

**THE CHALLENGES FACING DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS UNDER OLDER  
PERSONS CASH TRANSFER PROGRAMME. A CASE STUDY OF STATE  
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## ABSTRACT

In recent times, the pivotal role played by the Department of social development cannot be overemphasized. It is frequently credited with promotion of the social betterment of the people of Kenya by helping them to help themselves, both collectively and individually. The implementation of cash transfer programs is one of the mandates of the department. These programs face a number of challenges in terms of coverage , coordination, predictability, reliability , accountability among others. This proposal partially examines the challenges facing the disbursement of funds under older persons cash transfer program. The target population was 819 employees of the department of social development. Simple random sampling technique was used to select sample. The researcher used primary data for this study and was collected using questionnaires. The questionnaire was administered using drop and pick later method to the sampled respondents. The quantitative data in this study was analyzed and visually displayed for easier analysis on Tables, graphs and charts.

The study found out that there is a delay in release of funds under older persons cash transfer programme by the treasury and this affects timely disbursement of funds to beneficiaries of older persons cash transfer programme. The study also found out that the start of a new financial year affects disbursement of funds under older persons cash transfer programme to a very high extend, that funds collected by caregivers reach the intended beneficiaries, that Funds under the older persons cash transfer programme do not reach all deserving older persons and that dependents/caregivers travel long distances in order to get to pay points.

The study concluded that delay in release of funds affects disbursement of funds under older persons cash transfer programme and that the start of a new financial year also affects the disbursement of funds under the same programme. The study also concluded that funds collected by caregivers reach the intended beneficiaries, funds under older persons cash transfer do not reach all the deserving older persons and that defendants and caregivers travel for long distances to get to pay points.

Another study should be carried out to determine the factors affecting the management of older person's cash transfer programme in Kenya