

# Social Protection Secretariat

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## "What took place..."

### Cash Transfer Programme beneficiaries in Keiyo District join National Hospital Insurance Fund

Seventy six (76) beneficiaries of the Older Persons and Persons with Severe Disabilities Cash Transfer programmes in Keiyo District, Keiyo North Constituency, voluntarily joined the National Hospital Insurance Fund (NHIF) at the end of April 2013.

This is the first time for such a group to join the NHIF, said Ag Keiyo District Gender and Social Development Officer (DGSDO) Nathan Kibet, who was instrumental in persuading the beneficiaries to make the move to join NHIF.



Keiyo District Ag District Gender and Social Development Officer Nathan Kibet (inset). Kibet was instrumental in getting OPCT and PWS-CT Programme beneficiaries to join NHIF.

Under this arrangement, beneficiaries were individually required to pay KES 160.00 per month. According to Kibet the beneficiaries have already made payments for the year.

Kibet presented these details during a briefing session to a team of officers from Headquarters on a monitoring mission in the area in the first week of May 2013.

He noted that frequent medical needs especially by the Older Persons Cash Transfer beneficiaries, some of who also have grandchildren to take care of often posed a challenge and hence the decision to encourage the group to join NHIF as a measure to

reduce dependency, mitigate medical expenses and ensure access to medical care whenever a need arose.

According to Kibet, efforts to get more beneficiaries to join NHIF are ongoing to enable them to access and enjoy medical care and facilities through the Fund.

Keiyo North has seventy (70) beneficiaries of the Persons With Severe Disabilities Cash Transfer programme. The Older Persons Cash Transfer programme in the region initially catered for twenty two (22) but the number has since increased to one hundred and ninety (190), following enrollment of additional one hundred and sixty eight (168) new beneficiaries enrolled in the program in April 2013.



A cross section of OPCT and PWS-CT beneficiaries and caregivers during a Monitoring and Evaluation Focus Group Discussion session in Iten, Keiyo North on 7th May 2013

## Kenya National Safety Net Programme Appraisal Mission held

The Kenya National Safety Net Programme (NSNP) Appraisal Mission took place in Nairobi between 13th and 17th May 2013. The Mission sought to finalize the design of the NSNP and development partner support to the programme.



PS Prof Jacqueline Oduol (C) officiating the NSNP Appraisal Mission Wrap-up session on 17 May 2013, in Nairobi.

The Mission was launched and closed by the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Development Professor Jacqueline Oduol.

Participants in the mission included the Government's Technical Design Team, the World Bank, DFID, UNICEF and AusAid.

During the Mission, crucial talks were also held with other key government stakeholders among them, the Ministry of Finance (MoF), the Attorney General, the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC), the Auditor General and the Kenya National Audit Office. Conclusion of the Appraisal Mission paves way for negotiations, a final and critical step in the process towards the development and launch of the National Safety Net Programme for Results (PfR) operation. Negotiations are scheduled to take place in Nairobi on 10th and 11th June 2013.

### New Home for Hunger Safety Net Programme (HSNP):

HSNP has joined the National Drought Management Authority (NDMA). HSNP moved to join NDMA this month as a result of the ongoing restructuring of government Ministries. Until this move, HSNP operated through a Secretariat under the Ministry of Northern Kenya and other Arid Lands.

### "Coming Up in June..."

#### Training on "Designing and Implementing Social Protection Programmes in Africa"

A two weeks training on "Designing and Implementing Social Protection Programmes in Africa" will commence on 23rd June and end on 5th July 2013, in Mombasa.

Organized and conducted by the Economic Policy Research Institute (EPRI) and the African Institute for Health and Development (AIHD), the training targets policy makers, government

programme officers and other SP actors and will draw participants from across the continent.

Through coordination by the SPS so far, sixteen (16) participants from Kenya, drawn from the Ministry of Gender Children and Social Development, Ministry of Labour, the Social Protection Secretariat, the National Drought Management Authority (NDMA), the National Social Insurance Fund (NHIF), Social Protection Actors Forum (SPAF), Ministry of Agriculture and Helpage Kenya have confirmed attendance. The train-

ing is funded by DFID and USAID.

#### Social Protection Information Camps

The first phase of the planned Social Protection Information Camps is set to take place in the second week of June in Coast, covering Kwale, Msambweni, Kilifi, Bahari and Malindi. Phase two of the activity will take place in parts of Machakos, Kitui and Embu while the 3rd and last phase is scheduled to take place in Kakamega, Vihiga, Busia and Bungoma in the first week of July 2013.

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