

## **Gross Official International Reserves: End-December 2019**

The Gross Official International Reserves<sup>1</sup> (GOIR) of the country increased by Rs0.4 billion, from Rs269.1 billion (equivalent to USD7.3 billion) as at end-November 2019 to Rs269.5 billion (equivalent to USD7.4 billion) as at end-December 2019. Compared to a year ago, the GOIR rose by Rs51.9 billion (equivalent to USD1.0 billion).

Based on the value of imports of goods (f.o.b.) and services for calendar year 2018, the GOIR represented 12.6 months of imports as at end-December 2019, unchanged from end-November 2019 and 10.2 months as at end-December 2018.

Table 1: Gross Official International Reserves: December 2018 – December 2019

|                     |                   | Gross F | oreign  |         | Reserve     | Foreign    | <b>Gross Official</b> | <b>Gross Official</b> | Import   |
|---------------------|-------------------|---------|---------|---------|-------------|------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------|
|                     | Assets of         |         |         |         | Position in | Assets of  | International         | International         | Cover    |
|                     | Bank of Mauritius |         |         |         | the IMF     | Government | Reserves              | Reserves              |          |
|                     | Gold              | SDR     | Other   | TOTAL   |             |            |                       |                       |          |
|                     | (Rs million)      |         |         |         |             |            |                       | (US\$ million)        | (months) |
| Dec-18              | 17,549            | 4,288   | 194,722 | 216,559 | 1,026       | 0.1        | 217,585.1             | 6,353.1               | 10.2     |
| Jan-19              | 18,005            | 4,286   | 198,473 | 220,764 | 1,028       | 0.2        | 221,792.2             | 6,508.5               | 10.3     |
| Feb-19              | 18,014            | 4,283   | 197,823 | 220,120 | 1,025       | 0.1        | 221,145.1             | 6,497.9               | 10.3     |
| Mar-19              | 17,912            | 4,345   | 204,520 | 226,777 | 1,049       | 0.2        | 227,826.2             | 6,553.7               | 10.6     |
| Apr-19              | 17,935            | 4,347   | 207,083 | 229,365 | 1,052       | 0.1        | 230,417.1             | 6,597.8               | 10.7     |
| May-19              | 18,362            | 4,400   | 217,223 | 239,985 | 1,063       | 0.2        | 241,048.2             | 6,794.5               | 11.2     |
| Jun-19              | 20,005            | 4,430   | 227,924 | 252,359 | 1,069       | 0.1        | 253,428.1             | 7,161.4               | 11.8     |
| Jul-19              | 20,524            | 4,447   | 233,087 | 258,058 | 1,222       | 0.1        | 259,280.1             | 7,222.8               | 12.1     |
| Aug-19              | 21,979            | 4,449   | 232,127 | 258,555 | 1,229       | 0.1        | 259,784.1             | 7,206.7               | 12.1     |
| Sep-19              | 21,687            | 4,480   | 235,667 | 261,834 | 1,239       | 0.1        | 263,073.1             | 7,216.5               | 12.3     |
| Oct-19              | 21,783            | 4,507   | 236,254 | 262,544 | 1,249       | 0.1        | 263,793.1             | 7,260.1               | 12.3     |
| Nov-19 <sup>1</sup> | 21,392            | 4,540   | 241,957 | 267,889 | 1,255       | 0.1        | 269,144.1             | 7,333.5               | 12.6     |
| Dec-19 <sup>2</sup> | 22,322            | 4,560   | 241,353 | 268,235 | 1,259       | 0.1        | 269,494.1             | 7,363.2               | 12.6     |

Note: The monthly import cover is based on imports of goods and services for the respective years except for 2019, which is based on imports of goods and services for calendar year 2018. This will be revised subsequently.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Revised. <sup>2</sup> Provisional.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The GOIR comprise the gross foreign assets of the Bank of Mauritius, the country's Reserve Position in the IMF and other foreign assets of the Government that are in line with the IMF's definition of international reserves.