



*Health care workers in Kiambu County learn about ICU procedures as part of USAID-funded COVID-19 training.
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KENYA

COVID-19 RESPONSE

For decades, the United States has been the world's largest provider of assistance in global health, putting countries like Kenya in a better position to respond to disease outbreaks like COVID-19. The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) has provided over \$54 million in direct COVID-19 relief to Kenya, including \$8.4 million to help vaccinate the people of Kenya quickly and safely.

In addition, in response to the reality on the ground, USAID reoriented \$34 million of resources in Kenya to ensure COVID-19 response and recovery remains our highest programmatic priority. USAID delivers expert technical assistance, training, capacity building, health systems strengthening, and life-saving medical equipment.

SUPPORTING COVID-19 VACCINATIONS

To support Kenya's COVID-19 vaccination campaign and the U.S. donation of 10.58 million COVID-19 vaccines to Kenya, USAID has:

- Trained more than 1,100 health workers on how to administer COVID-19 vaccines.
- Worked through trusted community leaders and local radio stations to provide evidence-based information on COVID-19 vaccines and address vaccines hesitancy.
- Sensitized more than 700 religious/community leaders and 350 community health volunteers so they can educate the public about COVID-19 vaccines and their safety.
- Developed tools to conduct COVID-19 vaccine safety monitoring and report adverse events following immunization.
- Supported the tracking and monitoring of COVID-19 vaccine stock levels to inform distribution decisions and ensure a sustained vaccine supply and service delivery.

PREVENTING AND TREATING COVID-19

To curb the spread of COVID-19 and help treat those infected, USAID has:

- Donated 200 ventilators to 25 health facilities and trained 232 health care workers and 40 biomedical engineers so the ventilators could be effectively used to save lives.

- Trained more than 3,600 health care workers in health facilities and prisons on how to stay safe and slow the spread of COVID-19.
- Trained more than 600 health care workers on basic emergency care, including COVID-19 triage and clinical case management requiring oxygen therapy: and
- Engaged Kenyans through interactive radio and TV programming on COVID-19 prevention, care, and treatment, dispelling myths, encouraging community conversations, and promoting locally led solutions to mitigating the spread of the disease. Working closely with the Ministry of Health, the first round of programs reached an estimated 13 million people and a second round of radio and TV programs reached 35 million people, especially targeting young children about COVID-19, and supporting the national vaccine demand creation campaign.

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MITIGATING THE SECONDARY EFFECTS OF COVID-19

To help address COVID-19's devastating economic and other impacts, USAID has:

- Supported vulnerable households in Nairobi and Mombasa informal settlements with \$21 million in humanitarian assistance in the form of unconditional cash transfers to over 90,000 households, as well as the treatment of acute malnutrition cases and technical support to strengthen Kenya's social protection systems:
- Invested \$11.83 million through its water and sanitation projects, including by supporting a COVID-19 response coordination platform for water, sanitation and hygiene stakeholders and bringing safe drinking water to about 277,000 Kenyans.
- Mitigated COVID-19's impact on the Kenyan economy, employment, and food systems by supporting over 4,800 small and medium agribusinesses and providing stimulus grants to 1,080 women-owned businesses to prevent poverty backsliding.
- Developed 251 lessons in English and Kiswahili with the Kenya Institute for Curriculum Development for airing on TV and radio to ensure that children kept learning to read through distance learning.
- Helped communities in locally managed conservation areas, which rely almost entirely on tourism, to weather the devastating effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on the sector. USAID refocused \$15 million in funding to cover land leases, rangers' salaries, and operating expenses.



ADDITIONAL COVID-19 SUPPORT PLANNED

- Donating five oxygen plants to health facilities to help treat COVID-19 patients: and
- Mitigating COVID-19 impacts on HIV programs and beneficiaries.