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**GOVERNMENT RELEASES KSH8.74 BILLION FOR
CASH TRANSFER PROGRAMMES**

The Government has released Kenya Shillings Eight Billion, Seven Hundred and Thirty Seven Million, Five Hundred and Sixty Thousand (Kshs. 8,737,560,000) for payment to beneficiaries enrolled in the cash transfer programmes.

The money, channeled through the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection, will be paid out to **1,092,195** cash transfer beneficiaries starting Monday, November 18, 2019.

Those to benefit will be beneficiaries who successfully opened bank accounts for the three programmes under the Consolidated Cash Transfer Programme (CCTP) by **October 15th 2019**.

Beneficiaries or caregivers can access the payment at any time over the next six months.

Each of the beneficiaries will receive Sh8,000 to cover the two payment cycles of July/August and September /October 2019.

“In the new payment model, beneficiaries and caregivers can access their funds within six months after the money is credited to their accounts,” said Social Protection Principal Secretary Nelson Marwa.

“We have cleaned up the payroll and are sure that only genuine members are benefitting under the scheme,” he said.

Under the programme, beneficiary is allowed to either withdraw all or a portion of this amount.

Beneficiaries will receive their payments through listed Payment Service Providers including Co-operative Bank, Equity Bank Ltd, Kenya Commercial Bank and Post Bank.

The beneficiaries/caregivers can collect money either from:

- The nearest authorised (bank) agent of the bank they opened their accounts in,
- Over the counter of the nearest branch of the bank they opened their account in;
- The nearest ATM of their bank using the Inua Jamii Payment card for those with invalid BIOs and who had applied for PIN from the bank through the field office; or
- Through Cash-On-Transit as shall be arranged between the officers and the Branch Managers in the field.

Beneficiary or caregivers will require to produce their Inua Jamii payment cards and Identity card to receive the payments. But those going for payment for the first time must transact biometrically.

Marwa said the new system will ensure that only genuine beneficiaries receive the cash and that it will weed out any bogus people.

“The new system is expected to be efficient to enable beneficiaries of the programme to receive their stipend through bank accounts only,” Mr Marwa said.

All government Cash Transfers will be paid through beneficiaries, bank accounts to guarantee accountability and transparency.

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