



PRESS BRIEFING

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On The

**Implementation of the Proposal to Transfer COVID-19
Relief Fund to Vulnerable Persons in Urban Areas**

At The

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Distinguished Members of the Press,

1. We converge here this morning to brief you on the proposal to transfer cash to vulnerable persons in urban areas who depend on daily earning which has been interrupted by the Covid-19 containment measures.
2. You will recall that during the National Address on COVID-19 on 18th June 2021, H.E the President directed the Prime Minister and the Minister of Gender, Labour and Social Development to:
 - i. Identify the vulnerable groups that depend on daily earning in urban areas especially Kampala;
 - ii. Assess their needs during the lockdown period; and
 - iii. Identify interventions to take care of their needs.
3. Cabinet at its meeting held on 28th June 2021, approved the proposal by the National COVID-19 Taskforce to transfer cash to vulnerable persons in urban areas who depend on daily earning, which has been interrupted by the Covid-19 containment measures.
4. For the purpose of the cash transfer intervention and guided by the nature of occupations, Cabinet identified the following categories of vulnerable persons who depend on daily earning and whose livelihoods will be severely disrupted as a result of the current 42-day lockdown measures:

S/N	Category
i.	Bus/Taxi Drivers, Conductors
ii.	Baggage Carriers, wheel barrow pushers, touts, traffic guides and loaders in Taxi, Bus parks and stages and other major commercial Centers such as Kikuubo
iii.	Barmen, DJs, Barmaids, waiters and bouncers

iv.	Bar, gym and restaurant workers
v.	Food vendors in Bus, Taxi Parks and Arcades
vi.	Artists (Musicians, Comedians, Producers, Promoters)
vii.	Boda boda riders, special hire drivers and uber drivers
viii.	Saloons, Massage Parlor workers
ix.	Teachers and Support staff in Private Schools and Teachers in Government Schools not on Government Payroll
x.	Car Washers
xi.	Slum Dwellers/Ghetto residents
xii.	Street Vendors, Shoe Shiners and Cobblers
xiii.	Orphans and Vulnerable Children

5. The proposed cash transfer shall aim to reach 501,107 households (Hhds) (38% of the total households) in the Kampala Metropolitan Area, all Cities and Municipalities. It is proposed that, each beneficiary household will receive US\$100,000 net. The Government will cater for the withdrawal fees. The proposed cash transfer amount is based on the following Minimum Expenditure Basket Calculation formula:

Item	Unit	Qty	Unit Cost US\$	Total US\$
Milled Maize/Posho	Kgs	20	2,000	40,000
Beans	Kgs	10	2,500	25,000
1 Bar of soap	Bars	1	3,000	3,000
Cooking Oil	Litres	3	4,000	12,000
<u>Others</u>				20,000

6. Those whose National Identification Names (NINs) do not correspond with the mobile money account details shall access funds through Post Bank mobile vans.
7. The Ministry of Gender, Labour and Social Development together with the Uganda Bureau of Statistics (UBoS) will guide the Cities

and Municipalities on the number of persons to be selected. Uganda Bureau of Statistics and Town Clerks will be responsible for aggregating existing data and update.

8. The Executive Director KCCA, all City and Municipality Town Clerks will be responsible for the integrity of the data on vulnerable persons registered.
9. To enhance monitoring and support supervision, Ministers, Members of Parliament, Resident District Commissioners and Technical Officers will supervise the registration, identification and payment of beneficiaries.
10. The Ministry will continue to support the workers on matters related to COVID-19 Relief Mechanisms during during the period of implementation of the measures for prevention of COVID-19.

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