

Funzo Kenya



Photo

Health worker in Miritini Dispensary, Mombasa examining a baby. Funzo Kenya trains health workers throughout Kenya.

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Activity Locations: Nationwide

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ACTIVITY OVERVIEW

Funzo Kenya supports the Government of Kenya's efforts to strengthen its health worker education and training systems. "Funzo" means training in Kiswahili. The activity works across the public and private sectors to improve pre-service education of health workers, increase the number of health workers graduating from Kenya's medical training institutions, expand access to training for existing health workers, and link professional licensing to ongoing professional development. The activity initiates public-private partnerships to increase available funding for health worker training and professional development.

Key partners on the project include: Ministry of Health, National AIDS and STI Control Program, Kenya Medical Supplies Agency, Director of HR Planning and Management, Kenya Results for Development, Kenya Healthcare Federation, Kenya Medical Training Institute, Great Lakes University of Kisumu, University of North Carolina's School of Nursing, University of Nairobi, Moi University, and Kenya's top health training colleges and universities.

ACTIVITY GOALS

- Forecasts the number of new health workers needed and works with training institutions to increase admissions capacity
- Increases access to training through loan and scholarship programs for pre-service students and in-service health workers
- Supports training institutions to develop and deliver content and curricula through new learning modalities
- Strengthens the ability of regulatory bodies to identify performance gaps, review curricula and strengthen the link between continuing professional development and registration/re-licensure

ACTIVITY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- 2,237 health workers trained to date
- 1,507 loans disbursed to first time applicants bringing cumulative total of first time loans disbursed to 3,113 for 2014/2015 academic year
- HRH Norms and Standards Guidelines disseminated to all the 47 counties
- 194 health workers e-Inducted
- 18 faculty from four training institutions trained in curriculum and instructional design
- Final drafts of Clinical Officers Council (COC) and Nursing Council of Kenya (NCK) core curricula produced