



Republic of Zambia
Ministry of Information and Media

**STATEMENT BY THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND MEDIA AND CHIEF
GOVERNMENT SPOKESPERSON HON. CHUSHI KASANDA, MP, ON THE
DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS FOR THE SOCIAL CASH TRANSFER PROGRAMME**

Government through the Ministry of Community Development and Social Services has been implementing the Social Cash Transfer Programme.

The main objective of the Social Cash Transfer Programme is to reduce extreme poverty and the intergenerational transfer of poverty among households across the country.

The programme covers all the 116 districts and has so far reached 974,160 households countrywide.

The target population for the programme is incapacitated (labour-constrained) and extremely poor households.

In this regard, I am happy to state that Government has remained consistent in the disbursement of Social Cash Transfer to beneficiaries across the country as provided for in the 2022 National Budget.

The categories of the beneficiaries include households with an elderly person, households with members with severe disability, households with members who are chronically ill and on palliative care, child-headed households and female-headed households with at least three children.

Beneficiary households are entitled to K200.00 per month which they receive every two months as a sum of K400.00.

Those with a member with severe disability receive K400.00 per month and K800.00 every two months.

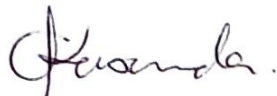
As at June 17th, 2022, Government through the Ministry of Community Development and Social Services has disbursed K457, 477, 708. 40 Social Cash Transfer funds for May/June to the 116 districts across the country.

Out of these, 84 districts have confirmed receiving the funds in their accounts.

Government appeals to the beneficiaries to get in touch with the District Welfare Assistance Committees in their respective districts to access their funds.

Government is happy that the facility continues to impact positively on the lives of the people.

It is Government's resolve to ensure that the disbursement of the Social Cash Transfer remains constant and consistent for the benefit of the eligible households.



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