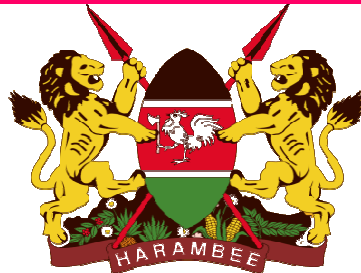


REPUBLIC OF KENYA



**MINISTRY OF GENDER, CHILDREN AND SOCIAL
DEVELOPMENT**

DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

**CASH TRANSFER FOR ORPHANS AND
VULNERABLE CHILDREN (CT-OVC) PROGRAM**

Background Information

- **This is a social safety net programme which provides a regular and predictable cash transfer to poor house holds taking care of Orphans and Vulnerable Children. (A child is defined as any human being under the age of 18 years).**
- **The program was started in 2004 as a pilot to test whether Cash Transfer programs are implement able in Kenya.**
- **The assessment done in 2005 showed positive trends on improving school attendance, nutrition and birth registration.**

Background Information

- In 2005/06 the GOK saw the need to invest in CT-OVC Program and has since gradually increased funding to the Program e.g. In 2005/2006(US\$ 800,000), 2006/2007 (US\$ 933,333), 2007/2008 (US\$ 2,816,666), 2008/2009 (US\$ 9,662,272).
- During the subsequent years the program has expanded from(3) three pilot districts in 2004 with 500 households to 37 districts in June 2008 covering 25,000 beneficiary households.
- The Value of the subsidy has been reviewed upward from the Ksh 500 in the Pilot to Ksh 1500 which is calculated based on food poverty gap.

Program objectives

- **The main objective of the CT-OVC programme is to encourage fostering and retention of OVC within their families and communities and to promote their human capital development.**
- **Specifically the program aims at:**
 - (i) Increasing school enrolment, attendance and retention for 6 to 17 year old in basic school (up to standard 8).**

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- (ii) Reducing the rates of mortality and morbidity among 0 to 5 year old children, through immunizations, growth monitoring and vitamin A supplement.**
- (iii) Encouraging caregivers to obtain identity cards within the first six months after enrolment, birth certificates for children and death certificates for deceased parents.**
- (iv) Strengthening capacities within the household through awareness creation.**

Targeting

- **Data from the Kenya National Bureau of Statistics (KNBS and National Aids Control Council (NACC) is used to identify the Districts and locations based on:**
 - (i) The Number of House Holds taking care of OVC.**
 - (ii) The number of Hard core poor households.**

Targeting

- **Community based approach is used to identify Households taking care of OVC.**
- **Proxy means test is used to identify eligible households using standard data collection tools.**
- **The community validates the potential beneficiary list in community gathering for ownership of the programme**

Implementation Structures

- **Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Development (MGCSD):**

Through the National steering committee for OVC;
Policy formulation, supervision and resource mobilization.

- **The OVC Secretariat :**

Coordinates program operations and provides technical advice.

- **Provincial children officers/District Children Officers:**

Coordinates the implementation of program at Provincial and district level.

Implementation Structures

- **Area Advisory Council (AAC):**
oversees the implementation and monitoring of the program within the district level.
- **District OVC Sub-committee (DOSC):**
Supervise the Implementation of the program.
- **Location OVC Committee (LOC):**
Identifies the eligible households and conduct continuous monitoring of the progress of OVC in the CT-OVC program locations.

Scale up

Financial Year	NO. of Districts	Beneficiary Households
2004/05	3	500
2005/06	10	3,000
2006/07	17	8,280
2007/08	37	25,000
2008/09	47	65,000

CT-OVC PROGRAM
Annual Total Funding by source for 2008/09
Financial year.

	KSH	US \$
1. Kenya Government :	579,736,300	9,662,272
2. Development Partners:	709,643,798	11,827,397
TOTAL	1,289,380,098	21,489,668.3

Challenges

- **Inadequate skilled personnel.**
- **Increasing number of OVC .**
- **Diverse social cultural dimensions of different communities.**
- **High poverty levels within the country.**
- **Lack of legal and policy framework on social protection**
- **Inadequate resources .**

Way Forward

- Development of Pool funding mechanism.
- Develop social protection policy.
- Strengthen the capacity of the staff.
- Source for more funds.