



Save the Children collaborated with MOH for mass nutrition screening in Mathare North

SITUATION UPDATE

Government restrictions to prevent the spread of COVID-19 continued to impact people's access to informal employment and food.

The Ministry of Health has issued new COVID-19 guidelines for home and community-based isolation, aimed at easing demand and pressure on the limited health facilities. As of today there are 6,941 positive cases in the country with 152 fatalities out of 176,059 samples tested so far.

A second generation of immature swarms of desert locusts have started to form in north-west Kenya, threatening crops and pastures in Turkana and Marsabit counties, according to OCHA.



A health worker measures the weight of child during an integrated outreach in Turkana North

Save the Children Kenya Response

Save the Children Kenya office is responding to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic focusing on urban informal settlements, arid and semi-arid counties and the Daadab Refugee camp. We are implementing interventions focused on preparedness and response in health, nutrition, Water Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH), child protection, education in emergency and food security and livelihoods.

Key Achievements



Risk Communication and Community Engagement (RCCE)

We continue to support RCCE as a member of the national COVID-19 IEC development committee. We supported communication of COVID-19 messaging through home visits, Whatsup and radio talk shows in Daadab reaching 622 people (304 males and 318 females). We also integrated COVID-19 messaging during trainings and community activities in Mandera reaching approximately 748 people (194 boys, 206 girls, 146 male and 202 female)



A remote focus group discussion with women beneficiaries of our integrated emergency response project in Nadoto village in Turkana County

In Mandera, we conducted training on Community Management of Acute Malnutrition (CMAM) for 40 CHVs (4 females and 36 males) ; and 15 Community Health Committee members (5 females and 10 males). We reached 1,117 (360 girls, 444 boys, 68 men, 245 women) people with integrated management of acute malnutrition interventions like deworming, micronutrient supplement, ORS and provided antenatal care and immunization services to pregnant women. Six newborns were visited by CHVs within 48 hours of delivery and seven clients were referred to health facilities.

In Wajir, we trained 22 health workers (17 male and 5 female) on COVID-19 detection and management. 54 outreaches are currently ongoing. We also began the OFDA endline survey data collection, which is happening remotely through phone and engaging with our communities on ground. We work with chiefs and community health volunteers to mobilize communities for the survey. We also conducted Focus Group Discussions remotely.

In Garissa, we conducted training for Water Management Committees in Ijara and Hulugho sub-counties and also supported construction of a rainwater harvesting tank at Sangailu health facility. Also water trucking and donation of 103 hand washing buckets was made to health facilities.

In Nairobi, we conducted a mass screening exercise in Mathare North to identify children who have been affected by malnutrition so that they can

be enrolled into therapeutic and supplementary feeding programs and their families registered for 3 months cash transfer to support them during the COVID-19 pandemic. We also offered other services including Vitamin A supplements, deworming, immunization and growth monitoring for children. Out of 2,066 children that were screened, 23 were severely malnourished, 101 were moderately malnourished and 155 were at risk of malnutrition.



Child Protection and Education

We supported radio lessons through radio Gargar in Dadaab that reached 33 learners (21 male, 12 female). The number of learners who have been able to call in since we started the radio lessons is now 279; 63% of these are boys and only 37% are girls. We continue to conduct case management where we followed up 86 cases of children (38 male and 48 female) with different child protection concerns through close follow up visits and registered 34 new cases of children (19 male and 15 female) with different protection concerns. We have been able to close 41 cases (29 male and 12 female) of repatriation, neglect, separated and relocation to other camp.

We distributed emergency relief items to 1,981 vulnerable children and families (850 male, 1,131 female) in IFO and Dagahaley Camps. Items distributed include: mattress, mosquito net, tarpaulin, sleeping mats, kitchen sets, bedsheets, 20l buckets, 20l Jericans, basins, school bags, branded shawls, dignity kits, soaps, surgical masks and sanitizers.



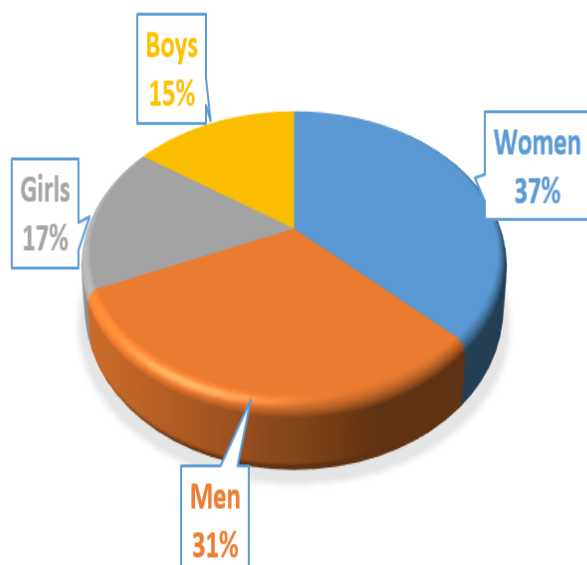
Food Security and Livelihood

In Turkana and Wajir, remote supervision of kitchen garden was done and beneficiaries are doing the second harvest which has helped to improve household food diversity. The outcome for this activity will be evaluated.

