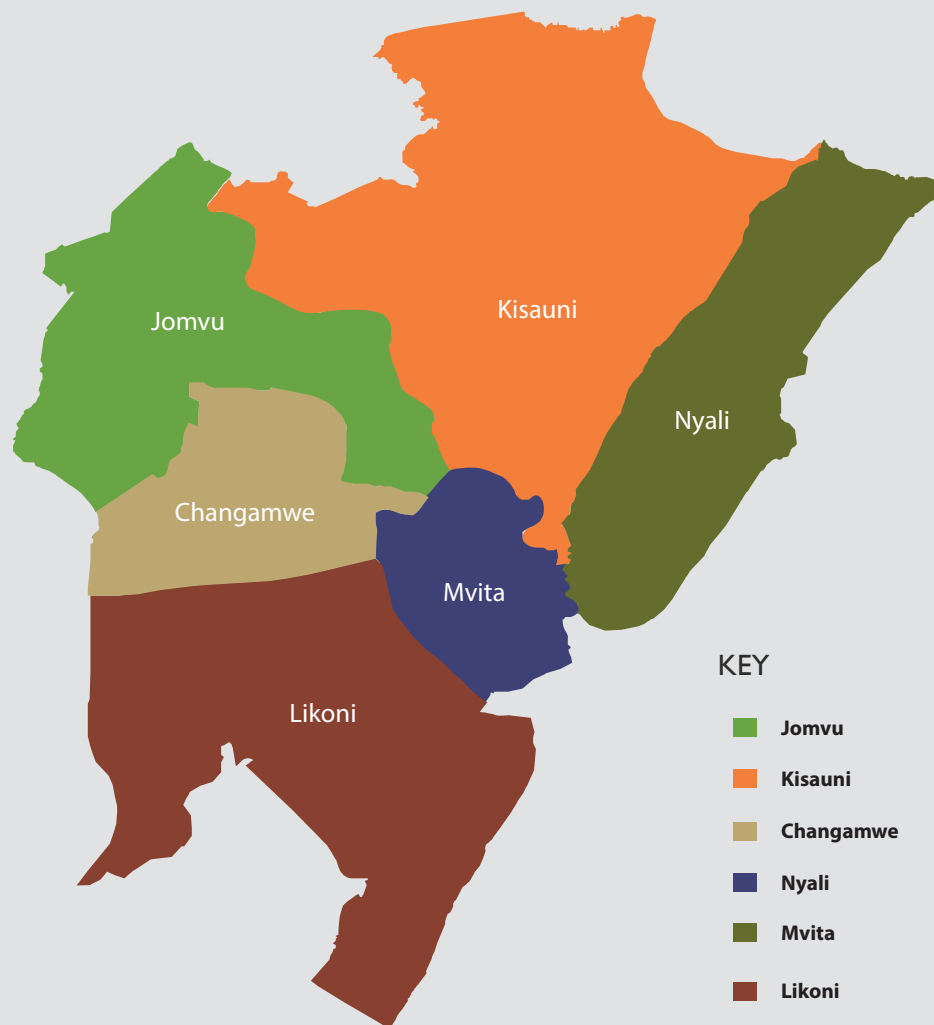




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MOMBASA COUNTY PROFILE

USAID PRIVATE SECTOR ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM

Situated on the southeastern coast along the Indian Ocean, is Kenya's second-largest city and a bustling economic center. With a population exceeding 1.4 million, Mombasa County is characterized by its cultural diversity and rich history. The county's economy thrives on trade, tourism, shipping, and manufacturing, with its bustling port serving as a gateway for international trade and commerce.

HEALTH STATUS

The County has shown efforts to improve maternal and child health, albeit with some challenges. Immunization coverage experienced a slight decrease, while the percentage of deliveries conducted by skilled personnel increased. Efforts to reduce out-of-pocket spending through National Health Insurance Fund (NHIF) enrollment have been initiated. Challenges such as delayed referrals and facility mortality rates persist, despite efforts to strengthen community referrals and obstetric care. The county has seen a reduction in fresh stillbirth rates, attributed to various healthcare interventions and strengthened community referrals.



CHALLENGES FACING THE PRIVATE HEALTH SECTOR

- Limited financial support for diagnostics and commodities within the private sector.
- Inadequate capacity building on emerging trends.
- Challenges arising from dual licensing requirements.
- Limited staffing and high turnover rates.
- Overlapping roles between regulatory bodies.
- Concerns about the commercialization of essential commodities.
- Instances of inappropriate use of prescription-only medication.
- Minimal participation in public processes and policy development.
- Challenges with self-regulation among healthcare professionals.
- Presence of unlicensed facilities and professionals.
- High service charges and lack of price regulation.
- Instances of harassment from rule enforcers.
- Inadequate technical support and supervision for private facilities.

KEY AREAS OF FOCUS

- Establishment of a coordination mechanism for USAID-funded partners supporting private sector engagement interventions.
- Mapping private facilities and strengthening communication and capacity-building on quality and reporting.
- Enhancing linkages between private and public facilities through capacity building.
- Strengthening Public-Private Partnership (PPP) collaboration through facility development and dissemination to the private sector.
- Harmonizing licensing and registration processes among relevant authorities.
- Conducting regular mandatory inspections of the private sector.
- Providing supportive supervision to strengthen health systems.

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