

**SPEECH BY THE PRINCIPAL SECRETARY FOR SOCIAL PROTECTION DURING THE
LAUNCH OF THE COMMUNITY GROUP MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM TO
BE HELD ON 25TH SEPTEMBER 2023 AT THE GPO HDUMA CENTRE**

The Principal Secretary Interior & National Administration

The Principal Secretary ICT and the Digital Economy

The Principal Secretary Labour and Skill Development

The Principal Secretary Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise (MSME) Development

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The Director National Social Protection Secretariat

The Secretary General Kenya Red-cross

The Country Director, World Food Programme

The Country Director United Nations Volunteers

The country Director Volunteer Service Overseas

The Country Director Norwegian Refugee Council

The Chairman Volunteer Involving Organization

The CEO Huduma Centre GPO

Ladies and gentlemen,

Thank you for joining us today on this momentous occasion to celebrate the launch of the Community Group Management Information System (CDMIS)

I am deeply honored to mark this major stride in the modernization and automation of our government services.

Our government's journey, guided by the Bottom-Up Transformation Agenda, is aimed at achieving greater efficiency, transparency, and enhanced service delivery. Today, we proudly announce that the State Department for Social Protection and Senior Citizen Affairs is taking a

monumental step forward in this direction with the introduction of our Community Development Management Information System.

This system is more than just digitalization; it's about empowerment. It's about ensuring that every citizen, regardless of their background or circumstances, has equal access to government services. It's about reducing bureaucracy and ensuring that the government serves everyone equitably.

The Community Development Management Information System symbolizes our state department's unwavering commitment to providing improved services to our citizens. It encompasses three pivotal programmes: The Economic Inclusion programme, Volunteerism, and Groups Registration. These programmes are the bedrock of our social protection system, designed to uplift and empower our communities.

The Economic Inclusion programme aims to provide economic opportunities to those who have long been marginalized. Through the power of automation, we pledge to ensure that the benefits of this programme reach those in need promptly and efficiently.

Volunteerism lies at the heart of building strong and resilient communities. Our Community Development Management Information System will facilitate volunteer matching and management, making it easier for individuals to contribute to the betterment of our society.

Group registration is a critical component of our community development efforts. It enables us to formalize and support the various groups and organizations tirelessly working to improve the lives of our citizens. The introduction of paid services linked to toll number 222222 now makes it even more accessible for groups to register, renew, and conduct name searches before registration.

The Community Development Management Information System is not a standalone solution but part of a broader vision for a more inclusive, prosperous, and forward-thinking nation. It's a testament to our commitment to innovation and adaptability as we embrace the digital age to serve our people better.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to the dedicated teams at the State Department for Social Protection and the Development Pathways through the World Food Programme. Your unwavering commitment and tireless

efforts have brought this system to life, and I commend you for your dedication to our mission.

I extend our heartfelt gratitude to our esteemed partners whose unwavering support has brought us to this historic day. The World Food Programme (WFP) has been instrumental in providing both technical expertise and financial support for the development of this transformative Community Development Management Information System.

We are equally indebted to other invaluable partners, including Volunteer Involving Organizations, the Kenya Red Cross, NRC, FCDO, and the World Bank, who have steadfastly assisted our department in diverse ways, thereby strengthening our ability to fulfill our social protection mandate.

Our deep appreciation also goes out to our distinguished guests, including Principal Secretaries from various State Departments. Your presence today underscores the significance of this occasion and the collaborative spirit that fuels our government's initiatives.

In conclusion, while today we celebrate this remarkable achievement, we also acknowledge that our mandate extends beyond these three programmes. With the support of stakeholders like the WFP, who are currently enhancing systems within the State Department, we aim to automate many more programmes in record time.

Today's launch signifies not the end but the dawn of a new era in government service provision. It's a step toward making our government more accessible, accountable, and responsive to the needs of our citizens. Together, we will build a stronger, more prosperous, and more inclusive nation.

Thank you, and let us all embrace this digital future with enthusiasm and hope for a better tomorrow.