



APHIAplus (AIDS, Population and Health Integrated Assistance), Nuru Ya Bonde



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Sharon Cherutich talks to a friend about cancer screening. Cherutich is a produce vendor near Eldoret who was one of 70 people who received various health services during the integrated APHIAplus Nuru ya Bonde field day.

U.S. Presidential Initiatives:

- Global Health Initiative
- President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief

Funding Level:
\$94.8 million

Duration:
January 2011 -
December 2015



Activity Goals:

- Support the Ministries 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
- Improve and expand support for people and families affected by HIV/AIDS
- Reduce stigma and establish safety nets for people living with HIV and their families

Activity Accomplishments:

- Provided HIV testing and counseling services to 1,378,961 individuals
- Provided education and /or vocational training for 54,017 children
- Provided economic strengthening services to

ACTIVITY OVERVIEW

APHIAplus Nuru ya Bonde improves the lives of mothers, children and their families in Kenya's Rift Valley region. The project focuses on delivery of quality health services related to HIV/AIDS, family planning, reproductive health, malaria and tuberculosis. APHIAplus Nuru ya Bonde leads interventions to strengthen HIV counseling and testing, prevent mother-to-child transmission of HIV, increase family planning and reproductive health resources, and improve maternal and child health. It also works to build the capacity of local partners to implement quality assurance and coordination of monitoring and evaluation.

ACTIVITY AREAS

APHIAplus Nuru Ya Bonde project works with the government and community-based organizations to:

Ensure access to quality health services and products

AIDS, Population and Health Integrated Assistance Nuru Ya Bonde builds the capacity of health care providers to deliver high-quality health services. Specifically, the activity helps people living with HIV/AIDS gain access to counseling and treatment, and reduces child deaths through improved maternal and newborn child health services at health facilities.

Improve the well-being of the poor and marginalized groups

At the community level, the activity strengthens water, sanitation and hygiene programs and improves food security and economic well-being for households caring for orphans and vulnerable children. The activity supports orphaned and vulnerable children with education, life-skills training and ways of generating income to support themselves.

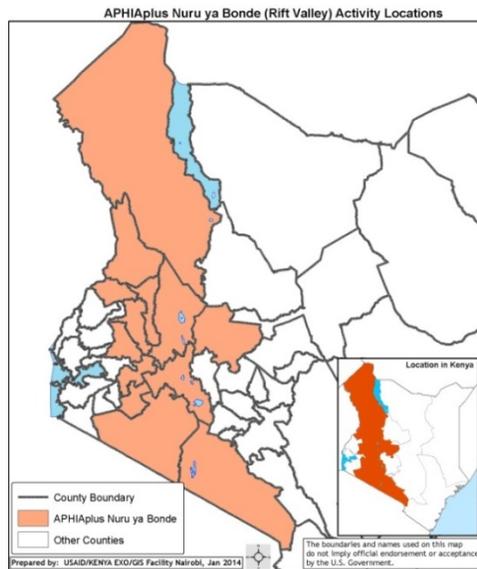
Build capacity of local implementing partners

In collaboration with the USAID-supported Fanikisha project, AIDS, Population and Health Integrated Assistance Nuru ya Bonde trains local implementing partners on project management and performance monitoring. Regular feedback meetings are held with all implementing partners to review approaches to improve health-service delivery and communication services as well as data analysis, outcome reporting and documentation.

- 5,755 eligible adults and children
- Supported 13,328 households to develop hand washing facilities

Activity Location:

5 counties in the Rift Valley, namely Baringo, Nakuru, Narok, Laikipia and Kajiado



Key Partners:

Ministry of Health, Division of Reproductive Health, Ministry of Labor and Social Services, and National AIDS and STI Control Program

The APHIAplus Rift Valley Project is implemented by FHI 360 together with partners that include African Medical and Research Foundation (AMREF), Liverpool VCT, Care and Treatment (LVCT), Catholic Relief Services (CRS), National Organization for Peer Educators (NOPE) and Gold Star Kenya, as well as the Government of Kenya and Civil Society

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ACTIVITY IMPACT

Christine Chelagat found out that she was HIV positive 11 years ago as she was recovering from the loss of her husband. “At that time when you tested HIV positive, it was like being handed a death sentence,” she said, “there was no information but hurtful statements directed to anyone thought to be HIV positive.”

Initially, she gave up hope and decided to stay home waiting for her death. Everything changed when she and others in her community formed the Muitai and Care Support group, a savings and lending plan. Christine and her group members learned about this type of economic empowerment through APHIAplus Nuru ya Bonde.



With money from the savings and lending plan, Christine started a poultry keeping project and started selling eggs and chickens. She also planted a variety of crops on her small piece of land. These activities have enabled her to provide for her family and also pay college fees for her two eldest children. She is grateful for the support and skills that she gained. Today, she reflects on her life journey and looks to the future with renewed hope.