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A data quality assessment feedback session is held at Muhoroni Sub-County Hospital in Kisumu County. Tupime Kaunti aims to increase availability of high-quality data in focus counties. Photo credit: USAID

KENYA

TUPIME KAUNTI

Kenya has made significant progress in devolving its health system, bringing management authority and resources closer to the communities served, empowering county health management teams, and fostering greater flexibility to meet local needs. To support this shift, functioning outcome measurement, learning and accountability (MLA) systems at county level are essential. However, the counties have inadequate capacity to regularly collect, analyze, and use data.

Tupime Kaunti is a USAID-funded program that contributes to the Kenya Health Sector Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) Framework's goal of one functional, sector-wide M&E system for improved decision-making, transparency, and accountability in health. The program works with county governments to strengthen outcome MLA systems to provide quality data and synthesized information for planning, implementation, policy development, and decision-making. Tupime Kaunti works in 12 counties, focusing its support on HIV; malaria; reproductive, maternal, newborn, child, and adolescent health; child protection; and COVID-19 programs.

OUR WORK

Tupime Kaunti activities are structured around increasing the leadership, management, and technical capacity of county governments to use MLA systems effectively and increasing the availability, quality, analysis, and use of health data. The program implements a comprehensive strategy of six interdependent technical approaches to improve MLA outcomes: ensuring effective links between focus counties, the national Ministry of Health, and implementing partners; assessing and monitoring the improvements of county MLA systems; fostering coordination, engagement, and partnerships to achieve MLA county ownership and ensure that investments are sustained; building and sustaining county capacity to implement and use MLA systems; strengthening the foundation of MLA systems through policies, systems, and guidelines; and using data to improve health programs and outcomes.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Since it started in 2016, Tupime Kaunti has:

- strengthened focus counties' MLA capacity by improving the functionality of county coordination structures and peer-to-peer learning.
- built the capacity of county and sub-county health management teams in data use and supported the development of information products used for influencing health program planning and decision-making processes.
- implemented innovative solutions such as the development of information dashboards and scan forms for the malaria program to improve data quality and the tracking of disease progression.
- promoted sustainable learning models to increase ownership and functionality of MLA coordination on critical health program governance, data use, and outcome measurement for improved program management.
- strengthened county capacity to implement innovative strategies for improved data quality in targeted health facilities, while utilizing standardized national guidelines and using various forums and governance structures to track the implementation and scale-up of health information systems.
- increased the use of data in planning and budgeting by county departments of health, with focus counties generating sector working group reports that highlighted the key priorities and corresponding budgets for their departments of health.

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DURATION

2016-2021

ACTIVITY LOCATIONS

Kisumu, Migori, Kakamega, Busia, Bungoma, Vihiga, Siaya, Homa Bay, Nakuru, Baringo, Samburu and Turkana Counties

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