Participation in Advocacy for Appropriate Nutrition in Kwale, Kilifi and Kitui Counties of Kenya

Goal:
To contribute to strengthening community resilience to handle shocks and stress of the most deprived populations (women and children) in Kilifi, Kitui and Kwale counties.

Outputs:
1. County Authorities' and CSOs' capacities enhanced to generate and apply evidence to policies and strategies.
2. Strengthened county nutrition systems through enhanced coordination, management, and community feedback mechanism.


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Kilifi County is one of the six counties in the coast region. Investments in the health sector has increased from 15.8% in 2014, 19.1% in 2015, and currently stands at 26.2% of the total county budget. The Nutrition sector in the county requires Kshs. 280 million for activities in the 2016/17 Nutrition Action Plan.

Under five population represents 14.6% of the total population while that of the youth represents 21.7% of the total population, which was estimated to be 1,217,892 in 2012.

Kilifi county stunting rates stand at 39.1%, underweight 16.9% and wasting 4.1% for children aged below five years, according to the Kenya Demographic Health Survey (KDHS) report for 2014.

Kitui County is located 170Km to the South East of Nairobi City. The county has a relatively small budget allocation to the health sector, accounting for 7.5% of the annual county development budget for the financial year 2016/17.

Children under five represent 19.5% of the total population. Those aged 0-14 years make up 47% of the population, estimated at 1,012,709 in the 2009 census.

Wasting rates among children under five years are at 3.4%, stunting is at 45.8% (KDHS, 2014) and underweight is at 19.7%.

Kwale County is one of six counties in the coast region. The county increased the Health sector budget from Kshs. 678.9 million in 2013/14 to Kshs. 1.13 billion in 2014/15. The budget estimates for 2015/16 reflected a further increase to Kshs. 1.46 billion, representing 25% of the total county budget estimates for the year.

Kwale County has a child-rich population, where those aged 0-14 years constitute 48% of the total population of 649,931, according to the 2009 national census.

The Kenya Demographic Health Survey, 2014 unveiled an underweight rate of 11.8%, the stunting and wasting rates in the County are 29.7% and 4.4% respectively.