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**GOVERNMENT RELEASES KSH4.37 BILLION FOR
CASH TRANSFER PROGRAMMES**

The Government has released Kenya Shillings Four Billion, Three Hundred and Seventy Seven Million, Three Hundred and Sixty Four Thousand (Kshs. 4,377,364,000) 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 **1,094,045** cash transfer beneficiaries starting **Monday, January 20, 2020**.

Those to benefit will be beneficiaries who successfully opened bank accounts for the three programmes under the Consolidated Cash Transfer Programme (CCTP) and where successfully submitted to the Consolidated Cash Transfer Management Information System (CCTP MIS) by **December 31st 2019**.

The November-December 2019 payment cycle will be disbursed as follows:

- (a) A total of **295,307 beneficiaries** enrolled in the Orphans and vulnerable children cash transfer programme will receive **Kshs. 1,181,348,000**
- (b) A total of **764,644** beneficiaries enlisted under the Older Persons cash transfer programme will be paid **Kshs. 3,059,600,000**

(c) A total of **34,094** beneficiaries enrolled under the Persons with Severe Disability cash transfer programme will receive KShs. **136,416,000**.

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

Each of the beneficiaries will receive **KSh. 4,000** to cover the November-December 2019 payment cycle. A beneficiary is allowed to withdraw all or a part of this amount at any time during the six month period.

Beneficiaries will receive their payments through contracted 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 where they opened their accounts
- Over the counter of the nearest branch of the bank where they opened their accounts
- The nearest ATM of their bank using the Inua Jamii Payment card for those with invalid BIODs 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.

Beneficiaries or caregivers are required 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.

‘The Ministry has undertaken various reforms towards ensuring efficient and effective service delivery to beneficiaries. In the new payment model, beneficiaries and caregivers can access their funds within six months after the money is credited to their accounts,’ says 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.

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

Beneficiaries are encouraged to operate a bank account where they can easily withdraw their stipend from widely distributed outlets/pay point's country wide.

The account based model allows beneficiaries to make their own savings into the account. Beneficiaries are entitled to two free withdrawals per payment cycle.

Beneficiaries have the opportunity after **every one (1)** year to change from one PSP to another if they so wish.

Recently, Inua Jamii clinics were conducted country wide to ensure proof of life and 14,262 deceased beneficiaries were exited from the payroll.

The Government through the National Treasury has regularised timely release of exchequer and subsequently timely payment of stipends to Inua Jamii beneficiaries. Predictability of payment will go a long way in helping beneficiaries plan their money better.

Responsibilities of the four Banks in Inua Jamii.

The four Payments Service Providers are required to deliver cash to beneficiaries in a timely manner and in the correct amount.

They should also ensure 80% of beneficiaries access funds within 6 km radius in Zone A (Urban areas) and zone B (Rural areas) and within 20 km in zone C (Remote). The banks must capture biometric data and deliver payment cards to the beneficiaries.

Cases of forgeries, fraud and theft which shall come to the knowledge of the banks must be reported to the Ministry immediately. Banks also advise beneficiaries on which agents are on their locations/Counties and besides giving a list of agents in their counties to the County Coordinator (Children) and County Coordinator (Social Development).

Role of the County and Sub County Officers in Inua Jamii

The officers coordinate and manage the cash transfer activities which include holding meetings with relevant stakeholders to address issues emanating from the programme. Some of the key stakeholders include Members of Parliament, County Assembly, Interior and National Coordination of Government officials at all levels, payment service providers and the Media.

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