



Smart Start Siaya

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The Journey at a glance



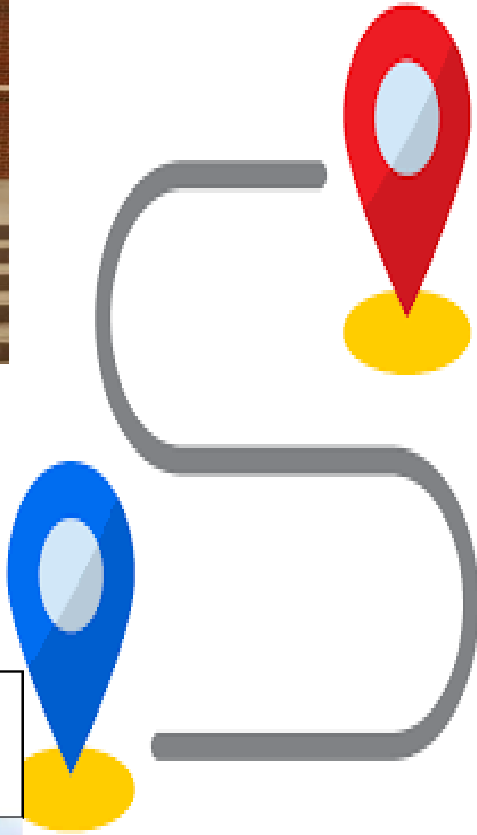
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April 2018*



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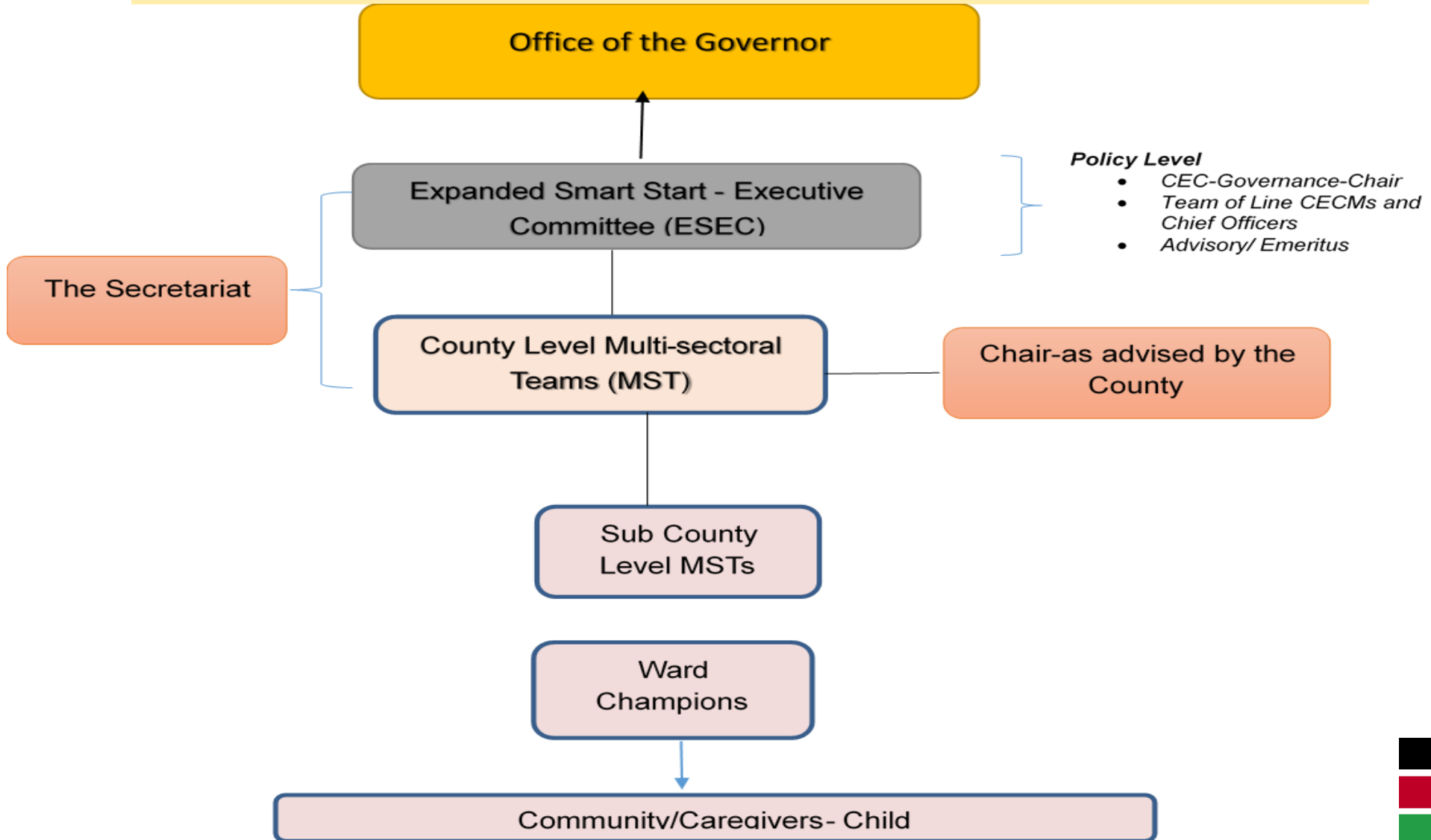
BACKGROUND

