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## KENYA

# Nilinde Orphans and Vulnerable Children

The purpose of Nilinde project is to improve welfare and protection of children affected by HIV. Activities will include building capacity of households to provide for children under their care; and strengthening social systems and structures to improve support to Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVC). Nilinde supports innovative and evidence-based approaches that strengthen the capacity of caregivers and communities to increase their ability to provide for children's basic needs.

### **OUR WORK**

- Strengthening families as primary caregivers of children through child-focused, family-centered interventions, including economic strengthening initiatives.
- Strengthening social services and systems, by collaborating and coordinating closely with the Department of Children Services and relevant sectors to promote ownership, and improve the welfare and protection of OVC and their families.
- Working within the continuum of care to ensure access to HIV prevention, screening, testing, care and treatment services of the families served.
- Providing technical assistance and capacity building to enable national and county level stakeholders to develop and review relevant OVC instruments, including policies, standards and guidelines.
- Promoting public and private sector partnership to increase efficiencies and sustain OVC well-being.

## **EXPECTED OUTCOMES**

In its third year of implementation, the project reached 160,628 OVC with a variety of health, social and protection services. By the end of the five year performance period, Nilinde is expected to achieve the following results:

- Systems for OVC welfare and protection, including inheritance, birth certificates and guardianship, strengthened.
- Capacity of the county Children Services Department and local partners (community and faith-based organizations) to deliver quality services strengthened.

#### **DURATION AND BUDGET LEVEL**

August 2015 to August 2020 \$41,005,731 Million

#### **ACTIVITY LOCATIONS**

Nairobi, Mombasa, Kilifi, Kwale andTaitaTaveta Counties.In Years I and 2, the project also covered Lamu County.

#### **KEY PARTNERS**

Ministries of Labor, Social Security and Services, Health, Education, Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries and Community based and Faith-based Organizations.

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#### **U.S. Presidential Initiative**

- Global Health Initiative
- President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR)

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- The government's Management Information System for OVC supported.
- 75 percent of OVC below five years with a birth certificate up from a baseline of 45 percent in 2014.
- 85 percent of supported OVC children progressed in school during the last year.
- 85 percent of supported OVC < 5 are fully immunized.</li>
- 85 percent of supported OVC < 15 whose primary caregiver knows the child's HIV status (up from a baseline of 40percent in 2014).</li>
- Economic capacity of 75 percent of OVC families/households improved to meet basic needs.