



A mother and her child enrolled in the CASE-OVC program in Kiambu County. Photo credit: CASE-OVC

KENYA

COMPREHENSIVE ASSISTANCE, SUPPORT AND EMPOWERMENT OF ORPHANS AND VULNERABLE CHILDREN

The Comprehensive Assistance, Support and Empowerment of Orphans and Vulnerable Children (CASE-OVC) program is a five-year, USAID-funded grant implemented by Christian Aid in Kenya, reaching across 18 counties of the central and eastern part of the Rift Valley. The program aims to reach 171,440 orphans and vulnerable children from 52,000 households who are affected or infected by HIV and AIDS. The goal is to improve the well-being of the children, support them to be resilient, and help them thrive within their homes and communities by ensuring they can request and gain access to social services (health, nutrition, education, legal protection, psychosocial support, and social protection).

OUR WORK

To increase sustainability of the program, CASE-OVC also seeks to enhance the economic resilience of OVC households and caregivers and their ability to protect and care for these children. The program aims to strengthen formal and informal protection systems, making them responsive, inclusive, and accountable to the needs of OVC. CASE-OVC collaborates with the Department of Children Services, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Agriculture

and Livestock, other U.S. Government partners, private sector players, and other development partners and community structures for OVC service provision.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Since 2017, CASE-OVC has:

- Reached 168,982 OVC with a comprehensive package of services, including health and nutrition, education, protection, psychosocial support, and economic support services for themselves or their households.
- Screened more than 39,000 children for HIV risk and worked with 14,282 children and adolescents living with HIV and receiving care and treatment.
- Organized child rights forums and community sensitization meetings and provided child protection referral services – over 122,000 children were reached with age-appropriate child protection messages, while 62,677 OVC were helped with acquiring birth certificates.
- Supported 4,583 households caring for 9,432 OVC with agricultural and microenterprise start-up kits to launch income-generating activities, helped link 348 households to fertilizer by partnering with AGRA and Yara, and supported 1,085 households in value chain groups to access government and private sector grants.

COVID-19 Adjustments: In line with Ministry of Health guidelines, CASE-OVC conducted activity monitoring and support supervision through online platforms, WhatsApp groups, clustered random calls to beneficiaries, and virtual meetings during the pandemic. It partnered with Wylde International to train caregivers on using the digital space to market their products during the COVID-19 period. CASE-OVC also lobbied for the inclusion of 161 vulnerable households in the COVID-19 cash transfer program to cushion them against the effects of the pandemic.

BUDGET: USD \$38,841,759

DURATION: 2017-2022

ACTIVITY LOCATIONS

Nakuru, Kiambu, Turkana, Murang'a, Machakos, Narok, Makueni, Meru, Kajiado, Nyeri, Kitui, Nyandarua, Kirinyaga, Embu, Baringo, Laikipia, Tharaka Nithi and Samburu Counties

IMPLEMENTING PARTNER

Christian Aid

KEY PARTNERS

Deliverance Church – Nakuru, Kenya National Outreach Counselling and Training Programme, Nakuru Region Inter-diocesan Christian Community Services, AIC Lokichoggio, Archdiocese of Nyeri – Caritas Nyeri, Narok District Network Forum, Catholic Diocese of Maralal – Caritas Maralal, Catholic Diocese of Ngong, Catholic Diocese of Kitui, Maa Partners Initiatives, Little Servants of the Sacred Heart, Kitise Rural Development, Redeemed Gospel Church, Community Health and Education Action, HOPE Worldwide Kenya, ACK Diocese of Embu, Anglican Development Services – Mt Kenya, Hope Valley Family Institute, Zoe Kenya, Shepherd of Life, Mugunda Fighters of Aids, Community Micro-enterprise Hope for Africa, Cheer Up Program, Eagle Neema Self Help Group, St. Johns Community Centre, Karatina Home and Community-based Care and Counselling, National Council of Churches of Kenya

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