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**Utafiti Sera: policy knowledge community on social protection in Kenya**

Although researchers in Kenya seek to influence social protection policies and programmes with the knowledge that they generate, they face challenges ensuring that policy-makers use their evidence.

The proposed solution is to transform evidence generation and policy uptake processes through Utafiti Sera, a community of researchers, policy-makers, policy practitioners and users. Utafiti Sera aims at ensuring that research evidence on social protection becomes available and is used to inform policy decisions and practices.

**Objectives**

- To sustain a vibrant policy knowledge community on social protection in Kenya
- To generate new and synthesize existing research evidence on social protection programmes and make them available to policy-makers and practitioners
- To engage key policy-makers and practitioners through direct contact, policy advocacy and the use of issue champions

**Lead organisation**

Partnership for African Social and Governance Research (PASGR)

**Country of focus**

Kenya

**Partners**

- Ministry of Labour and East African Affairs
- Ministry of Devolution and Planning
- Kenya National Bureau of Statistics (KNBS)
- Development partners (World Bank, UNICEF, ILO, DFID, SIDA, WFP, AIHD, among others)
- Civil society organizations implementing social protection programmes in Kenya (Oxfam, World Vision, Action Aid, HelpAge International, Care Kenya, Save the Children)
- Selected county governments
- Payment service providers (KCB and Equity Bank)
- Kenya Institute for Public Policy Research and Analysis (KIPPPRA)
- Development Initiatives
- Institute for Development Studies and School of Economics, University of Nairobi
- African Economic Research Consortium (AERC)
- National Economic and Social Council (NESC)
- African Institute for Health and Development (AIHD)
- Centre for Parliamentary Studies and Training
- Parliamentary Service Commission
- Select Committee on Social Policy and Social Protection
- Nation Media Group
- Africa Platform for Social Protection (APSP)
- National Social Security Fund (NSSF)

**Planned activities**

- Map existing studies on social protection in Kenya, February-March 2016
- Organize two forums to discuss specific social protection issues that demand attention in the country, April and August 2016
- Prepare a video documentary on the impact of cash transfer programmes, March-June 2016
- Publish two articles on social protection in Kenyan newspapers, May and September 2016
- Develop two policy briefs and infographics, April and September 2016
- Write a blog, July 2016
- Organize two breakfast meetings with policy actors on social protection, March and September 2016
- Support the Ministry of Labour and East African Affairs and Ministry of Devolution and Planning to develop guidelines on social policy and social protection at the county level, February-October 2016

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