

Social Protection Secretariat

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“What took place...

National Safety Net Programme Technical Design Team Meeting

A one day meeting of the National Safety Net Programme (NSNP) Technical Design Team took place in Nairobi on Friday 22 March 2013. The meeting aimed to give the Technical Design Team an opportunity to discuss and agree on some pending issues arising from the pre-Appraisal Mission held in February 2013. In particular, participants paid special attention to the issue of scale-up, Medium Term Expenditure Financing Framework (MTEFF) and some of the Disbursement Linked Indicators (DLIs). Four DLI'S respectively relating to timely delivery of payments to Payment Service Providers and the establishment of a functional grievance and appeals mechanism took cen-

tre stage in the discussions. Participants reviewed the definitions of these DLIs in a bid to ensure achievability by the programmes. Following a suggestion in a previous meeting to develop a distinct name for the programme, the team also discussed and explored possible names, a process that is still on going and is expected to be completed in the first week of April 2013.

Other pre-appraisal activities scheduled to take place before July, including a meeting with Treasury, Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Development and the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) in May this year. Others include a meeting between the Department of Gender and Social Development and

the Consultants working on the Operational Manuals for Older Persons Cash Transfer (OPCT), Urban Food Subsidy Cash Transfer (UFS- CT) and Persons With Severe Disabilities Cash Transfer (PWSD-CT) to finalize development of the Operation Manual documents.

Also in plan is the development of draft Terms of Reference for the Payment Working Group and the NSNP Steering Committee by the Technical Design Team. The National Safety Net Programme will be launched in July 2013 and will provide a framework around which the five main Cash Transfer programmes in Kenya including (CT-OVC, OPCT, UFSP, PWSD and HSNP) will progressively be harmonized and coordinated, enhancing efficiency and effectiveness.



A cross-section of participants at the NSNP Technical Design Team meeting in Nairobi in March this year.

New Staff join the Secretariat

Four more staff joined the Secretariat this month. They were all seconded from the Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Development. This move is part of the focus to strengthen the Secretariat's capacity as it continues to grow and to take up its broad responsibilities across the sector:-



Eve Mical joined the Secretariat as a Programme Officer on 18th March 2013. Prior to this new position, she was a Children Officer in the Office of the Secretary for Children Affairs where she provided technical support to the Secretary for Children Affairs on child protection issues.

Emily Kimosop joined the Secretariat as a Programme Officer on 28 March 2013. She held the same position in the Social Welfare/Persons With Severe Disabilities Division in the Ministry, attached to the Older Persons Cash Transfer Programme, where her work involved overseeing processes of Cash Transfer payments, training, change management, handling grievances and complaints among other tasks.



Damaris Kaminja took up the position of a Clerical Officer on 18th March 2013. Damaris held the same position in the MGCSD.

Vundi Kavuvu joined the Secretariat team as support staff on 28 March 2013. He was previously based in the Social Welfare/Persons With Severe Disabilities Division in the Ministry.



The Secretariat Team takes this opportunity to welcome the new staff.

“Coming Up in April...

Pre-Testing of Monitoring and Evaluation tools

The pre-test exercise previously planned to kick off in March is now expected to commence in the last week of April 2013. The first phase of the exercise will be conducted in Nyanza and Western regions before rolling out in other parts of the country, including Coast and Eastern.

The exercise will test the recently developed Monitoring and Evaluation frame-

work tools for the Kenya National Safety Net Programme and will be undertaken by Programme Officers from the Ministry of Gender Children and Social Development (MGCSD) and the SP Secretariat team.

As previously reported, the exercise will entail spot check monitoring of the Older Persons Cash Transfer programme (OPCT) and the Persons With Severe Disabilities Cash Transfer (PWSD).

Secretariat acquires new telephone lines

The SP Secretariat has acquired new telephone lines to facilitate communication with stakeholders. Below are the new lines:

Telkom Landlines:

Office line: 2723011

Direct line to National Coordinator: 2723010

Mobile Numbers:

Orange Telkom: 0772 092 971

Airtel: 0735 564408

ICT Updates

Internet Connectivity:

Work to have internet connectivity at the Secretariat is in progress and is expected to be completed by the end of April 2013.

Single Registry and MIS:

Migration of data for OPCT, PWSD, UFS-CT program MIS was completed, enabling the payrolls for the last two cycles to be generated through the new system for March 2013 payment.

The CT-OVC MIS :

Data migration is currently ongoing. Training is also underway for administrators, supervisors and data entry officers.

CT-OVC offices are also now connected to the Internet, a factor that enables the MIS to communicate automatically with the single registry.

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