

Social Protection Secretariat

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“What took place...

Single Registry MIS progresses to final stages

Work on the establishment of a Single Registry Management Information System (MIS) for Social Assistance Programmes is at an advanced stage.

The Single Registry MIS is a web based automated management information system that will provide a single platform where common and essential information across the current five Social Assistance Programmes will be stored, analyzed and reported for the benefit of stakeholders.

Data migration into the Single Registry MIS got into top gear this month as the work on this project nears completion.

The data migration exercise will be completed by the end of February this year. The new system is already in use.

Programmes covered in this new system include Persons With Severe Disabilities Cash Transfer (PWSD-CT), Older Persons Cash Transfer (OPCT-), Urban Food Subsidy Programme Cash Transfer (UFSP-CT), Orphaned and Vulnerable

Children Cash Transfer (CT-OVC), the Hunger Safety Net Programme (HSNP) and the e-Voucher.

The Single Registry MIS will enhance harmonization and consolidation of the currently fragmented schemes and also increase capacity for quick scale-up by programmes in response to emergencies.

Through its link to the National Population Register (NPR), the new system will enable validation and authentication of details and fingerprints presented by beneficiaries.

The Single Registry MIS is a project of MGCSD, supported by the Department of International Development (DFID) and the World Bank.

NEW PS TAKES OVER

Professor Jacqueline Oduol is now the Permanent Secretary, MGCSD. She took oath of office to serve in this position on 7th January 2013, replacing, Dr James Nyikal, who resigned late last year. Prof. Oduol previously served as Secretary, Children Services in the Ministry.

The Secretariat Team takes this early opportunity to congratulate Prof. Oduol on her new appointment as we appreciate her support to the Secretariats' work during her tenure in the previous office.

We are excited to continue working with her in her new capacity as the PS.



Data entry clerks at work migrating old OPCT Programme data into the new MIS system

Post disbursement monitoring for Urban Food Subsidy Programme conducted in Mombasa

The first round of post distribution monitoring for the Urban Food Subsidy Programme (UFSP) took place in Mombasa from 10 – 14 January this year.

The exercise was carried out in 18 locations within the areas covered under the UFSP which include Mvita, Changamwe and Likoni.

Program officers from MGCSD Mombasa and HQ Nairobi offices conducted the field monitoring, with technical support from Concern Oxfam Consortium. The World Bank provided financial support for the exercise.

MGCSD will undertake monitoring beyond two rounds as the programme progresses as well as participate in the data analysis.

Secretariat Team moves into ACK Offices

At last the Social Protection Secretariat office at the ACK Silo Parking is complete and the Secretariat team has occupied the new offices.

At the moment, the team working at the Secretariat constitutes a National Coordinator, Communication and Advocacy Officer, ICT Officer, Monitoring and Evaluation Officer and a Planning Officer.

The Secretariat team will increase progressively with staff seconded from line ministries, complemented as need arises by development partners' Technical Assistance as well as short term consultancies to build a much needed capacity.

The Secretariat team provides technical support, advisory and coordination functions supporting the implementation of the general Social Protection agenda by the various actors in Kenya, guided by the National Social Protection Policy. The Secretariat will operate under the National Social Protection Council due to be established.

The Secretariat office is located at the 9th Floor, ACK Silo building, opposite NSSF building.

UFSP was launched in Mombasa in March last year and is currently benefiting 10,200 poor families who receive a stipend of KES 2,000 each, every two months.



UFSP targeting exercise in Mombasa, February 2012 (File Picture)

“Coming Up in Feb...

Kenya National Safety Net Programme Mission

The second phase of the World Bank Mission will take place from 11th - 22nd February 2013 in Nairobi and Naivasha. The mission forms part of preparation activities preceding the implementation of the National Safety Net Programme (NSNP) under the Program for Results (PFR) arrangement to be launched at the start of 2013/14 fiscal year.

Participants in the mission will include the Cash Transfer Working Group team drawn from MGCSD, the Ministry of Northern Kenya and other Arid Lands and development partners. The main agenda will be to discuss and to finalize both the NSNP document and the corresponding Medium Term Expenditure Financing Framework (MTEF). The NSNP will provide a common framework on which the five principle Cash Transfer programmes will be coordinated and harmonized.

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