COUNCIL C0MMITTEE MEETING REPORT FROM DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE- MARCH, 2025.

ITEM 1: STATUTORY SERVICES

During the period under review, the office handled two (2) male Juvenile cases.

One was an assault case while the other was a defilement case and both were disposed of through probation witth counselling sessions to be determined by the Social Welfare Department.

(Submitted for the information of the Committee)

ITEM 2: UPDATE ON SOCIAL CASH TRANSFER PROGRAMME

During the period under review, the Department conducted three activities concerning the Social Cash Transfer Programme as follows;

2.1. Digital Migration of Social Cash Transfer beneficiaries:

The District currently has a total of 11,627 active beneficiaries. The Office has been conducting continuous migration of beneficiaries from Rural to Urban of digital form of payment. So far the district has reached **84.6%** and only remaining with **15.4%** unmigrated.

The table below shows the migration status as per payment service provider (PSP);

SN	PSP	NO. OF BENEFICIARIES
1	AIRTEL	4,701
2	MTN	3,961
3	ZAMTEL	1,133
4	ZOONA	41
5	ZANACO	04
6	RURAL	1,787
7	**TOTAL**	**11,627**

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2.2. ELECTION OF NEW COMMUNITY WELFARE ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS (CWACs)

Since the term of office for previous Cwac members came to an end in 2024, the Ministry of Community Development and Social Services issued a directive that fresh elections be conducted in all the wards of Mbala district.

The exercise was successfully conducted in all the 63 CWACs.

During the same activity an opportunity was given to redefine boundaries for some CWACs that were too big and some beneficiaries were walking long distances to nearest pay points. As a result, 16 new CWACs were created bringing the total number of CWACs to 79.

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2.3. ORIENTATION OF NEW CWAC MEMBERS

This activity was conducted immediately after the elections were concluded.

Elected CWAC members were clustered in various venues and were trained in their roles and responsibilities.

In addition, the members were also taken through Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA).

It was during these trainings that each respective CWAC put in place their executive positions and the term of office is expected to run for three years starting 2025.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, the period under review was a success in that a lot of progress were recorded from the activities conducted particularly under the Social Cash Transfer programme (SCT).

Digital migration of beneficiaries from Rural to Urban form of payment reached 84.6% at the time of reporting. In addition, fresh elections for new CWAC members were successfully conducted, resulting in the creation of 16 new CWACs. Furthermore, orientation of CWAC members in their roles and responsibilities was also successfully done.

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