



KENYA SCHOOL OF GOVERNMENT

Empowering the Public Service

County Governors Forum on Social Protection



INTRODUCTION

1. The State Department for Social Protection and Senior Citizen Affairs conducted an analysis that revealed competency and performance gaps in public sector institutions responsible for implementation of social protection.
2. The Kenya School of Government in collaboration with the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection through the State Department for Social Protection and Senior Citizen Affairs with financial support from development partners (WFP, UNICEF, ILO) have developed and rolled out, albeit on a pilot mode, a training program, namely “Management of Social Protection Services”
3. The aim of the training program is to build capacity for proper leadership and management of social protection services within National and County Governments and beyond. The program is a catalyst for equipping practitioners with the right competencies (knowledge, skills, attitudes and behaviours) for development of feasible and effective policies, regulatory frameworks and design of sustainable social protection programmes. The course offers a platform for policy makers (National Government) and the policy implementers (County Government) to interact, share ideas, learn from one another and together co-create solutions to transform the sector and the entire socio-economic milieu.

Objectives of the Forum

1. Learn best practices through exchange of national and county experiences, identify common challenges and explore effective policies and measures for building and strengthening nationally appropriate social protection systems
2. Interact and engage with lead development partners in the social protection sector and collectively agree on minimum expectations and obligations of the parties.
3. Align investments with the social protection priorities espoused in Kenya Vision 2030, Kenya Kwanza Transformation Plan 2022-2027 and the respective County Government policies and regulatory frameworks, including making commitment for budgetary and financial allocation and capacity development through training, and institutional strengthening.

Expected Outcomes

1. Enhanced awareness among policy-makers and key stakeholders on the primacy of social protection in socio-economic development leading to application of lessons learned from the International Conference on Social Protection.
2. Renewed commitment towards implementation of the Kenya Social Protection Policy leading to increased budgetary and financial resource allocation to social protection, including training and other capacity development interventions.
3. Sustainability of capacity development programs in social protection, due to increased uptake of training, technical assistance/advisory and outreach services.
4. Richer collaborations and partnerships amongst the stakeholders (KSG, State Department for Social Protection and Senior Citizen Affairs, legislative bodies, development partners, Council of Governors and County Governments).
5. A repository of social protection knowledge to support communities of practice within the sector.

Delegates include leaders and policymakers responsible for social protection including:

1. Head of Public Service
2. Cabinet Secretaries
3. Council of Governors
4. County Governors
5. Principal Secretaries
6. County Secretaries

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As we lose ourselves in the service of others, we discover our own lives and our own happiness.

~Dieter F. Uchtdorf, German aviator, airline executive, and religious leader

