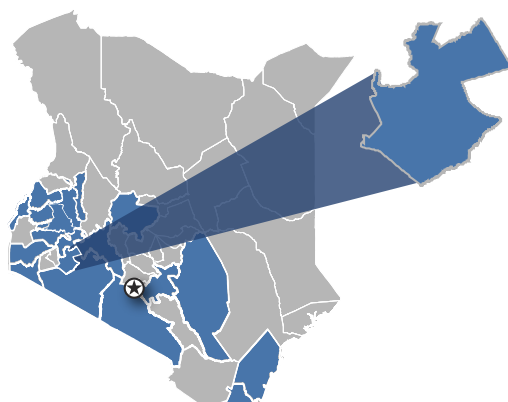


BOMET

COUNTY PROFILE

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BOMET COUNTY AT A GLANCE

Total population: 875,689

Poverty Index: 48.8%

Main economic activity:

Tea, dairy and beef farming

Number of health facilities:
284



THE NEED

Health and nutrition indicators in Bomet County reveal a need for investment and improvement (Bomet CIDP 2018-2022), which the county government is committed to providing. Only 37% of pregnant women make the recommended four antenatal care visits, well below the national average of 58%. Despite 94% of the women having received antenatal care from a health worker only 52% of the births were assisted by a skilled provider (KNBS, KDHS 2014). In Bomet County 36% (KNBS, KDHS 2014) of children aged six to 59 months are too short for their age — this means they have chronic malnutrition which is likely to negatively affect their survival, school performance and productivity in adulthood. Improving maternal health care is the primary focus of the Bomet County Integrated Development Plan 2018-2022. Nutrition International is supporting the county to implement multi-faceted programs focused on improving nutrition and health services and outcomes for women, children and adolescents.

OUR APPROACH

Nutrition International has been working closely with the government of Bomet County since 2017 to help improve the nutritional status of its population. This requires involvement, leadership and coordination of county officials from various sectors including health, education, finance, agriculture, gender and social protection. Planning, implementation, monitoring and reporting of program activities is led by the County Health Management Team (CHMT), which includes the County Health Director, County Nutrition Coordinator, Reproductive Health Coordinator, Health Accountant, County Child Health Services Coordinator, County Health Promotion Officer and County Community Services Coordinator. At the sub-county level, the implementation team consists of departmental heads who work closely with the CHMT, Community Health Extension Workers and Community Health Volunteers (CHVs). Nutrition International's County Program Coordinator oversees program implementation and facilitates the provision of technical support from the national office.

PROGRAMS SUPPORTED BY NUTRITION INTERNATIONAL IN BOMET COUNTY

Program	Key Result(s)
Maternal and Newborn Health and Nutrition (MNHN) Objective: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve care and nutrition of pregnant women and their newborns to reduce rates of anaemia, low birth weight, stunting and maternal and newborn mortality 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 40 health managers and 150 healthcare providers trained on antenatal care (ANC), iron and folic acid supplementation (IFAS) and birth package interventions 170 CHVs trained on ANC, IFAS and birth package interventions 40 traditional birth attendants trained as birth companions to promote skilled delivery Kangaroo Mother Care units established at three hospitals
Infant and Young Child Nutrition (IYCN) Objective: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Build the capacity of health service providers and CHVs to deliver optimal IYCN care at the facility and community levels 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 40 health managers trained on the Baby Friendly Community Initiative (BFCI) 24 health care providers trained on BFCI 100 CHVs trained on BFCI 50 community support groups formed
Vitamin A Supplementation (VAS) Objective: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase coverage of children aged between 6 and 59 months to contribute to the survival and thriving of children under 5 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provision of vitamin A capsules to cover all children 6 to 59 months 150 health workers trained on VAS 146,214 children under 5 reached with VAS in 2019 Technical and financial support for the implementation of Malezi Bora (Child Health Days) Routine data quality audits on VAS data conducted to ensure improved documentation and reporting
Advocacy for budget allocations for nutrition Objective: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Secure commitments from political leaders for increased investments in nutrition Lobby county management for inclusion of nutrition activities in county strategic plans to ensure sustainability of the project 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budgetary allocation for nutrition increased to KSh 5.5 million in 2020/21 Established a Multi-sectoral Coordination Platform for Nutrition

¹Kenya Health Information System, Ministry of Health: <https://hiskkenya.org/dhis-web-commons/security/login.action>

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