



Participants from the Mombasa Department of Health in a training activity during an organizational restructuring workshop. Photo credit: USAID

## KENYA

### HEALTH POLICY PLUS

The overarching objective for Health Policy Plus (HP+) is to contribute to increased, sustainable, predictable, and adequate financing for programs and health policy implementation. This contributes directly to Kenya's Vision 2030. Kenya's health sector is faced with multiple financing challenges, including declining donor support, and increasing out-of-pocket expenditures. These expenses can be a barrier to access and push people into poverty. The sector struggles to tackle emerging, complex issues. Kenya's partner countries in East Africa face similar challenges, and the regional health secretariats lack sufficient data and tools to support them.

#### OUR WORK

HP+ focuses on three objectives:

1. Support the national government to increase domestic resources for sustainable financing of the health sector in Kenya.
2. Support county governments to increase sustainable financing for health and priority programs.
3. Support Eastern Africa member states to promote health insurance coverage.

#### ACHIEVEMENTS

HP+ has achieved the following successes:

- The National Treasury created a budget line item for antiretrovirals and allocated a total of \$167 million for antiretrovirals between 2016/17 to 2022/23.
- HP+ helped mobilize KES 2.79 billion for HIV, KES 1.85 billion for family planning, and KES 1.70 billion for malaria from 2021/22 to 2022/23.
- HP+ trained 86 staff from the Department of Family Health, National AIDS and STIs Control

Programme (NASCO), Division of National Malaria Programme on program-based budgeting.

- 590 county staff have been trained in 26 counties on program-based budgeting.
- Allocations to health in the 26 counties increased from 23 percent of total county government budget in 2015/16 to 29 percent in 2020/21.
- Following intensive capacity strengthening support, budget absorption in thirteen focus counties increased from 73 percent in 2016/17 to 80 percent in 2020/21.
- Development of a resource tracking tool to help the East African Community (EAC) member states to track their governments' commitments towards universal health coverage.
- Development of a nationally endorsed template and a curriculum for program-based budgeting for the health sector, in collaboration with national partners.

**BUDGET:** USD \$19.4 million

**DURATION:** 2015-2022

**ACTIVITY LOCATION**

Across Kenya's 47 counties

**IMPLEMENTING PARTNER**

Palladium

**KEY PARTNERS**

Ministry of Health, Council of Governors, Kenya School of Government, private sector, University of Nairobi - Economics Department, Ministry of Planning and Devolution, National Treasury, National AIDS Control Council, National AIDS and STI Control Program, Division of National Malaria Program, Division of Reproductive and Maternal Health

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