

# **ACCELERATE**

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### ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

**AWP** Annual Work Plan **CBO** Community Based Organization **CHV** Community Health Volunteers CME Continuing Medical Education District Health Information Software **DHIS** 

**GBV** Gender-Based Violence **HCW** Health Care Worker JSS Joint Support Supervisions

LGBTQ+ Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender,

Queer/ Questioning

**NASCOP** National AIDS and STIs Control

Programme

**NCPD** National Council for Population and

Development

TLO On Job Training

**SCHMT** Sub-County Health Management Team

**SRHR** Sexual Reproductive Health Rights

**TWG** Technical Working Group **WRA** Women of Reproductive Ages

- Free Fistula Camp at the Kajiado County Referral Hospital, dubbed 'Breaking the silence: Ending
- Partners' strategy meeting held at the Kajiado County Referral Hospital with representation from National AIDS and STIs Control Programme (NASCOP), Collaborative Center for Gender and Development (CCGD), the hospital administration and medical practitioners stationed at the Gender Violence Recovery Centre (GVRC).
- · Nurses week celebrations in Kajiado county.
- First Gender-Based **Violence** Scientific Conference.
- Fifth Annual Hybrid Scientific Conference on Adolescents and Youth Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights.
- First ICPD25 Commitments stakeholders meeting coordinated by National Council for Population and Development (NCPD).
- Second Maternal and Newborn health management and learning event held in Garissa supported by Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine (LSTM).
- The Day of the African Child celebrations in Kajiado, networking with key stakeholders and synergizing in implementation







#### **COUNTY PARTNERSHIPS**

- Conducted in Ndhiwa, Narok North, Trans Mara, Msambweni, West Pokot reaching 69 Health Care Workers (HCWs). There are still glaring gaps on management of Gender-Based Violence (GBV) cases including identification, referral and linkages. Continuous mentorship is ongoing and Continuing Medical Education (CMEs) on GBV and Sexual Reproductive Health Rights (SRHR) were also carried out in Ruaraka, Kajiado Central and Malindi. Many facilities have challenges on reporting tools, the project (in partnership with NASCOP) is planning for dissemination and distribution of the revised GBV register in this quarter.
- Conducted CMEs in Magina Health centre in Ndhiwa sub-county, Mvindeni dispensary in Kwale and Gombato dispensary in Kilifi. Health care workers trained by NASCOP have started sensitizing health facilities on GBV in their facilities. This sensitization was carried out in eight sub-counties and reached a total of 182 HCWs.
- Sub-County Health Management Teams (SCHMTs) and health facility in-charges monthly meetings supported Narok County, Trans Mara west sub-county, Lungalunga and Kaloleni sub-counties

- reaching 124 HCWs. The program has further supported 17 SCHMT/Facility in-charges meetings in 17 sub counties reaching 430 HCW.s
- Distribution of Information, Education and Communication (IEC) materials has continued in the facilities. The IEC materials have been shared with none Accelerate sub-counties within the 13 counties. CMEs on sensitization of the job aids still on going and onsite On Job Trainings (OJTs).
- Facilitated formation of Maternal Perinatal Death Surveillance and Review (MPDSR) committee for Bisil Health Center in Kajiado county
- 15 Joint Support Supervisions (JSS) were carried out in 15 sub-counties supporting 143 health facilities. Some of the sub-counties supported were: Trans Mara west, Ijara, Msambweni, Kajiado East, Kajiado Central and Homabay Town.
- Facilitated expert witness testimony for 60 survivors (55 female, four male and one person with disability) of GBV.
- Facilitated referral of GBV cases for management through the toll-free line for 21 survivors.

## **DEMAND CREATION**

- Capacity enhancement of 243 teachers in Marsabit, Mandera, Kilifi, Homabay, Samburu, Elgeyo Marakwet, Baringo and West Pokot Counties on related GBV, Child Protection and establishment of safe space clubs (Kings and Queens) in schools.
- Capacity enhancement of 145 HCWs in Baringo, Marsabit, Kwale, Kilifi, Mandera and Garissa counties on GBV basic concepts, clinical and forensic management of GBV and standard documentation and reporting protocols.
- The Ahadi Yangu has so far reached 46,200
   Women of Reproductive Ages (WRAs) and 90,548
   men through the PS Kenya Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.
- The radio campaign ran between 4<sup>th</sup> July and 11<sup>th</sup> July 2022.

- 11 Community Based Organizations (CBOs) and duty-bearer community sessions were held in Homabay, Narok, Baringo, West Pokot, Elgeyo Marakwet, Kilifi, Kwale, Nairobi, Marsabit and Samburu Counties.
- Participated in Annual Work Plan (AWP) process in Homabay, Narok, Baringo, West Pokot and Elgeyo Marakwet as well as the Department of Family Health (Community Health Services, Primary Health and Health Promotion) AWP process.
- Supported a duty-bearers and stakeholders meeting for 52 religious leaders from Suguta, Marmar and Baragoi in Samburu County aimed at strengthening their knowledge and skills in understanding GBV, and providing survivors with appropriate care, support and referrals.







