Pregnancy and childbirth can be a difficult time for women and newborns in Kakamega County, Kenya, which has high maternal and newborn mortality rates and low access to essential healthcare services, such as delivery with a skilled birth attendant.

**CHALLENGE**

**APPROACH**

A PACKAGE OF CARE FOR PREGNANT WOMEN & THEIR NEWBORNS WAS DEVELOPED THROUGH A PILOT PROJECT & IMPLEMENTATION RESEARCH

**FINDINGS**

WITH BETTER HEALTH SERVICES, MORE PREGNANT WOMEN SOUGHT HEALTH AND NUTRITION CARE

**INCREASED ANTENATAL CARE (BASELINE TO ENDLINE)**

- Pregnant women attending four or more antenatal care (ANC) visits: increase from 39% to 63%
- Pregnant women attending ANC in first trimester: increase from 17% to 26%

**INCREASED BIRTH CARE (BASELINE TO ENDLINE)**

- Pregnant women taking any iron-folic acid supplements: increase from 66% to 91%
- Pregnant women attending ANC in first trimester: increase from 17% to 26%

**TRAINING**

- Number of health facility professionals with PRONTO teamwork & simulation training: 177
- Number of health facility professionals with emergency obstetric care training: 250
- Number of traditional birth attendants in new role of Birth Companions: 345
- Number of pregnant women brought to health facility by Birth Companions: 11,427

**IMPROVE COMMUNITY LEVEL HEALTH**

- Number of community health volunteers: 3,754
- Number of pregnant women taking any iron-folic acid supplements for ≥90 days: increase from 22% to 36%
- Number of pregnant women attending four or more antenatal care (ANC) visits: increase from 39% to 63%
- Number of pregnant women attending ANC in first trimester: increase from 17% to 26%

**INCREASE ACCESS TO CARE**

- Number of health facility professionals with emergency obstetric care training: 250
- Number of people reached with community solutions to improve care-seeking behaviour: 19,370
- Number of community health units strengthened and linked to formal healthcare system: 70
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**COMMUNITY ACTION AND DIALOGUE DAYS**

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**STRENGTHEN CARE DELIVERY**

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