

## ABOUT HSNP



**Hunger Safety Net Programme (HSNP)** is an unconditional social protection programme that delivers regular and predictable cash transfers to targeted poorest and vulnerable households (**100,000 HHs or approx. 600,000 people**) in the four Counties of Turkana, Mandera, Marsabit and Wajir. The current transfer value is **Kshs.5,100 every 2 months**

HSNP is a **flagship Government of Kenya programme**, under Ministry of Devolution and Planning, managed by **National Drought Management Authority (NDMA)**. It is funded by the Government of Kenya and United Kingdom (UKaid) .

# WHAT WE DO

HSNP is one of the **4 cash transfers** under National Safety Nets Programmes also known as **Inua Jamii** .In addition, in times of emergency (drought and floods) HSNP scales up and provides short term cash transfers to additional households based on set targeting criteria and available resources.

HSNP is delivered in two Phases. **Phase 1**, the pilot (**2008-2012**), **69,000 beneficiaries** from Turkana, Mandera, Marsabit and Wajir cost **Kshs. 5.5billion**, funded by UK DFID & Australian Government. **Phase 2 (2013- 2017)** costs **Kshs.15.8 billion** to benefit **100,000HHs (Group 1)**. Adding a possible further **200,000+HHs (Group 2)** during emergency scale ups. HSNP targeting is poverty based.

### HSNP 2 OBJECTIVES

1. **Reduce extreme** hunger and vulnerability of the poorest households through the regular payment of an unconditional cash transfers;
2. **Ensure effective**, financially secure and well-targeted use of safety net and cash transfer programmes to support some of the most vulnerable and poor in Kenya;
3. **Implement a scaled up**, integrated, effective government-led and financed safety net programme.

### REGISTRATION & TARGETING

Registration of **374,806** households in the four counties took place between October 2012 and June 2013. Combined Community based Targeting (CBT) Wealth ranking and Proxy Means Testing (PMT) was used to rank all the HHs from the poorest to richest. This was also used to target regular **100,000 HHs**.



## County Summary of HSNP 2 registered, targeted and cumulative payment (January 2013- May 2016):



### ● MANDERA

Registered HHs **85,283** Targeted HHs **22,231**; Regular paid Kshs. **1.57 billion**; Emergency paid Kshs. **264 million**



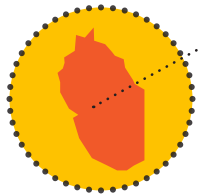
### ● MARSABIT

Registered HHs **55,701** Targeted HHs **18,650**; Regular paid Kshs. **1.59 billion**; Emergency paid Kshs. **172 million**



### ● TURKANA

Registered HHs **137,534** Targeted HHs **39,918**; Regular paid Kshs. **2.97 billion**; Emergency paid Kshs. **207 million**



### ● WAJIR

Registered HHs **96,288** Targeted HHs **19,201**; Regular paid Kshs. **1.38 billion**; Emergency paid Kshs. **438 million**

Women represent **60%** of HH recipients of the 87,631 HHs currently receiving regular (Group 1) payments.

## HSNP PHASE 2 BANK ACCOUNT OPENING & PAYMENT

**Bank Accounts:** Payment is through fully functional Equity Bank Accounts opened by Equity Staff and ATM MasterCards instantly issued to beneficiaries at the sub-location level. Cash can be accessed using the ATM cards at any Equity Bank Agent, over the counter of any Equity Bank branch or ATM.

**Cash Transferred: 87,631 HHs across the 4 Counties** received bi-monthly payments in May 2016. The cumulative total paid for Phase 2 for regular HHs is **Kshs. 7.5 billion** and **Kshs. 1.1 billion** for emergency.

## CASE MANAGEMENT

HSNP has a robust **Case Management System** where logged cases can be followed using the MIS which is decentralized for use by the HSNP County teams. Beneficiaries can log in their complaints and updates cases at the sub-location level. All the County staff have been trained on its use.

The **biggest challenge** in delivery of HSNP cash transfers has been the lack of valid National ID for some targeted HHs. A valid ID is a Central Bank of Kenya requirement for bank account opening.

## MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM (MIS)

HSNP is a **MIS-supported cash transfer programme**. An automated real life reporting system has been developed, called the Dashboard. One can access progress and monitory reports in form of charts, tables, maps and graphs. Access link is on HSNP [website www.hsnp.or.ke](http://www.hsnp.or.ke)

## COMMUNICATIONS

HSNP has a robust **Communications Strategy**. The strategy guides on how the programme communicates with multiple target audience and stakeholders at all levels. We have successfully implemented a **Field Communications Model** with the Chiefs and Assistance Chiefs as the key component for grassroots programme messages communications.

## HSNP IMPACT EVALUATION

### PHASE 2 Evaluation

Oxford Policy Management (OPM) is contracted to carry out external evaluation of HSNP. Access published reports at HSNP website under **Measurement & Results**

### PHASE 1 Results

Increased poverty reduction for HSNP HHs, compared to control group:

- HSNP HHs are 10% less likely to fall into the poorest decile nationally.
- Control HHs are 7% poorer on average than HSNP HHs.
- The severity of poverty for control HHs is also more pronounced, to the tune of 7%.

### Primary impact:

1. **Poverty/consumption**- **71%** of all households preferring cash support, **28%** preferring food plus cash, and just **1%** claiming to prefer food only.
2. **Food security**- **87%** reported to have more and/or larger meals.
3. **Asset retention** - clear evidence that HSNP HHs were more likely to retain and/ or buy goats and sheep.

### Secondary impacts

Noticeable increase in health & education expenditure; Livelihoods opportunities; increased saving, borrowing & credit; reduced vulnerability to shocks; empowerment of women; improved well-being of children and old persons.

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