 9 million)
 - ▶ The District Council of Black River transferred Rs 65m.
 - ▶ All Councils are presenting budgets with huge deficits. They are requested to finance their deficit with their own funds.
 - ▶ No recruitment is made except in special cases.
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Fund for Capital Projects

- ▶ A special fund known as Covid Fund is used by the Central Government to give LAs money for capital projects like construction of Drains, Renovation of Children playground.
 - ▶ The District Council of Black River has received about Rs 50.2 m for capital projects.
 - ▶ Another 12.2 m was made available in the beginning of the financial year out of another Government Fund.
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