

NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES



CASH TRANSFER PAYMENTS FOR PERSONS WITH SEVERE DISABILITIES UNDER INUA JAMII PROGRAMME FOR JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2020 AND MARCH-APRIL 2020

Beginning Monday 20th April 2020, the government of Kenya will be paying cash transfer to orphans and vulnerable children, older persons and persons with severe disabilities under the Inua Jamii programme.

This is a Government cash transfer programme that supports the most vulnerable members of the community by providing them with a stipend to cushion them from poverty, hunger and with the aim of improving their lives. Under this programme, the Cash Transfer for Persons with Severe Disabilities (CT PWSD) is domiciled at the National Council for Persons with Disabilities.

The objective of the Cash Transfer for Persons with Severe Disabilities is to enhance the capacities of the caregivers to improve the livelihoods of persons with severe disabilities (PWSDs) and mitigating the effects of disability on the households.

Persons with severe disability are defined as those who need permanent care including feeding, toiletry, and protection from danger from themselves, other persons or from the environment. They also need intensive support on a daily basis, which keeps their parents, guardians or caregivers at home or close to them throughout.

The eligibility criteria for PWSD-CT include: (i) an extremely poor household with a severely disabled person; (ii) a household not enrolled in any other Cash Transfer programme; (iii) a household with no member receiving a pension; (iv) a household that has resided in a particular location for more than a year; and (v) the beneficiary is a Kenyan citizen.

The programme started in 2010/11 with 2,100 beneficiaries across the then 210 constituencies. It was scaled-up to cover 14,700 beneficiaries in 2011/12. In 2013/14 the programme enrolled an additional 12,500 new beneficiaries bringing the total number to 27,200 beneficiaries. In the 2015/16, the programme expanded to 47,000 beneficiaries.

The Cash Transfer Payment delivery mechanism has gone through significant improvements since inception of the programme. The mode of paying has over time moved from manual to the current electronic platform which is individual and account based. The intention of the account-based payment model is to give beneficiaries a chance to choose a bank of their choice from among the 4 contracted banks. These are:

- Co-operative Bank of Kenya Ltd;
- Equity Bank Kenya Ltd;
- KCB Bank (Kenya) Ltd;
- Kenya Post Office Saving Bank (PostBank).

Beneficiaries / caregivers have the choice to switch to a different bank of their choice from the 4 contracted banks during the change window which will happen between July and August 2020.

During this payment period each beneficiary will receive Ksh. 2,000 per month for the months of January to April totaling Ksh, 8,000.

Payment have been transmitted electronically by the banks into the Inua Jamii bank account of a beneficiary / caregiver. Beneficiaries / caregivers can access the payment at their own convenience. This will ensure they do not crowd the pay points as money is in their accounts. In this account model there is **no time line** for accessing payment since this is a normal bank account. However, beneficiaries are encouraged to maintain an active account by making periodic withdrawals to avoid accounts falling dormant. Accounts can become **Inactive** when there has been no activity in a beneficiary account for four months or fall **Dormant** if no withdrawal has been made in a period of six (6) months. A beneficiary/caregiver will need to transact before 6 months or go to their bank in person to biometrically activate a dormant account.

The beneficiaries and caregivers can collect money from the nearest authorized bank agent of the banks they are enrolled in using the Inua Jamii payment card or over the counter of the nearest branch of the bank they were enrolled in. A caregiver/beneficiary should carry with them their Inua Jamii payment card, beneficiary National ID (where applicable) and caregiver National ID. However, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Government has made arrangements with Payment Service providers (PSPs) to enable beneficiaries who wish to access their stipends through mobile money options (E-Wallet) to do so.

In case of any complaint, there are different channels for registering complaints and grievances on the cash transfer programmes. These include:

- **Inua Jamii Toll free line – 1533;**

- Email i.e. **inuajamii@socialprotection.go.ke**;
- Officers in all County and Sub-Counties;
- Beneficiaries Welfare Committee Members (BWCs);
- Chiefs, Assistant chiefs and village elders

The National Council for Persons with Disabilities has planned to undertake a registration exercise to replace deceased beneficiaries. The dates of the registration will be announced to the public using the local media and community structures such as (County and Sub-County officers, BWCs, Chief and assistant Chiefs.) Registration will be based on each constituency's quota.