With support from the United States President’s Emergency Program for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), through the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and in its commitment to improving health outcomes, CHS has been working in partnership with the Ministry of Health in Nyeri County to complement and synergize the delivery of sustainable health services.

Through the TEGEMEZA Project (Oct 2011- Mar 2017) and the follow-on project TEGEMEZA Plus (2017-2022) CHS focuses on the implementation of high quality HIV prevention, care and treatment services through support for care and treatment of HIV, TB/ HIV services, Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission (PMTCT), Provider Initiated Testing and Counselling (PITC) and community linkages offered across the 34 supported facilities in Nyeri County.

CHS support to facilities is provided in the form of human resource support, infrastructure support, staff training and capacity building, laboratory support, routine supervision and direct support to facilities in the form of volunteer allowances, general office supplies, stationery, communication and travel allowances to promote health service delivery. CHS also supports joint county supervision through provision of vehicle fuel, meals and incidental allowances.

In the current PEPFAR year 2017/18, the Nyeri County Department of Health is operating on a sub-grant budget of Kshs 50,603,536.
SNAPSHOT OF NYERI COUNTY

Population: 693,558

Population Density: 208 people per km²

Nyeri County is in Central and constitutes 6 constituencies (Tetu, Kieni, Mathira, Othaya, Mukurwe-ini and Nyeri town)

Location: Located in Central Kenya, it borders Kirinyaga and Meru to the East, Laikipia to the North, Nyandarua to the west and Muranga to the South.

Area (Km²): 3,337 Km²

Doctor to Population Ratio: 1:5,000

Source: Commission on Revenue Allocation Kenya (crakenya.org)

SUPPORTED HEALTH FACILITIES

Bellevue Health Centre
Burguret Dispensary
Endarasha Health Centre
Gakawa Dispensary
Gatei Dispensary
Gachiche Health Centre
Gichira Health Centre
Gumba Dispensary
Ihurerio Dispensary
Ihururu Dispensary
Island Farms Dispensary
Kaiyaba Dispensary
Kamoko Health Centre
Karaba Health Centre
Karatina Sub-County Hospital
Kariko Dispensary
Karima Dispensary
Kiamabara Dispensary
Kinunga Health Centre
Mt Kenya Sub County Hospital
Mukurweini Sub County Hospital
Mweiga Health Centre
Mweru Dispensary
Naromoru Health Centre
Ndugamano Dispensary
Njokini Dispensary
Nyeri County Referral Hospital
Nyeri Town Health Centre
Othaya Sub County Hospital
Tambaya Dispensary
Thangathi Health Centre
Wamagana Health Centre
Warazo Health Centre
Karemeno Health Centre

34 supported Health Facilities in Nyeri County

Nyeri County Highlights (As at September 2017)

- Estimated HIV prevalence 3.4%
- Estimated number of people living with HIV: 18,662
- Patients on antiretroviral treatment (ART): 10,725
- Patients on treatment that had a viral load test done: 10,164
- Patients that were virally suppressed: 8,922
HUMAN RESOURCES FOR HEALTH

CHS strengthens human resource capacity through supporting facilities with different cadres of health care workers including Nurses, Clinical Officers, Data Clerks, Pharmacy Technicians, Social Workers, Nutritionists, Accountants and an office Admin Assistant to bridge the human resource gap. Support includes capacity building of health care workers to promote the delivery of quality health services. CHS supports a total of 30 staff in Nyeri County and a further 39 Peer Educators, 14 Mentor Mothers and 61 Provider-Initiated Testing and Counselling (PITC) Counsellors through volunteer allowances.

CDC through CHS supports the training of health care workers to promote the delivery of quality health services including enhancing health worker capacity on the current Ministry of Health HIV management guidelines and the roll out of the ‘Test and Treat’ strategy to complement other HIV prevention strategies towards HIV epidemic control.

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HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT

Othaya Sub County Hospital Comprehensive Care Centre

CHS carried out repairs at Othaya Sub County Hospital including lintel beaming, walling, door and window fitting, electrical works, shelves and paving slab installation in the facility’s Comprehensive Care Centre (CCC) at a cost of Kshs 2.3 million.

The repairs have played a great role in service delivery to the community especially in infection control facilitated by the free flow of air through the fitted windows.

Additional space created by the new shelves has helped in organizing the office and the new structure allows for psychosocial groups to conduct their sessions in comfort away from rain and cold conditions.

Nyeri County Referral Hospital – HIV Testing and Counselling Rooms

In 2013, CHS completed the repair of the Outpatient Department (OPD) HIV Testing and Counselling rooms at a cost of Kshs 3.3 million.

This was aimed at promoting counselling and testing through enhancing privacy and reducing congestion. Repair work included excavations, reinforcements and putting up of dump proof material.

In addition, CHS provided screens and furniture to create extra room within the Comprehensive Care Centre and this has greatly improved the ability of health workers to provide quality service. Clients are more confident to attend sessions because privacy issues and client comfort have been addressed and the HIV testing and counselling uptake has also increased.