

Community Health Volunteers in Kilifi, Kenya: A Catalyst for health service uptake and agents of Change

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HOPE IN HEALTH: OUR LABOR IS NOT IN VAIN

Overview of ACHAP- AFYA Project

A regional faith-based organization providing a platform for Christian Health Associations & other Church Health Networks from Sub-Saharan Africa - established in 2007, Secretariat is based in Nairobi

ACHAP AFYA 3-year (July 2020-July 2023) USAID project, Goal is to reduce maternal and child morbidity and mortality in Kenya and Uganda by expanding the use of high-quality community health services

Community Health Strategy was launched in Kenya in 2019 as a key president's strategy for achieving Universal Health Coverage as CHVs have a vital role in bridging communities to health systems



Roles of CHVs in the uptake of health services



KEY CHV ACTIVITIES

Household Visits, Referrals and linkages to ANC/PNC/FP and child health services, Recognition/Identification/social accountability

Counseling on health behaviors and distribution of FP commodities, Conducting nutrition assessment for under 5s

Routine participation in monthly meetings as well as Routine Data Quality Assessments

Working with other community groups –Religious Leaders/CORPS/Male Champions

ACHAP AFYA SUPPORT

Transport allowances to far-flanged areas , Incentives- T-shirts, Bags, Umbrella

Training/Provision of Job Aids RMCNCH/Nutrition/WASH/CBHIS

Localization of training areas-IGAs

Certification/Recognition & cross learning experience

Key Results

	INDICATOR	ACHIEVEMENT (REACH)
1	Number of women who complete 4 or more ANC visits	11,546
2	Number of new deliveries that took place in the catchment area of CU/Parish that were with skilled birth attendant	8,097
3	Number of newborns visited at home within 48 hours of delivery.	7,334
4	Number of Children under 1 fully immunized.	15,771
5	Number of 0-23 months reached with community-level nutrition interventions	30,059
6	Number of acceptors of new modern contraception method	7,153
7	Number of clients receiving FP services through CBDs	19,649
8	Number of households reached with a health messaging by a CHV	37662
9	Community Based Distributor CYP	528

Lessons learnt

- CHVs play a critical role in reaching those with the most health disparities and most challenges accessing care.
- CHVs ensure health services at grass root levels deliver primary healthcare, the backbone of Universal Health Coverage.
- Advancing in CHVs is sustainable in the gains made in the continuity of service delivery uptake and provision of health services after the project closeout.

Capitalizing in CHVs offers a significant long-term return on investment.



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