APSP Social Protection Index, case of OPCT, Kenya

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Africa Platform for Social Protection

- A network of organizations operating at grassroots, national and regional levels
- Promotes and strengthens the social contract between states and citizens.
- Promotes active engagement of National Platforms in shaping of SP practice in Africa.
- APSP has supported the establishment of 26 National Platforms
The National Platforms

• Groups of CSOS working with governments to develop and implement SP policies and programmes at the national level.
• Members work on a variety of issues including; children, older persons, people with disability, minority groups and trade unions
• APSP provides technical & material support, generate evidence for advocacy and coordinate CSO activities on SP in Africa
Social Protection Benchmarking

Now in 13 countries, the programme;
• Creates awareness on existing SP processes
• Analyses impact of SP policy & programs
• Avenue for feedback and complains & redress mechanism
• Generates evidence for advocacy & M&E
• Overall aim is to improve efficiency, accountability & transparency in SP
General areas guiding benchmarking work

• Grassroots participation - involvement in defining priorities & designing SP & National development plans
• Investment/financing of SP - Universal and comprehensive Social Protection Floors and systems.
• Essential social services - Real access to social services
• Income security - Life cycle with decent income security
• Right Based Approach to social Protection - systems respect human rights principles, contribute to empower the groups at risk of marginalisation
The Older Persons Cash Transfer Program

- The objective is to provide regular & predictable CT to vulnerable older persons of over 65yrs
- Started in 3 districts with 300 HHs receiving KES 1000 a month.
- Scaled-up in 2009 to 44 districts and 33,000 HH each receiving KES 1500 a month.
- up-scaled in 2011 to 36,036 HH each receiving a monthly transfer of KES 2000.
- To date in all 47 counties reaching 164,000 HHs.
Benchmark – Grassroots participation in OPTC

- APSP & SPAF Kenya used social accountability approach with indicators based on OPCT operating manual
- Aim was to gauge level of knowledge & participation in planning & execution of OPCT
- Community Score card was used due to its appropriateness
- 82 stakeholders from 3 districts selected randomly participated
- Participants were OPCT beneficiaries, caregivers, local administrators, CBO reps, religious reps and potential beneficiaries & later policy makers
Indicators used in benchmarking

Indicators based on OPCT operating manual

• Timeliness of payment.
• Number of targeted beneficiaries.
• Regular and accurate information on the program.
• Transparency in recruitment and management process.
• Distance to payment collection points.
Timeliness of payment

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Very Bad: 57%
Bad: 27%
Just Ok: 11%
Good: 3%
Very Good: 2%
No of targeted beneficiaries

- Very Bad: 1%
- Bad: 54%
- Just Ok: 5%
- Good: 1%
- Very Good: 39%
Regular and accurate information on OPCT programme

- Very Good: 37%
- Very Bad: 40%
- Just Ok: 1%
- Good: 0%
- Bad: 22%
Transparency in recruitment & Management

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- Very Good: 54%
- Good: 27%
- Just Ok: 8%
- Bad: 11%
- Very Bad: 0%
Distance to payment points

Distance to payment collection points

- Very Bad: 41%
- Bad: 28%
- Just Ok: 13%
- Good: 18%
- Very Good: 0%

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General comments/observations

• There is need for continuous sensitization to increase the level of awareness on RBA to SP.
• Inconsistency exist between information held by government officers and citizens for instance on missed payments and the entitlements of the caregiver when a beneficiary dies.
• Some were unaware that next of kin were entitled to additional payments of 6 months (KES 12,000).
• Accusations and counter-accusations between the local administrators and the SDO on lists of beneficiaries payment days, challenges in OPCT, etc
• Some caregivers neglected the beneficiaries and do not use the money for its intended purpose.
Thank you

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