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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, AfDB , 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 (KIPPRA)
- 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

