

Retargeting of severe disability cash transfer beneficiaries kicks off

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The Government will kick off a countrywide exercise of reinstating Persons with Severe Disability Cash Transfer (PwSD- CT) beneficiaries that were left out of the Consolidated Cash Transfer Programme Management Information System (CCTP MIS) on 31, August, 2021.

The exercise will be conducted through the State Department for Social Protection led by National Council for Persons with Disabilities (NCPWD) in all the 47 counties across the country. "It involves retargeting 12,464 beneficiaries that were previously registered under the PwSD -CT," said Harun Hassan, CEO, NCPWD.

The retargeting exercise that will end on 24, September 2021 involves locating Households that were previously benefiting from the PwSD cash transfer and were not migrated to the new payment model. The exercise does **not target new beneficiaries**.

A total of 290 enumerators have already been shortlisted to carry out the retargeting exercise. Enumerators will undertake the listing and registration exercise for households traced and that meet the criteria for PwSD programme.

The eligibility criteria for the PwSD- CT includes an extremely poor household with a person/s with severe disability, a household not enrolled in any other cash transfer program except for a household with Older Persons cash transfer beneficiary, a household with no member receiving pension and the beneficiary is a Kenyan citizen.

Disability Services Officers, Children Officers and Social Development Officers in the 47 counties will also assist in the exercise.

"Before reinstating the beneficiaries into the register, enumerators will need a proof of life of the beneficiaries, have a current passport photo of the beneficiary, update a form and attach the photo and initiate change management process in the CCTP MIS," said John Gachigi, Head of Social Assistance Unit (SAU).

Beneficiaries who are now deceased, untraceable or have relocated will be recorded, update forms filled, and later be replaced. The Government is advising care givers to acquire the necessary documents for the exercise i.e., Kenyan national ID, birth certificate and a passport photograph of the person with severe disability.

Once the exercise is through the retargeted beneficiaries are expected to receive their payment during the Nov-Dec or Jan-Feb payment cycles.

According to PS, State Department for Social Protection, Mr. Nelson Marwa, a similar exercise will be carried out retargeting other cash transfer beneficiaries i.e., Orphans and Vulnerable Children and Older Persons 70+ at a later date.

NCPWD CEO noted that unlike the cash transfer programs for Vulnerable Children and Older Persons which were upscaled in the financial year 2016/2017 and 2017/2018 the Pwsd-CT had retained its beneficiaries at 47,000 since financial year 2015/2016. Harun said the Council had proposed to double the target number to 94,000 in the financial year 2022/2023. Discussions between the Council and the National Treasury are ongoing.