- Smart Start Siaya (NCfECD) 'Nyathi En Mwandu' is a programme anchored in the Office of the Governor, with H.E. the Governor as the Champion and H.E the First Lady as the Patron.
- Implementation of SSS started in April 2018, through the leadership of the Governor, Patronized by The First Lady and implemented by a Multi-Sectoral Team (MST) comprising of County, National departments and NCfECD implementing Partners.
- The program aims at creating a platform for children 0-8 years to reach their full developmental potential with emphasis on the first 1000 days. Siaya County has since made a lot of strides in integrated NCfECD service delivery, an initiative that has seen the LREB Secretariat take up the initiative for a possible scale up into the LREB region.





The Coordination Structure



Key Milestones



1. Centres of Excellence

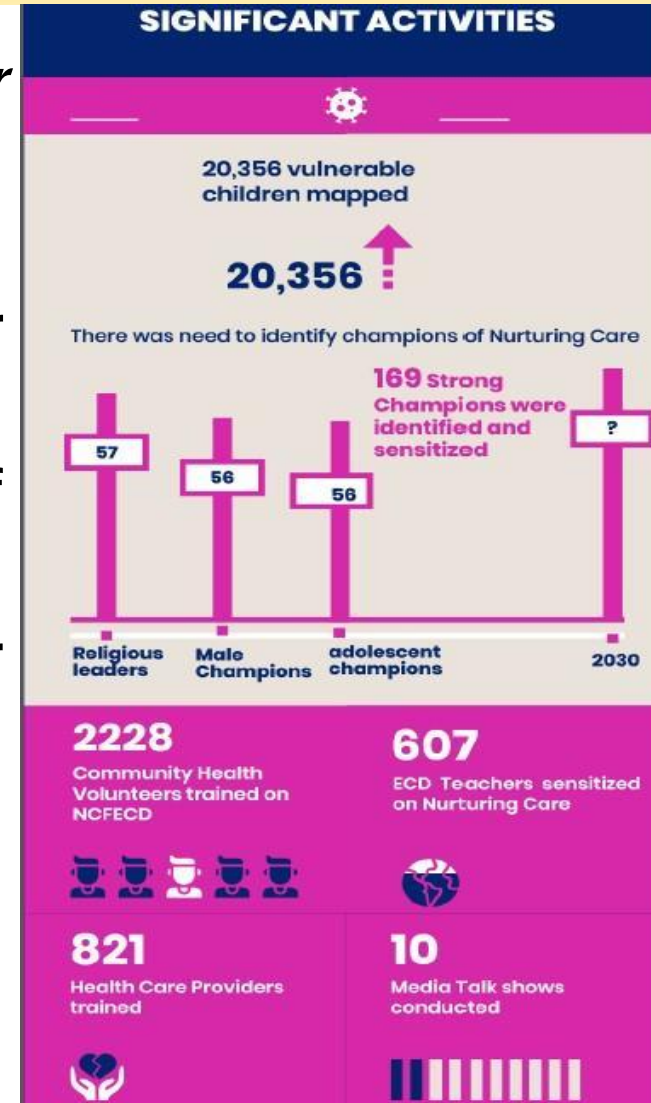
In Strengthening the Multisectoral Approach, NCfECD on-site orientation was conducted in 2 Centres of Excellences in Bondo and Yala (*The health facilities, the pre-school Centres and community initiatives*)



COE On-site orientation led by the First Lady and the Executive



- i. Training of trainers in the extensively adapted *Care for Child Development/SECD* package that has been used to integrate child development counseling and monitoring into routine health services and other sectors/departments in Siaya.
- ii. Supported trainers with the design and rollout of stepdown trainings in *Care for Child Development* to facility-, community-based service providers and sector leaders to integrate NCfECD into sector activities and policy formulation fora.

