

Signing of Memorandum of Understanding between ministries of Labour and Health, and NHIF



(From Right) PS State Department for Social Protection, Mr. Nelson Marwa, PS Ministry of Health, Ms. Susan Mochache and National Health Insurance Fund (NHIF) CEO, Dr. Peter Kamunyo, during the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding on systematic access of National Safety Net Program (NSNP) beneficiaries to NHIF at the NSSF building, Nairobi. {Nicholas Nthenge}

The Ministry of Labour and Social Protection, Ministry of Health (MoH) and National Health Insurance Fund (NHIF) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding on systematic access of National Safety Net Program (NSNP) beneficiaries to NHIF.

The MoU is a step towards the realization of the Disbursement Linked Indicators (DLIs) of the Kenya Social Economic Inclusion Project (KSEIP).

KSEIP is a five year project under the State Department for Social Protection, supported by the World Bank, which became effective in March 2019 (**IDA** Credit - USD 250 Million & **FCDO** Grant - GBP 66 Million). Its objective is to strengthen delivery systems for enhanced access to social and economic inclusion services and shock-responsive safety nets for poor and vulnerable households.

The areas of partnership between the three parties include: Collaboration to ensure allocation of funding for NHIF premiums for NSNP beneficiaries; Collaboration in sensitization & enrolment of NSNP beneficiaries to NHIF; Collaboration in communication & feedback arrangements including Grievance & Case Management on NHIF coverage of NSNP beneficiaries; Collaboration in Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting on performance of programs;

Collaboration in systems integration – data sharing protocols, database management and Collaboration in capacity building and technical assistance to the key stakeholders.

The responsibilities and commitment of the parties are to : Enroll NSNP beneficiaries and update beneficiary information; Facilitate choice of outpatient facility; Issue NHIF cards to all enrolled NSNP beneficiaries; Sensitize and educate beneficiaries on NHIF and accruing benefits; Reimburse healthcare services consumed by the NSNP beneficiaries; Prepare periodic reports on status and uptake of services, enrolment and performance of the subsidy programs and Facilitate resolution of complaints related to NHIF services for NSNP Beneficiaries.

The parties are now set to form a Joint Implementation Committee comprised of three members nominated by each party. The State Department for Social Protection is to appoint all nominated members to the Joint Implementation Committee. MoH will chair the Joint Implementation Committee while the State Department for Social Protection will be the secretariat to the Committee and convener of the meetings.

After this MoU comes into effect, the parties will form a Purpose of the Joint Implementation Committee, which will include to: Design implementation and reporting tools; Monitor and Evaluate enrolment & quality of services; Jointly set annual targets on coverage of NSNP into NHIF; Develop data sharing protocols; Develop implementation plan and oversee implementation of this MoU and Discuss any challenges as well as ensure effective communication between the parties.