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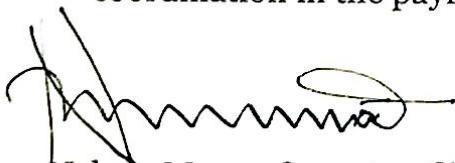
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**GOVERNMENT RELEASES KSH 8.75 BILLION FOR THE INUA  
JAMII CASH TRANSFER PROGRAMME**

- The Government has released Kenya Shillings, Eight Billion, Seven Hundred and Fifty-Eight Million, One Hundred and Twenty Thousand (**Kshs. 8,758,120,000**) for payment to beneficiaries enrolled in the Inua Jamii programme, and a further Kenya Shillings Twenty-Six Million, Three Hundred and Eighty-six thousand (**Kshs. 26,386,000**) as top up payment to **12,054** Nutrition Improvement Through Cash and Health Education (NICHE) Complementary Programme beneficiaries.
- **The Inua Jamii Cash Transfer Programme** is a Government cash transfer programme that supports the most vulnerable members of the community by providing them with a stipend to cushion them from poverty and hunger with the aim of improving their livelihoods. The program is implemented through the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection, State Department for Social Protection.
- **The programme targets:**
  - ✓ Orphans and Vulnerable Children;
  - ✓ Older Persons; and
  - ✓ Persons with Severe Disabilities.
- This payment will be for only those beneficiaries already enrolled into the programme and have their accounts successfully submitted to the Consolidated Cash Transfer Program Management Information System.
- The funds have been credited to the accounts of **1,092,551** Inua Jamii Programme beneficiaries, with payment scheduled to start on **Monday, July 12, 2021**. The Government is making this payment through the four contracted banks namely: Cooperative Bank, Equity Bank, Kenya

Commercial Bank and Post Bank. Each Beneficiaries will receive **KShs. 8,000** being payment for months of **March, April, May and June 2021**.

- The Inua Jamii program beneficiaries who are also enrolled under the NICHE program, will receive an additional amount of up to **Kshs. 4000** per household. This NICHE Complementary programme targets households with children under two years, pregnant and lactating mothers who are already enrolled in the Inua Jamii Cash Transfer Programme from **Marsabit, Turkana, Kitui, Kwale and West Pokot Counties**.
- Beneficiaries or caregivers can access all, or part, of this payment at any time over a six months' period. Therefore, beneficiaries are advised that the funds will remain in their accounts for a period of **SIX** months hence there is no need for all of them to rush to the banks to collect the money at the same time. This will avoid crowding at the payment points.
- Payment modalities for the funds have been agreed upon between the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection and the paying banks to ensure the Ministry of Health guidelines on containment of COVID-19 are strictly followed while paying beneficiaries. These guidelines include:
  1. Utilisation of mobile banking platforms to prevent crowding of beneficiaries at the payment points.
  2. Ensuring social distancing by staggering payments.
  3. Provision of handwashing facilities, sanitisers and masks for the beneficiaries during the payment.
  4. Ensuring that all biometric devices are cleaned and regularly sanitised.
- The Ministry of Labour and Social Protection has adopted a multi-agency approach in the payment process by involving the Ministry of Interior and Coordination of National Government, County Governments, Ministry of Health, elected leaders and Ministries' field staff to ensure seamless coordination in the payment process.



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