

Social Development in State Department of Social Protection

Mandate: To facilitate the Social Assistance to the Older Persons and Persons with Severe Disabilities, to protect the Elderly and Persons with Disabilities from abuse and to initiate secondary activities to support the beneficiaries to live dignified lives.

Scale: The Department is operating from the national to the local level. Currently serving the Department at the County level and having interaction with the local beneficiaries with nine technical staff in charge of Social Protection programme at the Sub County level. The Department of Social Development is operating in Kenya and precisely in all the 47 Counties

Annual budget: The Counties are allocated funds by the National office at the Department of Social Development HQ's which also depends on the National Budget and it varies.

Beneficiaries: Currently we are serving 5617 Older Persons, 1092 Persons with Severe Disabilities, 19,033 beneficiaries with 70 years and above. A total of 25,742 beneficiaries in all the cash transfer programmes

Headquarters: The HQ's for the Department is at National Social Security Fund Building, Nairobi.

Originated: Since independence

Graduation work: At the moment, no graduation programme is running.

Future plans:

- Graduation strategy is very key in the Social Protection Programme
- It's very critical to come up with a Graduation strategy for the beneficiaries so as to enhance sustainability of the programme

Where would you like to be in 5 to 10 years?

- The graduation strategy should be in place.
- Engage all the stakeholders to own the strategy.
- Pilot the Graduation of beneficiaries either voluntarily or as per the strategy.
- The willingness by the beneficiaries to Graduate.
- Some of the complementary activities to be undertaken to supplement the cash transfer.
- Capacity building of the beneficiaries or the caregivers to manage the complementary activities for timely results.
- Awareness creation on the Graduation strategy.
- Establishment of complementary activities by the beneficiaries or caregivers.
- Monitoring and Evaluation of the on-going activities.
- Policy statement to be shared with all the actors for adoption.
- Awareness creation on the Programme.
- Capacity building on Entrepreneurship.
- Family Promotion and Protection.
- Project Planning and Development.