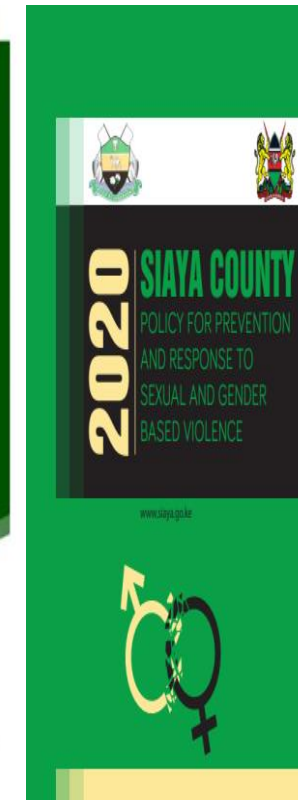
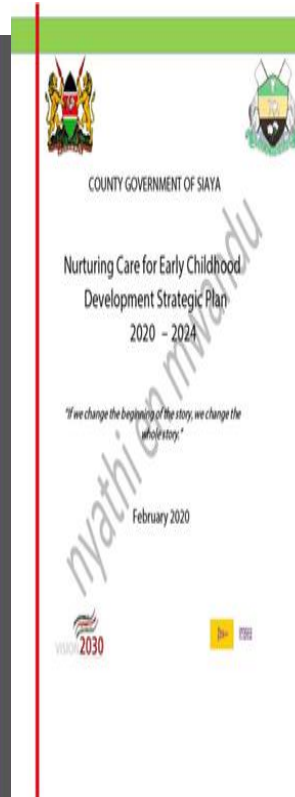


- Integrated missing nurturing care components into county budgets and work plans. Work through MST to advocate for departmental resource allocation for NCfECD implementation of the TORs and Cabinet Memo. NC incorporation to the CIDP 2023-2027.
- Introduced digital tools for supporting comprehensive nurturing care service delivery within the County—e.g., the mNurturingCare application used by community health volunteers in Siaya and Nairobi counties, which integrates child development counseling and monitoring into a Medic Mobile application.
- Fast tracked pending Bills and policies supporting NCfECD followed by dissemination of the same policies and Bills
- Improved the knowledge of communities, families and caregivers to increase demand creation and service delivery with a rally call on *Nyathi En Mwandu*

Legal Framework

Policy Framework

- Siaya County Nurturing Care for Early Childhood Development Strategic Plan
- Siaya county Nurturing Care for Early Childhood Development Policy is under formulation.
- Siaya County Agriculture Sector Policy.
- Siaya County Health Services Act.



Other Policy and legal frameworks

1. Health Act
2. RMNC AH Bill
3. CHS Bill
4. Child Protection Policy-Ongoing

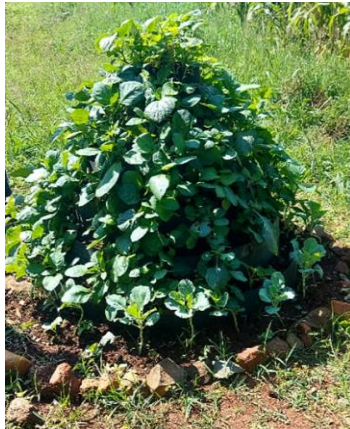
Approval and Passing of the pending policies and regulations at the assembly

Key Milestones



1. Centres of Excellence

2 CoEs are in 2 *wards-Yala township and West Sakwa*)



ECDE
Centres



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s Unit



1. Equip the ECDE Centres with child friendly materials, employment of ECDE Tutors on P&P

2. Training of work force within the COEs

3. Strengthen the feeding program in the COEs- ECDE Centres- Development of School feeding program policy



CONCLUSION

- **Now established as a county program, Smart Start Siaya led to a paradigm shift in early childhood development, covering all components of Nurturing Care. However, more still needs to be done especially in policy formulation and resource allocation. Siaya, as a learning university to other Lake Region Economic Bloc (LREB) counties, also needs to continue lending support for the scale-up of nurturing care as well as other regions.**



***“If we change the beginning of the story ,
We change the whole story”***

