

Citizens' Basket of Needs Assessment Project (CBNAP)

The Development Policy Monitoring Project (DPMP) assesses and analyses effectiveness of national policy. The Citizens' Basket of Needs Assessment Project (CBNAP). The purpose of the project is to gather credible, verifiable and empirical data on the state of citizens' daily needs against the background of skyrocketing prices of food, fuel, transport, water and electricity utilities and other basic commodities, which are cardinal to the livelihood, subsistence and sustenance of ordinary citizens.

The project has been prompted by the alarming increase in the prices of the mentioned basic commodities has left a greater proportion of the nation destitute, poor, and in a state of deprivation. This state of affairs has exposed them to inability to subsist in life. The situation has the potential of squandering the citizens' elevated department, their socio-economic stability and undermines their right to a livelihood, which is associated with the basic right to life. It has had the potential of quashing their ability to recover, which has already been dwarfed by the spell of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The project has been able to produce preliminary research reports on the current state of affairs of alarming increase in prices of the mentioned commodities. The preliminary reports were validated with relevant stakeholders before a final report is developed, published and launched. The research results contained in the final report were canvassed to relevant government ministries, the development partners and civil society organisations. With the 3 latter target group, the intent has been to influence them to incorporate the findings of the research into their advocacy work on socio-economic rights. The research results were intended to inform a **Government's Stimulus Response Plan** to the on-going situation, which has been triggered by among others low social security among the nation, occasioned by the Ukraine-Russia war and the aftermath of the COVID-19.

The project is intended to achieve the following:

- Credible, verifiable and empirical data on the state of citizens' daily needs against the background of skyrocketing prices of food, fuel, transport, water and electricity utilities and other basic commodities.
- Effect of these skyrocketing prices on the daily livelihood, subsistence and sustenance of ordinary citizens.

- The degree to which ordinary citizens have been subjected to a state of destitution, poverty and deprivation as a result of the alarming increase in the prices of the mentioned basic commodities - food, fuel, transport, water and electricity utilities and other basic commodities,
- Discovery of how the alarmingly increasing prices of basic commodities have squandered the citizens' elevated department, their socio-economic stability and undermines their right to a livelihood, which is associated with the basic right to life.
- Potential of quashing their ability to recover, which has already been dwarfed by the spell of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Validation of the preliminary research reports on the current state of affairs of alarming increase in prices of the mentioned commodities with relevant stakeholders.
- Canvassing the research outputs of the assignment contained in the final report to relevant government ministries, the development partners and civil society organisations.
- Influencing civil society to incorporate the findings on the increasing prices of food, fuel, transport, water and electricity utilities and other basic commodities into their advocacy work on socio-economic rights.
- Informing a **Government's Stimulus Response Plan** to the on-going situation, which has been triggered by among others low social security among the nation, occasioned by the Ukraine-Russia war and the aftermath of the COVID-19.
- Informing the Government's plan for building citizens' resilience and their ability to bounce back from the abyss of fragility, brought about by the COVID-19 and the Ukraine-Russia,