KENYA
GLOBAL HEALTH

USAID supports the health sector with high-impact, evidence-based interventions. Due to the devolution of health sector management and service delivery to 47 counties, our interventions focus at the county level with targeted support at the national level.

We work with the Government of Kenya, civil society, faith-based organizations and the private sector on HIV/AIDS prevention, treatment and care; family planning and reproductive, maternal, neonatal, child and adolescent health; nutrition; water, sanitation and hygiene; malaria prevention and treatment; and tuberculosis control and treatment. Interventions include technical assistance to support health service delivery; training of healthcare professionals; procurement and management of health commodities; health communication and marketing; human resources for health; health financing; and health information management.

STRENGTHENING HEALTH SYSTEMS

We work with the Government of Kenya to build a strong health system, responsive to the needs of individuals, families and communities. We support improvements in the health workforce; health information system; supply chain management; financing; and leadership and governance. We focus on the inter-related elements of recruitment, retention, training and supervision by implementing a comprehensive strategy to strengthen all cadres of health workers.

We have made significant investments to improve the supply chain management for HIV, malaria and family planning commodities. USAID, along with other donors, support the Government of Kenya to improve the collection, verification and use of health data. To improve financing for health, we strengthen program planning and budgeting at both the national and county levels, with an emphasis on domestic resource mobilization to create a more sustainable health sector.
CONTROLLING THE HIV EPIDEMIC

USAID works through the President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) to combat the HIV/AIDS epidemic in close partnership with the Government of Kenya. Launched in 2003, PEPFAR represents the largest U.S. Government investment in HIV globally, and enables Kenyans living with HIV/AIDS to access the treatment and care they need while also gaining the knowledge to eliminate the spread of the disease from mother-to-child and partner-to-partner. As a result of U.S. Government efforts, Kenyans have increased access to HIV/AIDS prevention, treatment and care services; more people than ever before are on anti-retroviral therapy, and more Kenyans than ever before are being tested for HIV. USAID’s HIV care and support program focuses on HIV palliative care; orphans and vulnerable children; nutrition; home-based care; and TB/HIV services.

REDUCING THE BURDEN OF MALARIA

Malaria is one of the leading causes of morbidity and mortality in Kenya. Kenya is a focus country of the U.S. President’s Malaria Initiative (PMI), which supports USAID and other key U.S. Government partners, in collaboration with the Government of Kenya, to expand malaria prevention and treatment measures. USAID support includes procuring and distributing malaria treatment doses to health facilities, providing insecticide-treated bed nets in communities and malaria prophylaxis to pregnant women, and supporting indoor residual spraying to reduce the presence of malaria-carrying mosquitos in homes.

PREVENTING CHILD AND MATERNAL DEATHS

In partnership with the Government of Kenya, we work at the national and county levels to address and combat the main causes of maternal and child deaths. Activities focus on the continuum of care, including antenatal care; skilled birth attendance; essential newborn care; and post-partum care. Both community and facility initiatives are used to support increasing the uptake of these interventions. Prevention and management of common childhood illnesses at the community level support the Government’s strategy to attain universal coverage of cost-effective child survival interventions.

We promote uptake of vitamin A, oral rehydration salts and zinc; immunizations; and prevention and management of diarrhea through household hygiene and sanitation promotion as well as water quality interventions. Our work promotes good nutritional practices, including exclusive breast feeding, community management of acute malnutrition and inpatient therapeutic management of severe malnutrition.

USAID has supported voluntary family planning in Kenya for over 30 years, prioritizing the increase of quality, access, and utilization of services. Our programs both increase access to contraceptives to those that seek them and strengthen the supervision and skills of family planning providers.

BUDGET (FY 2018)

- $383 million

U.S. PRESIDENTIAL INITIATIVES

- President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR)
- President’s Malaria Initiative (PMI)
- Global Health Security Agenda (GHSA)

ACHIEVEMENT SNAPSHOTS (2018)

- More than one million Kenyans on PEPFAR-supported anti-retroviral therapy by the end of 2018
- 7.3 million doses of malaria treatment procured and distributed to health facilities in 2018
- Over 108,000 newborns received postnatal care within two days of birth in U.S. Government-supported facilities in 2018
- Approximately 71 percent of the total demand for family planning (FP) is met by using modern methods, bringing Kenya close to the Global 2020 initiative target.¹

¹The 2014 Kenya Demographic and Health Survey (KDHS)

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