- The project has reached 41,810 WRAs, of this, 28,768 were reached through Interpersonal Communication (IPC)
- Ongoing community Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH), GBV and Harmful Traditional Practices (HTPs) Social Behavior Change (SBC) dialogue sessions by CBOs in Homabay, Narok, Baringo, Elgeyo Marakwet, Marsabit, Kajiado, Nairobi, Kilifi, Kwale, Garissa and Mandera Counties. The Kilifi and Nairobi LGBTQ+ CBOs also started community-based sessions.
- Ongoing outreaches to poor, vulnerable and marginalized people with SRHR messages and services in Homabay, Narok, Baringo, Elgeyo Marakwet, Marsabit, Kajiado, Nairobi, Kilifi, Kwale and WRAs in Garissa.
- Participated in a series of World Population Day celebration planning meetings at both national and county level.

# RESEARCH, MONITORING, EVALUATION, ACCOUNTABILITY AND LEARNING

- Routine Data Quality Audits (RDQAs) and JSS visits with sub-county teams were conducted in Garissa, Kajiado, Baringo, West Pokot, Elgeyo Marakwet, Kwale, Homabay and Samburu Counties.
- Facilitated 16 RDQAs and JSS planning meetings and regional familiarization meetings in West Pokot County.
- Attended the Kajiado East and Narok In-charges meeting where it was agreed that documentation of Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) cases will be improved. The providers also recommended in-reach and outreach activities to boost Family Planning (FP) services uptake.
- Attended the Pokot Central sub-county Data Review meeting where challenges facing commodity documentation were addressed.
- Distributed MOH 711, MOH 512, and Facility Consumption Data Report and Request (FCDRR) forms to the Sub-County Health Records Information Officer (SCHRIO) in Kwale county. Distribution and training on FCDRR summaries and MOH 512s with

- overview supervision on high volume facilities was also carried out in Baringo county.
- Attended the Samburu County AWP planning meeting to finalize on the 2022/2023 AWP process.
- Trained Samburu, Garissa and Kilfi CBOs on the PSI District Health Information Software (DHIS)2 data capture app to allow digital capture of Social Behaviour Change Communication (SBCC) data.
- Conducted facility-based support supervision and OJTs in four health care facilities stationed in Nakuru, Meru and Naivasha.
- Facilitated data trainings on DHIS reporting using the approved DHIS app for Community Health Volunteers (CHVs) and representatives from CBOs in Marigat, Baringo County.
- Supported facility Data Quality Audits (DQAs) for 17 health facilities in West Pokot County. The team also conducted a consultative meeting with the County Health Monitoring Team (CHMT) for equitable distribution of government approved reporting tools in the county.
- Strengthened Research for Improved Project learning: Outcome 3 monitoring research.
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  - We received ethical approval from AMREF Ethical and Scientific Review Committee (ESRC) to conduct Accelerate proposed research. Efforts are underway to seek respective approvals at the counties and other lower levels.
- Learning products and stakeholders' engagement/ Enhanced synergy.
  - In coordination with project teams, we have set-forth a plan for engaging the four learning lab Counties (Narok, Kwale, West Pokot, and Garissa) in the research and learning agenda.
- Participated in Kilifi County AWP consolidation meeting and sensitized 51 participants on the Accelerate project.
- Supported 35 government and non-government representatives during the development of the GBV manual for the CHVs.







- Collaborated with NCPD and the Royal Danish Embassy to discuss dissemination of the commitments, and coordination of implementing partners who report the commitments and indulgence in the ICPD25 TWGs.
- The SGBV Policy Implementation Costing Plan was developed with key SGBV partners in Homabay county.
- Conducted a joint progress review meeting and facility visits with county government representatives and other stakeholders in Kwale County.

#### TRAININGS CONDUCTED

- In collaboration with John Hopkins Program for International Education in Gynecology and Obstetrics (JHPIEGO), the project supported training of 30 HCWs on quality maternal care in Nairobi. The nurse managers were trained on dispute resolution and customer care practices.
- Supported Technical Working Group (TWG) meetings focused on stakeholder and partner mapping in Kajiado County, as well as improving documentation of GBV cases in Nairobi and Mandera counties.
- Supported Reproductive Maternal Newborn

- Child and Adolescent Health (RMNCAH) TWGs for Narok and Homabay referral hospital clinical officers. They were also sensitized on SRHR and GBV response.
- Facilitated the capacity building of 17 (eight male and nine female) health care providers and stakeholders in the Samburu County security department on equitable provision of GBV services for survivors.
- Carried out Adolescent and Youth Sexual Reproductive Health (AYSRH) Training in Garissa county reaching 35 HCWs, with an aim to improve management of adolescent health within the supported counties.
- Capacity building of 94 health care providers in six Accelerate supported sub-counties in West Pokot, Elgeyo Marakwet and Baringo on the basic concepts of GBV and the clinical and forensic management of GBV. The OJT model was utilized to maximize the practical application of the lessons learnt.
- Supported a total of 2 facility In-charges/SCHMT meetings in Nairobi and Malindi where 57 facility managers were sensitized on SRHR/GBV.

#### **PROJECT MANAGEMENT**

- In April 2022, seven officers were trained as Trainer of Trainers (TOTs) in GBV through NASCOPs just concluded nationwide trainings.
- Accelerate team operationalized the projects governance structure which includes the donor, key ministries, NGOs and other relevant stakeholders and is currently in the process of getting the first meeting of the members.
- Development of a LGBTQ+ strategy and social

inclusion power points for inclusion in all project trainings hence forth.

- Development of Accelerate Adolescent and youth SRHR/GBV approach.
- The project held a Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability and Learning (MEAL) meeting with and the Royal Danish Embassy, discussed year one achievements to understand each indicator and reviewed the research component.





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