



Social Protection for Forest Dependent Communities (FDCs):

Building on the response to COVID-19 pandemic for more resilient forest livelihoods

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Social Protection measures in response to COVID-19 in Kenya & opportunities for expanding SP coverage for FDCs for building resilience

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SP measures in response to COVID-19



HEALTH INSURANCE

Free Testing
Free Quarantine
Free treatment for cases

SOCIAL SECURITY

Shorter turn-around time for claims
Employees not penalized for not sending contributions

SOCIAL ASSISTANCE

Cash Transfers
Food & in-kind transfers
Public Works (Kazi Mtaani)
VAT reduction



Opportunities for expanding SP coverage for FDCs for building resilience



Systems strengthening, enhancement & integration – the MISs (SR, the ESR, the CCTPMIS & other MISs), the National ME&R and a National Communication Strategy

Comprehensive & integrated approach – multi-agency and multi-dimensional approach (building coherence between forestry & SP) with stronger humanitarian coordination

Shock-responsive SP system – Scalable & resilience strategies with EWEA system & responses

More inclusive schemes and benefits – for minimum guarantees and safety {Universal Health Coverage (UHC), Universal Child Benefit (UCB), unemployment, injury & sickness benefits



Conclusion

- Build/enhance/link up & integrate systems
- Expand the shock-responsive component
- Ensure appropriate and coherent policy & legislative environment between forestry & SP

THANK YOU

