



Harvesting vegetables grown in a vertical garden at a demonstration site at Marimanti in Tharaka-Nithi County. Photo/USAID

KENYA

KENYA NUTRITION AND HEALTH PROGRAM PLUS

Over 10 million Kenyans suffer from chronic food insecurity and poor nutrition. Improving nutritional status in Kenya calls for a multi-sectoral focus and acknowledgement of the integral role that nutrition plays in ensuring a healthy population and productive workforce.

The Kenya Nutrition and Health Program Plus is a national program with county level mandates. The overall goal of the program is to improve nutrition status of Kenyans by utilizing a multi-sectoral approach that addresses both the underlying and systemic causes of malnutrition as well as its immediate determinants.

NHPplus has three sub-purposes:

- Improved access and demand for quality nutrition interventions
- Strengthened nutrition commodity management
- Improved food and nutrition security

OUR WORK

At the national level, the mandate of the Program is to increase access and demand for nutrition services and strengthen nutrition commodity management. In addition to cascading these activities at county levels, the program works with Feed the Future partners in the counties of Busia, Tharaka Nthi, Kitui, Samburu and Marsabit to improve food and nutrition security.

In addition, the program is collaborating with other USAID Partners in the counties of Busia, Tharaka Nthi, Kitui and Samburu to implement maternal, newborn and child health activities that aim at ending preventable child and maternal deaths through ensuring a greater effect for women and children under two years with regards to nutrition.

The program supports expansion of nutrition assessment counselling and support (NACS) services beyond HIV through provision of technical support to roll-out NACS to include High-Impact Nutrition Interventions (HiNi) to improve access and demand for quality nutrition interventions at community and facility levels. NHPplus engages with stakeholders to create a heightened profile for nutrition and strengthen budgeting, planning and monitoring and evaluation (M&E). It uses a multisectoral approach to integrate maternal, infant and young child nutrition with agrinutrition and WASH activities through the Baby Friendly Community Initiative.

To strengthen nutrition commodity management, the program works to improve the outcomes of all interventions by ensuring efficiencies in nutrition commodity procurement, management and distribution while addressing quality control and safety of nutrition products procured through the program.

ACHIEVEMENTS (Sept 2018)

- 415,808 clients reached with nutrition commodities
- 137,459 pregnant women reached
- 48,964 households reached with integrated nutrition-specific and sensitive package
- 11,478 households screened at least twice a year
- 6,941.764 metric tonnes of nutrition commodities distributed
- 548 health facilities (central sites) provided with nutrition commodities
- 171 demonstration gardens established
- 3,026 hearth sessions (cooking demonstrations) conducted
- Baby Friendly Community Initiative activities established in five focus counties.

BUDGET:

\$38,135,134

FUNDING: USAID, PEPFAR, FEED THE FUTURE

DURATION

January 2015 – December 2019

ACTIVITY LOCATIONS

Health facilities nationally, community level activities in Busia, Kitui, Marsabit, Samburu and Tharaka Nithi Counties.

KEY PARTNERS

Ministry of Health, Nutrition and Dietetics Unit, Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries, Ministry of Education, County Governments, Kenya Bureau of Standards, National Drought Management Authority, Private Sector Partners, Food & Agriculture Organization, UNICEF Implementing Partners and other US Government funded partners including Feed the Future (FtF) and OVC Implementing Partners

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