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THE CHILDREN'S INVESTMENT FUND FOUNDATION ADOLESCENT PROJECT: IMPROVING HEALTH OUTCOMES AND WELLNESS OF ADOLESCENTS LIVING WITH HIV IN KENYA



Background

Project Goal

To increase identification of adolescents living with HIV, and improve HIV care and treatment and retention for adolescents living with HIV in Kenya, through improved health and community systems.

Project Objectives

1. Improve the quality of HIV services provided to adolescents along the testing and treatment cascade
2. Reduce HIV-related stigma and discrimination through engaging and educating communities
3. Operationalize existing national- and county-level coordination mechanisms for the implementation of the adolescent HIV interventions
4. Scale-up adolescent-friendly HIV services at 20 high-volume facilities in Homa Bay County
5. Promote use of strategic information to improve adolescent HIV programming

Project Funding and Scope

The project is funded by the United Kingdom-based CIFF and implemented at three levels:

- National-level support: Through NASCOP and NACC to strengthen management and coordination of adolescent HIV interventions at national-level
- County-level support: Through County Governments and stakeholders support the coordination of adolescent health activities in 10 selected counties – Nairobi, Homa Bay, Kisumu, Siaya, Busia, Kiambu, Murang'a, Kakamega, Kisii and Migori
- Service delivery support: Through the County Government of Homa Bay support scale up of adolescent-friendly services in 20 high-volume facilities in the county in line with the 90-90-90 UNAIDS targets

Project Targets for Homa Bay (Year 1)

To evaluate progress toward these objectives, the following key performance indicators and related targets will be monitored:

Adolescent HIV Critical Path Indicators	Project Year 1 (October 1, 2016 September 30, 2017)
Number of adolescents (10-19) who received HIV testing and counselling and received results	41,969
Number of adolescents identified as HIV-positive	717
Number of HIV-positive adolescents initiated on ART	574
Proportion of adolescents known to be alive and on ART at six months post-initiation	517
Proportion of adolescents known to be alive and on ART at 12 months post-initiation	488
Percent of adolescent ART patients with a viral load test result documented within the past six months	2580
Project Management Indicators	
Number of supported sites	20
Number of persons trained on adolescent-friendly services	80
Number of adolescent stakeholder meetings held at county and national level	42

Key Strategies

To contribute toward the achievement the project objectives, the following key strategies will be utilised:

- Support NASCOP to produce a revised 'standard of care' package for adolescent HIV services.
- In partnership with MOH and implementing partners, train and mentor health care providers on adolescent package of care.
- Support NASCOP to develop a Teacher's Guide to sensitize teachers on HIV/AIDS in school-aged children and adolescents.
- Through NEPHAK and Kenya Network of Positive Teachers (KENEPOTE), support community- and school-based meetings to encourage testing and support adolescents on treatment and scale-up stigma reduction activities in selected schools across the 10 supported counties.
- Establish Sauti Skika chapters in five of the supported counties and strengthen Sauti Skika activities in five counties with existing Sauti Skika chapters.
- Provide logistical and technical support for quarterly national Adolescent Technical Working Group (TWG), in partnership with NASCOP and NACC.
- Support national adolescent health multi-sectoral TWG to conduct annual adolescent symposium/stock-taking meeting.
- In partnership with county government, support quarterly Adolescent HIV Steering Committee meetings for planning and performance monitoring in 10 high-burden counties.
- Through NEPHAK, support the formation of adolescent advisory boards at the national- and county-level as envisioned in the Kenya Fast Track Plan.
- Through NEPHAK, carry out community mobilization to increase identification of HIV-infected adolescents in order to reach the first 90* in Homa Bay County.
- Deploy adolescent peer educators to support linkage to care, ART initiation, adherence, and retention in HIV care and treatment.
- Implement adolescent-centered differentiated model of care in order to achieve the second 90 in 20 health facilities in Homa Bay County, by providing drug refills in schools for adolescents who are stable on treatment.

* The Joint United Nations Programme on HIV and AIDS released global targets in HIV and AIDS programming: to ensure 90% of individuals living with HIV know their status, to reach 90% of HIV-positive individuals with ART and to ensure viral suppression of 90% among

- Provide intensified support for adherence in order to achieve the third 90 in 20 health facilities in Homa Bay County through adolescent peer support groups.
- Conduct treatment literacy materials trainings in support group settings to increase adherence to ART, viral suppression, and retention in care and treatment.
- Provide non-monetary incentives for adolescents who are adherent to clinic visits/ART and/or are virally suppressed, and health care workers with exemplary performance in the provision of HIV services to adolescents.
- Support the development and maintenance of an up-to-date national and county dashboard for performance monitoring on adolescent HIV indicators.
- Support roll-out of revised National Health Management Information System tools for collection of age and gender disaggregated data for adolescents.
- Strengthen data quality assurance systems through continuous health worker mentorship and quality reviews.

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