

#### SOCIAL INVESTMENT PROGRAM

## Office of the Vice President

**Exploring agency networks for social** investment program last mile payments



#### **PROGRAM OVERVIEW**



CCT
CONDITIONAL CASH TRANSFER



GEEPS
Government Enterprise
Empowerment Programme



HGSFP
National Homegrown School
Feeding Programme



**N-POWER** 



**NASCO** 



## SIP

#### **OVERVIEW**

- Ensure we achieve core payment cardinal points of paying the right person, the right amount, the right time at the right cost.
- Leverage new partnerships to collectively address program challenges and proffer new sustainable solutions.
- Evaluate current last mile payment challenges and solutions in the market place with considerations for regulatory environment and national standards.
- Incremental improvements where payment mechanism is currently working.



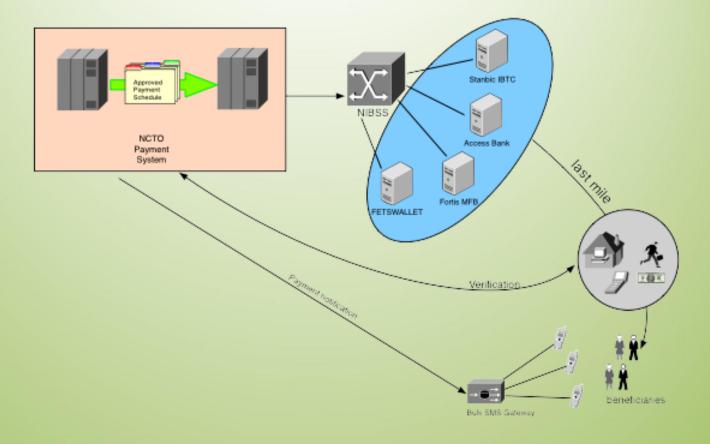
# PROGRAM PAYMENT ATTRIBUTES (Not universal to all the clusters)

- ✓ Frequent, low value payments
- ✓ Infrequent high value payments
- ✓ Rural outreaches
- ✓ Limited telecommunications access
- ✓ low literacy rate
- ✓ Low mobile phone ownership
- ✓ Low banking access and availability
- ✓ Poor and vulnerable targets
- ✓ Frequent in-bound payments for loan repayments





#### THE PAYMENT ECOSYSTEM







### **Current Payment update**

- Actively working with NIBSS, Banks and Mobile Money operators in some states (Depending on individual program requirements)
- Clearance of payment backlogs (NCTO)
- Working with Bank partners and NIBSS to pay beneficiaries with access to bank branches, ATM, (NCTO)
- Development of mobile agents with MMOS
- Exploring fixed location agents where sustainable and mobile agents where fixed agents are not sustainable (Proposed)
- N-power beneficiaries paid via verified bank account.
- School feeding vendors paid via verified bank accounts.



### Payment types

#### G2P Government to person (Out-Bound)

 NCTO, N-Power, School Feeding, GEEPS. They all receive payments from government as stipends, loans, payments for services etc

#### G2P Government to person (In-bound)

GEEPS beneficiaries repay their loans to government

#### P2P Person to person

 School feeding vendors making payments to suppliers in their value chain.

#### **AGENCY ECONOMICS**



Agency acquisition and set up cost

Agent churn and redundancies

Agency sustainability

Liquidity management



# BALANCING THE ECONOMICS OF PROGRAM & TRANSACTIONAL AGENTS

#### PROGRAM AGENTS

- infrequent transactions
- > PUSH factor
- Fees paid by program owners
- > Fragmented demand side
- Single anchor service
- Predictable payment circles
- Mobile agents

#### TRANSACTIONAL AGENTS

- frequent transaction and diverse payments
- PULL factor
- Fees paid by customers
- Clustered demand side
- Diverse products and services
- Unpredictable transaction circles
- Community based agents



#### SIP - An opportunity for financial inclusion

- Leverage the scale and reach of the program as financial inclusion entry points for Nigeria.
- Providing basic communal access for communities in financially excluded communities.
- Leveraging on monthly stipends, loan disbursements and empowerment funds to drive other financial services like savings, remittances etc
- Financial education and literacy
- Provide a boost for mobile money and agency banking operations in Nigeria.





# The need for a well distributed National agency network

- Serve as a shared agency pool for last mile payment for all the programs.
- Accept in-bound repayments for loans
- Provide alternative means for cashing out even for programs that are strongly linked to bank accounts but with limited bank branches or alternative cash out points.
- Provide enrollment services where allowed.
- Provide wallet services
- Provide agency services in-communities.





#### **Working together**

- Evaluate the last mile payment challenges for in-bound and outbound payments.
- Explore and review areas of compelling needs and partnerships.
- Evaluate the commercial, technology, regulatory and operational requirements for partnerships.
- Introduction to program coordinators and streaming engagement plans.
- Plan a supply-side assessment meeting to review proposals and suggestions.





### Q & A

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