



ACCELERATE NEWSLETTER

Q.1 HIGHLIGHTS (JANUARY - MARCH 2022)

INTRODUCTION

Accelerate is a Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) and Gender-Based Violence (GBV) program funded by DANIDA and implemented in a consortium led by Population Services Kenya (PS KENYA) in partnership with Gender Violence Recovery Centre (GVRC) and Population Services International (PSI).

NATIONAL AND COUNTY SUPPORT

The Accelerate project supported several counties in marking this year's International Women's Day. The Gender Violence Recovery Centre (GVRC) celebrated women on their achievement with a special focus on female police officers. GVRC liased with the Nairobi Women's Hospital and visited the Langata Women's Prison to celebrate the day with the female inmates while project staff joined the Kajiado County government in celebrations held at Isara in Kajiado East. In Garissa, the project supported celebrations at Balambala sub-county.

The Project supported the Adolescent Sexual Reproductive Health Committee of Experts National meeting, which deliberated on aligning with the Governments short calendar due to the political situation.

EVENTS ATTENDED BY THE PROGRAM

The Kenya Obstetrician / Gynaecological Society Conference.

The Kenya Hormonal Intra-uterine Device Introduction and Scale Up Plan 2022.

Launch of Free Fistula Repair by Garissa County MOH & Fistula Foundation.

SUPPORT SUPERVISION

- Supported 302 survivors of Gender Based Violence (GBV) by providing medical and psychosocial support to 272 women and girls, and 30 men and boys.
- Participated in a Sexual Gender Based Violence (SGBV) sensitization meeting held by Red-cross at Marigat that concluded with a proposal to establish a SGBV center at Marigat sub-county Hospital with the available resources.
- Conducted mapping of high-volume facilities in Mandera County for support with Continuous Medical Education (CMEs). CMEs are aimed at sensitization and education with updates on SRHR and GBV issues. Conducted CMEs on SRHR/GBV at:
Malindi sub-county hospital reaching 16 Health County Workers (HCWs), Marakwet East, Keiyo South reached 26 HCWs in Sigor and 25 in Kapenguria West Pokot County. In Baringo, 20 HCWs were reached in Marigat and 10 HCWs in Mogotio sub-county. The project supported Health facility in-charges meetings in Kaloleni sub-county and reached 32 HCWs and Malindi sub-county 36 HCWs.
- The project supported 253 survivors of GBV with comprehensive medical and psychosocial support across 9 Accelerate supported health care facilities.
- The project facilitated 5 support groups reaching 119 GBV survivors.
- Sensitization of SRHR/GBV were carried out at Kaloleni for the sub-county health management team members and 12 HCWs from Ministry of Health facilities.
- The project supported CMEs reaching a total of 109 facilities and 164 Healthcare Personnel (HCPs). The topics covered in the CMEs included: SGBV, forms of SGBV - Sexual Violence, Physical Violence, Emotional and Psychological Violence, Harmful Traditional Practices (HTPs) and Socio-Economic Violence, Sexual Reproductive Health Rights (SRHR) care by cohorts and use of Medical Eligibility Criteria wheel.
- Continued distribution of SRHR/GBV job aids at Malindi sub-county health facilities, Kilifi GBV site, MCH & OPD, Kaloleni sub-county 4 public facilities reaching over 30 HCWs, Garissa Township & Ijara sub-counties, Kajiado County and Nairobi County.
- The project also supported the sub-county health management team meeting in Kaloleni, Langata and Samburu Central sub-county reaching 109 facility in charges.
- On Job Training (OJT) done on Post-Partum Family Planning in 2 facilities (Marigat sub-county hospital, Kimalel Health Centre) and Long Acting Reversible Contraceptives (LARC) OJT in 4 facilities (Loboi Dispensary, Iingarua Dispensary, Kapkuikui Dispensary and Eldume Dispensary), visited and supported the new Malindi sub-county Hospital Gender Based Violence center and mentorship on Family Planning and service integration.

