



**REPUBLIC OF KENYA**

**THE SIXTY NINTH SESSION OF THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN  
(CSW69)**

<b>EVENT:</b>	Interactive Dialogue
<b>TOPIC:</b>	<b>Poverty eradication, social protection, and social services</b>
<b>DATE :</b>	Monday, 17 <sup>th</sup> March, 2025
<b>TIME :</b>	4.30pm -6:00pm
<b>VENUE :</b>	UN Headquarters - Conference Room 4 (1+1)
<b>SPEAKER:</b>	PS Joseph Motari

**Chairperson,**

Thank you for the opportunity given to speak briefly about Kenya on this subject

1. Kenya has made significant success on poverty eradication through the Government's heavy investment on Social Protection and adoption of gender responsive policies such as the National Policy on Older Persons (2018), Kenya Social Protection Policy (2023) and the National Policy on Family Promotion and Protection (2023).
2. Specifically, Kenya has taken the following policy interventions.

**On Social Protection and Social Services**

Over 1.7 million households are covered under the Cash Transfer for Orphans and Vulnerable Children where the total beneficiaries are 444,115 out of which **367,904 are women**; Older Persons Cash Transfer where the total beneficiaries are 1,253,295 out of which **764,096 are women**; and the Persons with Severe Disabilities Cash Transfer where the total beneficiaries are 62,669 out of which **28,610 are women**. These households receive a monthly stipend of KSH 2,000 (USD 15.46) per month.

An additional 130,000 households are covered under the Hunger Safety Net Programme in eight northern counties affected by drought where the households receive a monthly stipend of KSH 2,700 (USD 20.87) per month.

### **Chairperson,**

It is also important to highlight that the Government of Kenya has made key reforms to ensure beneficiaries easily and conveniently access this cash transfers. Since July 2023, the payments for Inua Jamii Cash Transfers have been done monthly and as from January 2025 payments to beneficiaries have been done through mobile money.

To further overcome inequality:

Kenya's Economic Inclusion Project (EIP) which is a poverty graduation program has supported 15,000 poor and vulnerable households in five counties (Makueni, Taita Taveta, Marsabit, Murang'a and Kisumu). Currently **68%** of the total beneficiaries are **female** who benefit from business mentoring and economic opportunities.

The Nutrition Improvement through Cash and Health Education (NICHE), further provides for a monthly top up cash transfer of KSH 500 (USD 4) and nutrition education to households with children under 3 years, pregnant and lactating mothers who are already enrolled in the Orphan and Vulnerable Children Cash Transfer. **11,339** out of 39,736 are households with pregnant or lactating mothers.

### **Chairperson,**

3. Kenya has also made significant milestones in ensuring women, youth and persons with disabilities are supported to pursue business ventures

By February this year, a total of **11,754 women self-help groups** had been registered and are able to access affordable credit from various Government Affirmative Action Funds.

4. To further promote the wellbeing of families in Kenya:

The Government of Kenya launched the **National Positive Parenting Programme (NPPP)** in 2023. This programme supports parents and caregivers learn positive parenting skills and is underpinned on the premise that parents and caregivers play a critical role in child development, health and wellbeing.

The Government has also established six (6) Child Protection Centres (CPCs) in Malindi, Nairobi, Nakuru, Kakamega, Garissa and Siaya to provide comprehensive services to victims of child abuse and recruited 500 child protection volunteers to strengthen child protection at the community level.

**Chairperson, As I conclude,**

6. The Government of Kenya has committed to finalize the **Older Persons Bill**. Once enacted, this law will safeguard the rights of older women and men, ensuring their access to health, well-being, participation, personal development, dignity, care, protection from abuse and reasonable assistance.

A **Disability Bill** has also been developed once enacted, this will among other provisions make provision for women with disabilities and address critical concerns such as harmful cultural practices, neglect, abuse, sexual and gender-based violence in line with the **Persons with Disabilities National Policy** which was approved by Cabinet on 11th March 2025.

**Chairperson,**

7. Kenya supports all deliberations and measures that will be put in place to enhance social protection and social services.