



A health care worker contracted by USAID's Afya Halisi in Kitui County provides immunization services to a baby at AIC Zombe Health Center. Photo Credit: Afya Halisi

## KENYA

### AFYA HALISI

Afya Halisi works with the Kenya Ministry of Health and the four focus county governments of Kakamega, Kisumu, Kitui and Migori to deliver quality, integrated services for family planning and reproductive, maternal, newborn, child and adolescent health (FP/RMNCAH), nutrition, and water, sanitation and hygiene to those most in need. The five-year, USAID-funded program strengthens the capacity of national, county, and sub-county leaders and systems so that they can enhance the efficiency of existing health systems, prioritize populations most in need, increase equity, and scale up high-impact interventions and practices to improve quality.

In May 2020, Afya Halisi received designated funding from USAID to support the Ministry of Health in implementing responsive actions to slow down the spread of COVID-19 and mitigate the consequences of the disease at the national level and in the counties of Busia, Kajiado and Migori. The program co-created, co-implemented and co-monitored the COVID-19 response activities with USAID, the national and county governments, and implementing partners. Afya Halisi also supported the distribution and handover of USAID-procured ventilators and associated consumables to various counties to assist in the fight against COVID-19.

#### OUR WORK

Afya Halisi transfers skills to increase the availability and quality of FP/RMNCAH services; the practice of key nutrition, water, and sanitation behaviors; care-seeking and health-promoting behavior; and the Ministry of Health's stewardship of key health program service delivery. It has taken an agile and adaptive approach based on iterative learning, while fostering multi-sectoral collaboration, coordination, and private sector engagement – ensuring a total market approach and reduced missed

opportunities. As part of the Journey to Self-Reliance, the program places emphasis on co-creation, co-financing, co-implementation, and co-measuring with the respective county government. This is accompanied by a holistic approach that harnesses technical and financial resources from the private sector to foster a meaningful, self-reliant ecosystem in each county. Afya Halisi works hand-in-hand with counterparts at all levels, including national technical working groups under the Ministry of Health, county and sub-county health management teams, facility managers, health care workers, community health volunteers and clients, other implementing partners, and stakeholders.

## ACHIEVEMENTS

From October 2019 to September 2020, Afya Halisi achieved the following:

- 516,808 couple years of protection, translating into 148,841 pregnancies averted.
- 34,145 adolescents (10-19 years old) received family planning services.
- 70,866 pregnant women completed 4 antenatal care visits.
- 96,967 deliveries carried out by skilled birth attendants.
- 85,097 newborns received postnatal care within two days of childbirth.
- 103,664 children under the age of 1 were fully immunized.
- 25,651 pneumonia cases in children under the age of 5 were treated with antibiotics.
- 231,438 children under the age of 5 were reached with Vitamin A supplementation.
- 144 villages were verified as open defecation free, translating to 16,530 people gaining access to basic sanitation services.

**BUDGET:** USD \$66,336,770

## DURATION

2017-2021

## ACTIVITY LOCATIONS

Kakamega, Kisumu, Migori and Kitui Counties

## IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS

Jhpiego with four local implementing partners (Anglican Development Services Eastern, the Center for the Study of Adolescence, Kisumu Medical Education Trust, and Lwala Community Alliance)

## KEY PARTNERS

Ministry of Health, Department of Family Health (Division of Reproductive and Maternal Health, Division of Neonatal and Child Health, and Division of Adolescent and School Health) Ministries of Education; Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Cooperatives; Water, Sanitation and Irrigation  
Department of Gender  
USAID implementing partners

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