

CHILDFUND KENYA

**A Strengthened Partnership for Nurturing
Care in Siaya County**



Overview

- ChildFund Kenya implements development and humanitarian interventions in 26 counties through a network of implementing partners
- Project is funded by the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation for 3 years and is being implemented in partnership with KDP in Siaya County
- Project participants are
 - Pregnant women including adolescents
 - Caregivers of children below 3 years in households and groups
 - Caregivers of children above 3 years in ECD centers
- Integrating parenting education in selected households, selected community platforms and selected ECD centers



Call to Action Theme & Nurturing Care Components

Strengthening partnerships with county government officers at county and sub county levels from:

- Department of health including nutrition
 - Department of Education
 - Department of Social Services
 - Department of Children Services
 - National Government Officers
 - Ward administrators
 - Other CSOs implementing in Ugunja
- Have joint quarterly planning, implementation and review meetings with sub-county MST

Responsive and protective caregiving

Integrating parenting education in existing entry points

- Households during home visits by 209 CHVs supported by 20 CHAs
- Community platforms during meetings by 54 CF supported by 4 CDOs
- Sessions are happening twice a month per caregiver
- Regular mentorship and support provided
 - Reflective supervision being undertaken monthly
 - Monthly supportive visits per frontline worker
 - Monthly reflective meetings with all mentees

Opportunities for Early Learning

- Integrating parenting education in ECD centers during meetings by 29 ECD teachers supported by 4 ECD coordinators
- Trained 27 Board of Management Members of Core concepts of ECD and parenting education for continuity incase of turn over
- Integrating growth monitoring and promotion in ECD centers
- Provided anthropometric equipment (30 weighing scales with height boards)
- Teachers have been trained on use of the equipment and are working with CHVs to conduct growth monitoring
- Data will be sent to health facilities for onward report to county
- Linkage and referral to be done incase of further management

Security and Safety

- Reactivated 3 locational area advisory councils in East Uholo, North Uholo and Central Ugenya to prevent and respond to child protection issues for IYC
 - Area Chief
 - Public health Officer
 - Police
 - Assistant Chief
 - Village elder
 - 2 CBOs reps
 - 2 or 3 FBOs reps
 - Volunteer Children Officer
 - Opinion leader
 - Business community rep
 - Education representative
 - One co-opted member (CORP)
- This team will support the identification of community-based child protection champions to work together

Response to COVID 19

- Received a micro-grant from the Hilton Foundation to respond to COVID-19 emergency for 3 months
- Implemented 12 awareness sensitization events prevention of COVID-19 weekly
- Events shared messages on COVID-19 prevention as well as nurturing care
- Approximately 22,000 persons were reached in all the 3 wards in Ugunja sub-county
- Provided cash transfer to 50 most vulnerable caregivers (pregnant or with child below 3 years)-Kes 2000 per caregiver for 2 months
- Most of the funds went into meeting food needs of the HHs



Achievements

- Trained various cadres of partners to support and facilitate implementation of the project on
 - Core concepts of ECD and group parenting education (foundation training)
 - Reflective supervision
- Reached 50 most vulnerable caregivers with cast transfer
- Conducted 12 COVID-19 prevention awareness events that reached approximately 22,000 with messages on COVID-19 prevention and nurturing care
- Reactivated child protection structures to support CBCP actions
- Integrating parenting education in selected ECD centers, HHs and groups

Challenges/Lessons Learnt

- Suspension of activities due to COVID-19 restrictions. Adapting to the situation by planning on project activities with adherence measures in place
- There is laxity around COVID-19 prevention measures by general public
- Caregivers are eager to learn and practice the learning from parenting education

Recommendations or way forward

- Continue with implementation year 3 of the project activities
- Be innovative as we implement in the context of COVID-19
- Be flexible with implementation of interventions

Comments, Questions and Answers