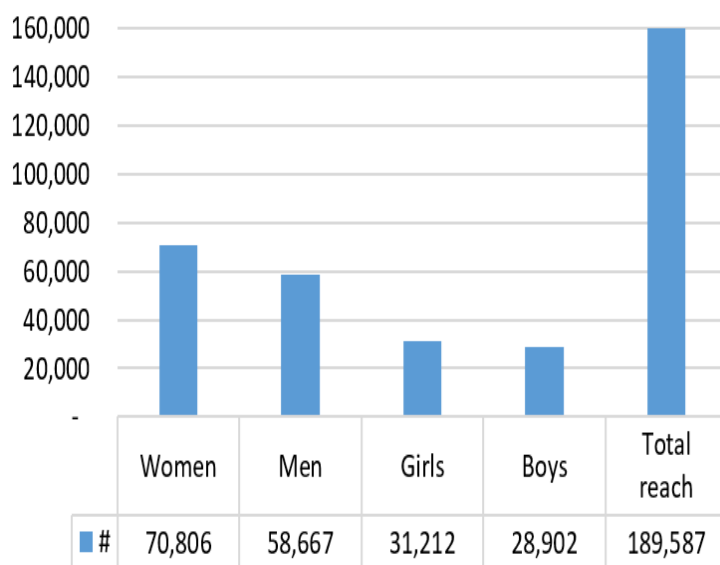
In Garissa, community disease reporters are conducting animal disease surveillance and they have reported Lumpy skin disease (LSD) outbreak.

