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“What took place...

“Test – drive” for NSNP Monitoring & Evaluation Tools

In what can be described as a test – drive for the recently developed National Safety Net Programme’s (NSNP) monitoring and evaluation tools, a team of officers from the Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Development (MGCSD) and from the Social Protection Secretariat (SPS) spent time in April, conducting pre-test spot check monitoring for the M&E tools in different parts of the country.

The exercise, organized by the Social Protection Secretariat commenced on 21st April and is expected to run until 25 May, 2013. The pre-test exercise will cover various parts of Western and Nyanza, Rift Valley and Eastern regions, focusing only on Older Persons Cash Transfer Programme (OPCT) and Persons With Severe Disabilities Programme (PWSD) for now.



Rosemary Wangombe, (R), from SPS conducts a PWSD-CT beneficiary interview on 24 April 2013 in Siaya Town

The tool will however be used on all the five main Cash Transfer Programmes under the NSNP.

Some key issues related to targeting, payments process, benefits/ impact and complaints and grievances have emerged so far, pointing to the need for instance to strengthen systems on the ground including capacity building to improve targeting; the need for awareness and sensitization among beneficiaries

for general understanding of the programme, rights and responsibilities as well as the need for training and sensitization of some of the representatives of the Postal Corporation of Kenya (the Payment Service Provider) to plug identified knowledge gaps that could lead to anomalies in the payment process especially with cases of payments made to care givers.

Once authenticated, the M&E tools will be adopted by the National Safety Net Programme scheduled to be



From R: Evelyn Gathecha (SPS) and Velma Mbatia (MGCSD) interviewing Ann Mutula, an OPCT beneficiary in Ugenya District on 25 April 2013.

Enumerators trained on digital data collection

Enumerators involved in the Post Disbursement Monitoring (PDM) of the Urban Food Subsidy (UFSP) programme, underwent a two days training in Mombasa, where digital data collection formed a key component of the training.

The training took place on 24th and 25th April 2013 and was aimed to prepare and equip the enumerators for the second round of the UFSP PDM which commenced immediately after the training. The training was organized and conducted by Concern worldwide and Oxfam UK while the 15 enumerators were drawn from the Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Development, Nairobi and Mombasa offices.

The PDM is currently underway in parts



Concern Worldwide trainer Bessie Nikozi, instructs Bi Asha Shaffie (C) and Judy Wangeci both from MGCSD during the PDM training session on digital data gathering using Smart Phones in Mombasa on 25 April 2013.

Inset: Emily Kimosop (SPS) collects data using a smart phone in Mombasa on 25 April 2013.



of Mvita, Changamwe, Likoni and Kisauni, in Mombasa and for the first time, enumerators are using digital data collection in this exercise, which is also supported by the Concern Oxfam consortium.

The first round of the PDM exercise took place in January this year and a key outcome of this exercise

is to provide evidence base of the effectiveness of implementation of the Urban Food Subsidy Programme. The UFSP was launched in Mombasa in March 2012 and is currently benefiting 10,200 poor families who receive KES 2,000 each, every two months.

ICT Update:

Internet Connectivity: The Social Protection Secretariat is now officially connected to the internet. This is an extension of the Government Common Core Network (GCCN) and will facilitate the authentication and validation of potential and existing beneficiaries by MIS through the Integrated Population Registration Service (IPRS).

"Coming Up in May..."

Social Protection Information Camps: A series of community outreach Information Camps organized for awareness, education, advocacy and influencing purposes are scheduled to take place in different parts of the country, including Coast, Western and Eastern, from the second week of May 2013. The Camps will also provide platforms to engage, build and strengthen relationships with different role players among them policy makers, opinion leaders (both at national and County level), community representatives, the Media, beneficiaries and community members.

Final Lap - National Safety Net Programme (NSNP) Appraisal Mission meeting: The next and final lap of the NSNP Appraisal Mission is scheduled to take place in Nairobi from 13th –17th May 2013 in Nairobi.

Key highlights of the agenda include, programme design, document and Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) as well as implementation logistics.

Disbursement Linked Indicators (DLIs), Fraud & Corruption and Monitoring and Evaluation will also be central in the discussions as participants seek to finalize design details.

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