

NANDI

COUNTY PROFILE

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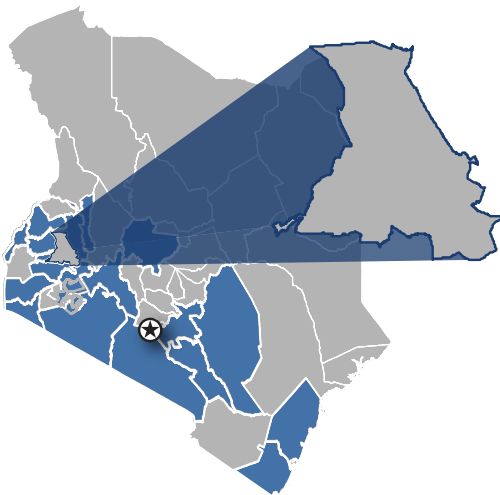


THE NEED

Despite progress, nutrition and health indicators are still alarming in Nandi County. Stunting prevalence is 30%, higher than the national prevalence (26%), and nearly one out of 10 children are underweight. 57% of women get four or more antenatal care visits during their pregnancy, and only 47% give birth in the presence of a skilled birth attendant (much lower than the national rate of 62%.) However, the County government has demonstrated political commitment through allocation of significant resources to nutrition in recent years. The population profile of Nandi County provides Nutrition International with an opportunity to reach a large number of children and women at risk of malnutrition with low-cost, high-impact interventions.

OUR APPROACH

Nutrition International has been working closely with the County government of Nandi since 2016 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, Nutritionist, Reproductive Health Coordinator, Health Accountant, County Child Health and Health Promotion, and Community Services coordinators. At the sub-county level, the implementation team consists of departmental heads who work closely with the CHMT and community health workers. A Nutrition International county nutrition coordinator oversees program implementation and facilitates the provision of technical support from the national office.



NANDI COUNTY AT A GLANCE

Total population: 1,053,051

Poverty Index: 47.2%

Main economic activity:

Agriculture

Number of health facilities:

162

PROGRAMS SUPPORTED BY NUTRITION INTERNATIONAL IN NANDI COUNTY

| Program | Key Result(s) 2019 |
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| <p>Maternal Newborn and Child Health and Nutrition (MNCHN)</p> <p>Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strengthen the enabling environment for the delivery of quality MNCHN services Build the capacity of frontline health workers at facility and community levels to promote and deliver quality MNCHN services Improve demand for, and use of, MNCHN services by pregnant and postpartum women, caregivers of newborns and children under 5 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Over 400 managers, health care workers and Community Health Volunteers trained to deliver nutrition interventions Two functional Kangaroo Mother Care Units established Stop gap procurement of essential commodities such as combined iron folic acid and Chlorhexidine gel 15 mother-to-mother and two father-to-father community support groups established. |
| <p>Advocacy for budget allocations for nutrition</p> <p>Objectives:</p> <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 projects | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> US \$96,270 (Kshs 10,000,000) allocated to nutrition activities in the county budget for 2018-2019 59 new nutrition officers recruited and deployed County Nutrition Action Plan in process with support from Nutrition International |
| <p>Vitamin A supplementation (VAS)</p> <p>Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve the nutrition, survival, health and development of children under 5 through VAS, which prevents blindness and boosts immune systems Reach at least 80% of children 6-59 months with two doses of VAS per year | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Malezi Bora support Over 350 health care workers and Community Health Workers trained on VAS |

ABOUT NUTRITION INTERNATIONAL

Founded in 1992, Nutrition International is a global organization dedicated to delivering proven nutrition interventions to those who need them most. Working in partnership with countries, donors and implementers, our experts conduct cutting-edge nutrition research, support critical policy formulation, and integrate nutrition into broader development programs. Since 2006, Nutrition International Kenya has worked with government (national, and sub national) to support research, policy development and implementation of nutrition interventions. www.NutritionIntl.org

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