DEMAND CREATION

- CBO Community social behaviour change SRHR and GBV sessions continued in Nairobi, Kajiado, Narok, Homabay, Baringo and Elgeyo Marakwet; 15 sessions were held per CBO per County per month.
- Conducted outreaches to reach the poor and marginalized; including young mothers in Kajiado, Nairobi, Narok, Homabay, Baringo and Elgeyo Marakwet.
- Printing and distribution of promotional and IEC materials to demand creation agents in 13 Accelerate Counties. Materials printed and distributed include 2700 Ahadi Yangu posters, 300 T-shirts, 300 caps, 300 lessos and 300 boda boda reflectors.
- Mapping and sensitization of CBOs in West Pokot, Marsabit, Kilifi, Garissa and Mandera.
- CHV sensitization in Baringo and Mombasa.
- Conducted outreaches to intensify contraceptive uptake in Nairobi, Narok, Kajiado, Baringo, Elgeyo Marakwet, West Pokot and Homabay with 2 outreaches per County per month.



RESEARCH AND MEAL

- The program conducted Routine Data Quality Audits (RDQAs) in Baringo and Kwale counties. It was noted that documentation was done according to the guidelines/SOPs and there were minimal errors in terms of reporting. 3 out of the 4 visited sites in Kwale had well utilized SGBV registers, with cases as recent as the current month being recorded.
- Support supervision with sub-county teams were conducted in Kajiado, Kwale, Samburu and Baringo. It was noted that the adolescents were not all captured in the reporting tools especially those issued with condoms, pills, and natural FP methods. The service providers were given OJT on proper data capture and emphasis laid on the importance of capturing all the clients issued with a method and reporting the same.
- Met the County Health Records and Information Officer (CHRIO) Narok to discuss plans for Q1 and establish areas of interest for the County which will guide on priority for support. The CHRIO noted that Joint Support Supervision (JSS) should be prioritized in the private facilities since the reporting was inconsistent.
- The program attended the sub-county Health Records and Information Officers (HRIOs) review meeting in Kajiado supported by the County government where they were reviewing annual performance across all indicators. As partners, we were given an opportunity to share the different programs that we support and their current performance for input from the County and sub-county teams.
- The program met the Samburu County Health Management Team regarding workplan and activities to be supported by the Accelerate project in 2022.
- The program supported a data review meeting for Msambweni and Lunga Lunga sub- counties. The team reviewed the performance for the Oct -Dec 2021 quarter and participants sensitized on the revised FCDRR reporting tool.
- Trained CBOs in Homabay, Nairobi, Kilifi, Migori, Baringo and West Pokot counties on DHIS2 data capture app to allow digital capture of SBCC data.
- The program distributed MOH512, MOH 711 and FCDRR tools in Baringo, Kajiado and Narok counties, Ruaraka and Langata sub-counties.

- Joint Support supervision visits with sub-county teams were conducted in Garissa, Kajiado, Kilifi, Kwale and Marsabit counties. Most facilities visited are yet to start documentation of GBV clients mainly due to shortage of tools and lack of capacity to offer comprehensive SGBV services.
- The program attended the Narok Reproductive Health Technical Working Group (TWG) where stock outs and redistribution of FP commodities were discussed. It was also noted that the FCDRR reporting rate had improved from 92 percent to 95 percent with the setback being from private facilities.
- Facilitated data trainings on DHIS reporting using the approved DHIS app for Community Health Volunteers and representatives from CBOs in Marigat, Baringo County.
- Accelerate supported facility baseline RDQAs for 19 health facilities in Garissa County. The team also facilitated distribution of government approved reporting tools and on job trainings on documentation and reporting in the County.

TRAININGS CONDUCTED BY THE PROGRAM

- ASRH training in Baringo County reaching 43 Health Community Workers (HCWs).
- The training of 15 County government departments on the national Gender Based Violence (GBV) policy for domestication in Samburu.
- Adolescent and Youth Sexual and Reproductive Health (AYSRH) training in Baringo reaching 25 health care workers from facilities spread across the County.

PROJECT MANAGEMENT

PS Kenya hosted Danish Ambassador in Mathare informal settlements during field visits to the community and during a field visit to Kilifi County Hospital for discussion with the County Executive Committee Health Kilifi, County Health Management Team and the hospital Medical superintendent before visiting the Gender-Based Violence clinic.



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