

## **Plans to have banks pay beneficiaries of social protection at village level**

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Beneficiaries of government cash transfer Fund under Inua jamii will soon be receiving their pay at the Sub County and Ward level to save them from travelling long distance for the service.

Cabinet Secretary for Labour and Social Protection Mr Simon Chelugui said financial institution that are handling Cash transfer for social protection will be asked to take their services closer to vulnerable children, people living with disabilities and the older persons in the villagers using their financial agents and mobile banking at the grass roots.

Mr Chelugui said the government was concerned with the plight of the vulnerable groups who face a lot of challenges travelling long distances and queueing in congestion at the banking hall to collect their pay, a situation, he noted, inconvenienced the beneficiaries.

Speaking at his NSSF office today when he hosted a WFP team, Mr Chelugui explained that the cash transfer program has given hope, dignity and honour among vulnerable members of the society the money provide under the program give them purchasing power.

The Cabinet Secretary noted, that the implementation of the Inua Jamii program has led to increase of life expectancy of the vulnerable members of the society. He said, vulnerable children, persons with severe disabilities and older persons benefiting from the program are now able to buy medicine, food and meet other basic necessities.

Mr Chelugui said the government was developing a law that will guide how custodians and care givers handle funds entrusted to them for the benefit of the vulnerable members of the society.

The WFP Representative and Country Director Lauren Landis her organization will continue partnering with the government to find solutions facing the vulnerable members of the society.

Ms Landis said the social protection program has transformed lives for the vulnerable adding that there was need to conduct a study to measure and quantify the impact of the cash transfer program