Programme Description
The US Agency for International Development’s (USAID) Infant & Young Child Nutrition (IYCN) Project built support within communities and households for improving the way mothers in Kenya feed their infants, young children, and themselves. The IYCN Project collaborated with the government of Kenya and USAID-funded partners to conduct an assessment of infant feeding practices in Kenya’s Western and Eastern Provinces, which informed several national strategies and programs. The project also completed a literature review and a formative assessment on engaging fathers and grandmothers in infant and young child nutrition. Findings informed the design of an evaluation to test the effectiveness of interventions that engage fathers and grandmothers to improve and support mothers’ dietary and infant and young child feeding practices. To complement these efforts, IYCN partnered with the USAID-supported AIDS, Population and Health Integrated Assistance (APHIA) II and APHIAplus Projects to increase support for optimal infant feeding practices at the facility level and in the community.

Program type
Multi-national

References
- http://www.iycn.org/resource/kenya-building-community-and-household-suppp...
- http://www.iycn.org/resource/kenya-infant-feeding-assessment-eastern-and...

Implementing organisations
- Government
  - Health
  - Details: more Ministries of Public Health and Sanitation (MOPHS) and Medical Services
- Research / Academia
  - Details: more University Research Co., LLC.
- Private Sector
  - Details: more The Manoff Group

Funding sources
- Bilateral and donor agencies and lenders
  - US Agency for International Development (USAID)

Action data
Start date: January 2006
End date: January 2011
Country(ies): Kenya
Status: Completed
Area: Urban, Rural
Topic: Deworming
Target group: Infants and young children
Other delivery: community, in-patient, out-patient, health system,
Implementation details: Deworming of children 0-2 years was reported to the Global Nutrition Policy Review (GNPR) 2009-2010
Coverage level (%): National coverage

Typical problems | Solutions
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Other actions from same programme

- Infant and Young Child Nutrition (IYCN) Project - Counselling on nutritional support&care for people living with HIV - Pregnant/lactating women with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA)
- Maternal, infant and young child nutrition programmes - Infants and young children
- Infant and Young Child Nutrition (IYCN) Project - Distribution of insecticide-treated bednets - Family (living in same household)
- Maternal, infant and young child nutrition programmes
- Infant and Young Child Nutrition (IYCN) Project - Deworming - Pregnant women (PW)
- Infant and Young Child Nutrition (IYCN) Project - Preventive malaria treatment - Women of reproductive age (WRA)
- Maternal, infant and young child nutrition programmes - Infants (up to 1 year of age)
- Infant and Young Child Nutrition (IYCN) Project - Management of moderate malnutrition - Preschool-age children (Pre-SAC)
- Infant and Young Child Nutrition (IYCN) Project - Management of severe acute malnutrition - Preschool-age children (Pre-SAC)

Links to policies in GINA

- National Children Policy
- National Plan of Action for Nutrition
- Child survival and Development Strategy
- National strategy on infant and young child feeding
- Kenya Health Policy Framework
- National Food and Nutrition Security Policy

eLENA Link

Deworming to combat the health and nutritional impact of soil-transmitted helminths