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VISION

Improved quality and access to health care services for women and children in Kakamega county.

MISSION

Coordinating advocacy to ensure the maternal, newborn, and child health needs of local communities are prioritized and financed.

ADVOCACY OBJECTIVES

- To highlight for policymakers that low-cost, high-impact interventions can save the lives of mothers, newborns, and children.
- To call on county leaders to commit to prioritizing and allocating resources to address leading and preventable causes of maternal, newborn, and child morbidity and mortality.
- To position the alliance as a leading advocacy movement for maternal and child health in the county.

Want to become a member?

The alliance welcomes any legally registered organization interested in influencing policy makers to prioritize and allocate resources to address leading and preventable causes of maternal, newborn, and child morbidity and mortality in Kakamega county. For more information, please contact Kakamega County MNCH CSO Alliance Coordinator, Edward Anyanda (anyanda2001@yahoo.com).

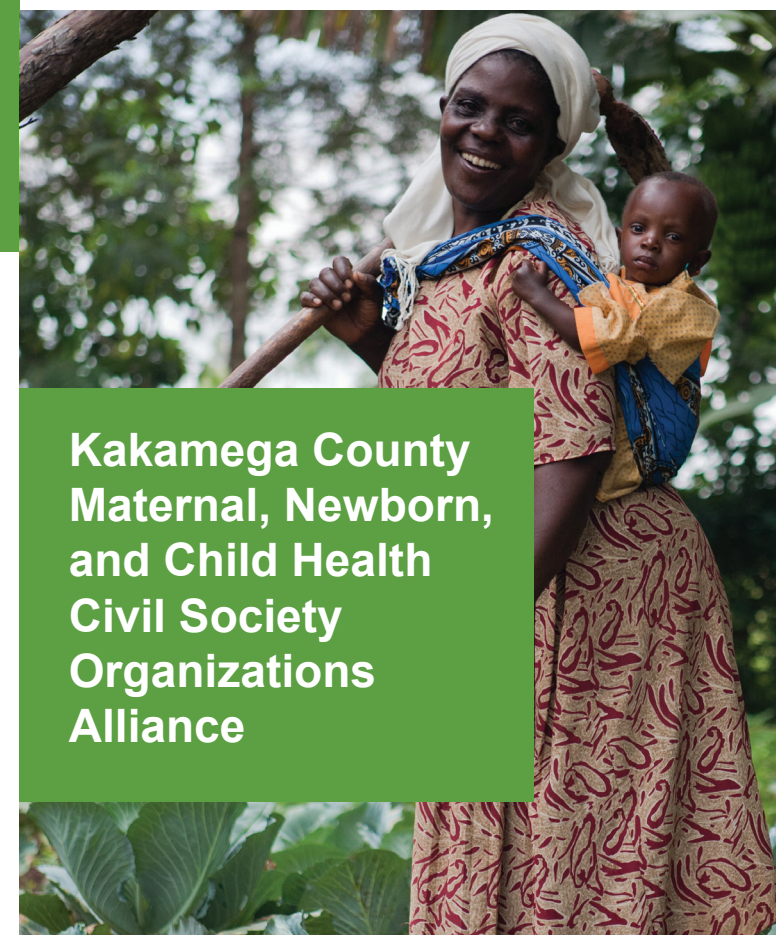
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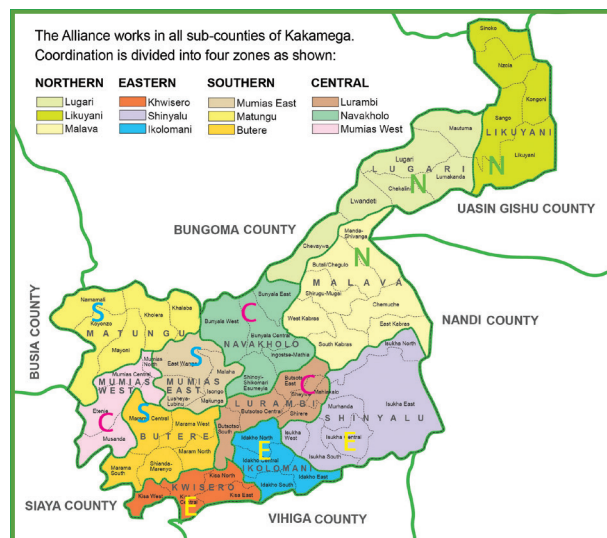


**Kakamega County
Maternal, Newborn,
and Child Health
Civil Society
Organizations
Alliance**

Maternal and child health in Kakamega county

Kakamega county is the fourth most populous county in Kenya, with the largest rural population. Unfortunately, maternal and child mortality rates in Kakamega are unacceptably high, ranking fifth highest of fifteen counties in Kenya. However, the county has seen major progress in recent years: the proportion of skilled delivery has increased to 69 percent by 2016, while the proportion of mothers attending at least four antenatal care visits has increased from 35 percent to 54 percent. Similarly, immunization coverage of children is now at 81 percent compared to 2014.

This progress is largely due to the Kakamega County Maternal and Child Health and Family Planning Bill, which was signed into law by the county governor in 2017 to guarantee support to vulnerable pregnant women living on less than one US dollar a day to access essential antenatal and postnatal care. Advocates from PATH, UNICEF, and other partners played a key role in shaping strategy for the bill, drafting core language, ensuring funding, and securing critical buy-in from high-level leaders and civil society members.



Key Statistics

INDICATORS	PERFORMANCE
Maternal Mortality Ratio	316 per 100,000 live births (UNFPA, 2014)
% babies delivered in health facilities	47% (KDHS 2014)
Infant mortality rates	40 per 1000 live births (KDHS 2014)
Proportion of mothers delivering in health facilities	65% (2020/21 ADP)
Percentage of women of reproductive age receiving family planning commodities and services	49% (2020/21 ADP)

The Kakamega County Maternal, Newborn, and Child Health Civil Society Organizations Alliance

Recognizing advocacy's potential to impact maternal, newborn, and child health, a group of civil society organizations (CSOs) working on these issues in Kakamega teamed up to establish the Kakamega County Maternal, Newborn, and Child Health Civil Society Organizations Alliance in 2016.

Partially sponsored by PATH, the alliance exists to coordinate advocacy efforts around improved access to health care services for women and children in Kakamega county. Member organizations with a history of advocating for investments in maternal and child health build the interest and capacity of county budget decision-makers to make the case for increased resources for women's and children's health.

Over the three years since its establishment, the alliance has become recognized as a strong platform for a variety of different advocacy work in Kakamega, acknowledged by county leadership as well as the community. For example, members of the alliance helped pass the Kakamega County Maternal and Child Health and Family Planning Bill of 2017 by engaging county assembly leaders to express their support for the bill and participating in hearings in each of Kakamega's twelve sub-counties.



The Kakamega County Maternal, Newborn, and Child Health Civil Society Organizations Alliance was officially launched on the 27th of May 2016 at the Golf Hotel in Kakamega. The launch was officiated by the county's First Lady who pledged to support the maternal and child health agenda in the county. The event was attended by a Gates Foundation representative in addition to over 200 guests, including key county decision-makers such as County Executive Committee members, members of Parliament, and members of the County Assembly.

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