REACH FIGURES

BENEFICIARIES REACHED BY GENDER SINCE APRIL 2020



Total beneficiaries reached since April 2020



FUNDING TRACKER

Funding Tracker

Response Plan Target: **USD 4.4M**

Secured (approved modifications + new funding secured): **USD 834,076**

Secured + Pipeline: **USD 2,200,416**

Approved adaptations

\$545,622

New Funding Secured

\$288,454

Pipeline

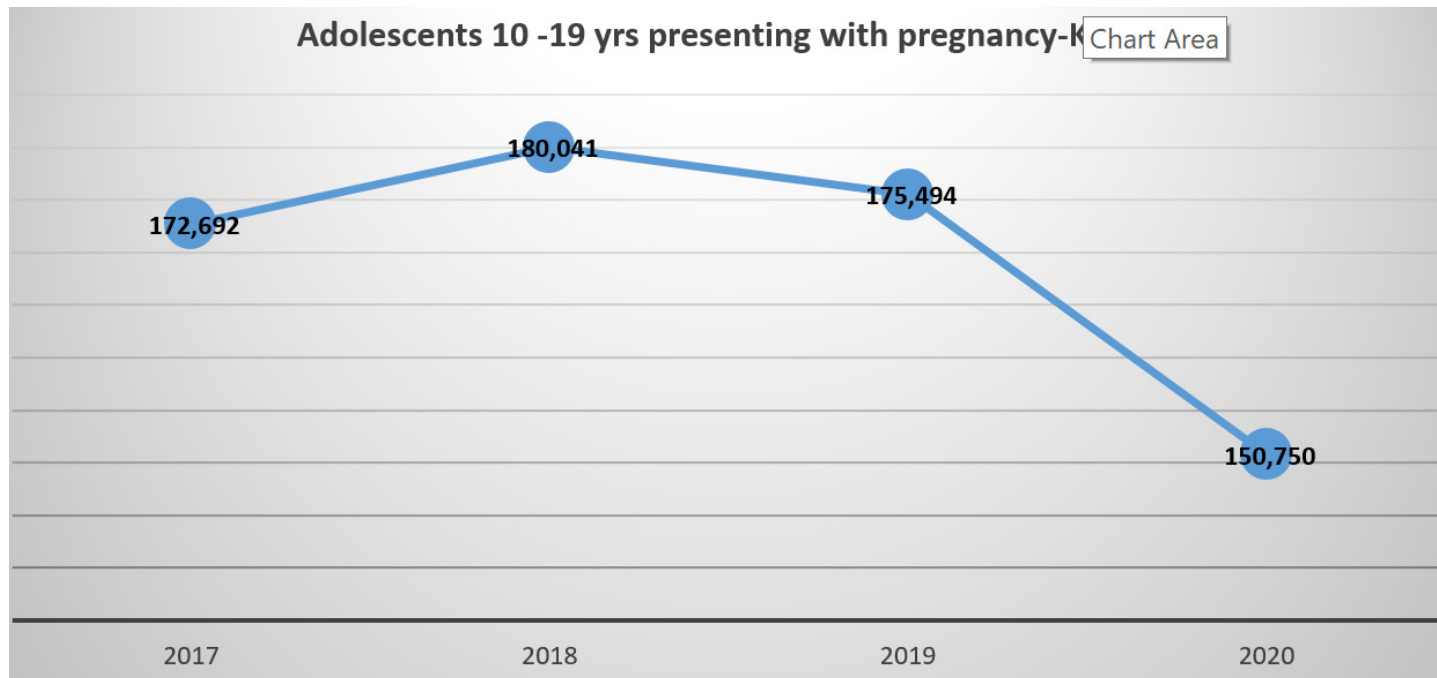
\$1,400,340

CHALLENGES

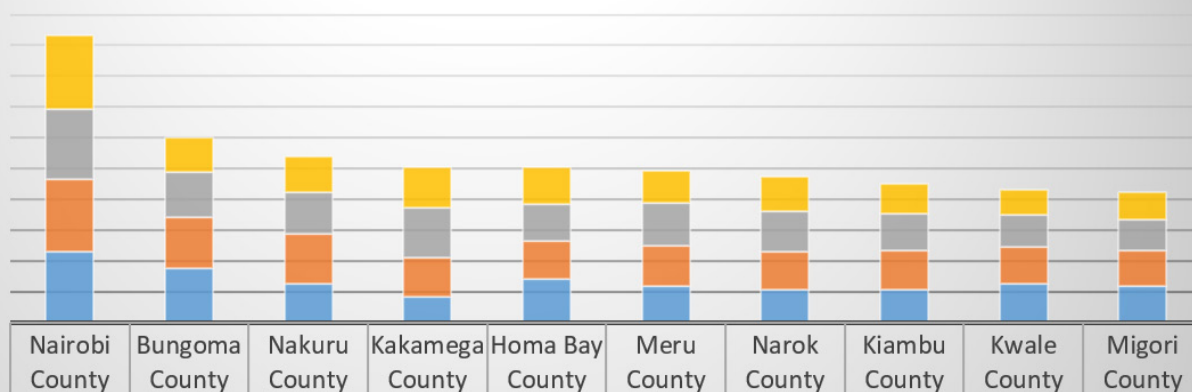
County level virtual meetings is a challenge in areas where the network signal is weak or not available.

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS FROM ASSESSMENTS

We conducted an analysis of data on teenage pregnancies for the period January to May 2017 until January to May 2020 due to the public outcry on the numbers of teenage pregnancies in media reports. We also participated in a TV show to discuss the issue and what needs to be done. The charts below shows high but declining trends in the indicator.



Top 10 counties Adolescent pregnancies burden- Jan to May 2017 to Jan to May 2020



Jan to May 2020	11,865	5,577	5,782	6,686	5,964	5,271	5,585	4,835	4,065	4,412
Jan to May 2019	11,410	7,339	6,792	8,109	5,933	6,820	6,480	6,053	5,201	4,960
Jan to May 2018	11,731	8,407	7,956	6,348	6,231	6,619	6,110	6,265	5,855	5,918
Jan to May 2017	11,626	8,795	6,461	4,178	7,138	5,996	5,472	5,408	6,399	5,934

ADVOCACY AND COMMUNICATIONS

- We participated in a live TV interview on NTV to discuss issues around increasing teenage pregnancies in the country. Here is the [story](#)
- An [opinion editorial](#) that discussed the gaps in the Kenya child justice system and recommendations on how to address the gaps was published on the Daily Nation newspaper.
- We are supporting the launch of the Violence Against Children Survey 2019 (VACS) and the development of National Prevention and Response Plan on Violence against Children (NPRP) 2019-2023. Save the Children is part of the technical committee that supported the production of the reports. The launch will take place virtually and physically on 16th July 2020.
- An [article](#) from a press release that we pitched with KNCHR and Joining Forces Alliance for Children that singles out increased cases of child abuse, sexual and gender based violence and lack of prioritisation of all children in vulnerable situations in the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic was published.



Believers Church where Save the Children collaborated with MOH for screening in Mathare North



Save the Children in coordination with the Nairobi County Government supported fumigation in Mathare slums in Nairobi to help stop the spread of COVID19



Health workers at Webuye hospital receive Masks, PPEs and Jik for both the hospital and the isolation centre.



MoH team from Samia sub county conducting a DQA in one of the dispensaries and observing the COVID-19 prevention measures.