



APHIAplus (AIDS, Population and Health Integrated Assistance) Nairobi - Coast

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A community health worker explains the procedures of HIV testing to a resident of rural Mpeketoni, Lamu County during a health outreach that is conducted every two weeks.

U.S. Presidential Initiative:

- U.S. Global Health Initiative
- President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief

Funding Level:

\$61 million

Duration:

January 2011 – October 2014



Activity Goals:

- Support the Ministry of Health to improve and expand services for HIV and AIDS, reproductive health and family planning, tuberculosis, malaria and maternal and child health
- Improve and expand civil society activities to increase healthy behaviors
- Reduce stigma and establish safety nets for people living with HIV and their families

Activity Accomplishments:

- 1,654,443 Kenyans received HIV counseling and testing
- 158,337 Kenyans receiving antiretroviral therapy, with 28,934 new clients in three months
- 458,140 women counselled on prevention of mother to child transmission of HIV
- 770,000 children under five received Vitamin A
- 316,878 children less than one-year-old fully immunized

ACTIVITY OVERVIEW

USAID/Kenya supports an integrated service delivery model to improve the health of Kenyans across the country. The AIDS, Population and Health Integrated Assistance Program, also known as APHIAplus, combines family planning, maternal and child health, malaria, nutrition, tuberculosis and HIV/AIDS prevention, care, and treatment services to provide an integrated, high-quality, equitable approach to sustainable services at the national, county, and community levels. Integrating these activities through one activity provides more effective communication and coordination with county health administrators. Seamless services and technical support at the local level ensure health workers address the unique needs of each geographic area across the country.

ACTIVITY AREAS

AIDS, Population and Health Integrated Assistance Nairobi-Coast works at both health facility and community-level to increase access to quality health services, products and information.

In partnership with the Government of Kenya AIDS, Population and Health Integrated Assistance Nairobi-Coast is strengthening water and sanitation activities in the regions to ensure increased access to safe drinking water and improved hygiene and sanitation.

The activity supports economic empowerment of orphaned and vulnerable children and their caregivers through the voluntary savings and loans scheme and through income generating activities.

ACTIVITY IMPACT

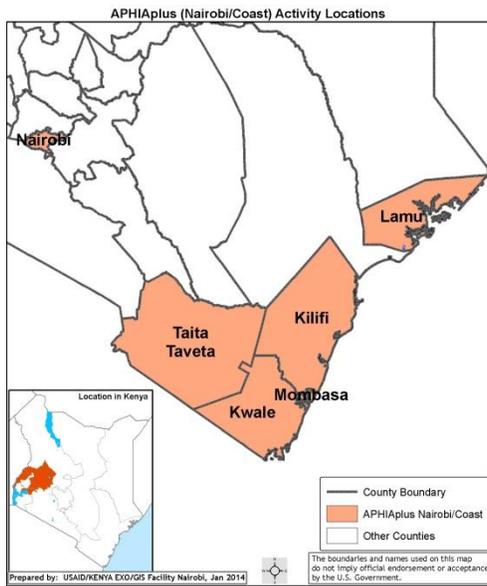
Providing antiretroviral therapy to people living with HIV is the first step in helping them live productive lives, care for their children, and contribute to their communities. But for people living with HIV in rural areas, making the monthly trip to the district hospital to pick up the life-saving antiretroviral drugs can be a time consuming and costly endeavor. If a person living with HIV fails to adhere to the daily regimen of drugs, they are at risk of infecting others with HIV and of succumbing to life-threatening infections.

In rural Mpeketoni, Lamu County, residents had to walk 20 –

- 529,052 long-lasting insecticide treated nets distributed

Activity Locations:

Nairobi, Mombasa, Kilifi, Kwale, Taita-taveta and Lamu Counties



Key Partners:

Ministry of Health: National AIDS and STI Control Program; Division of Reproductive and Maternal Health Services Unit, Ministry of Labor & Social Services

More than 250 NGOs, community-based organizations, government agencies, and public and private sector institutions

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50 kilometers to Mpeketoni sub-county hospital to access antiretroviral therapy. This resulted in people not taking their medicine or sharing medicine, which spurs drug resistance and opportunistic infections, which can lead to death.

Now, with USAID-supported antiretroviral therapy outreach, rural residents of Mpeketoni have access to health screenings and treatment, antiretroviral therapy and counseling and testing.



A health worker from Mpeketoni sub-county hospital in Lamu County attends to a young girl and her grandmother during an antiretroviral therapy outreach in Majembeni.