Maternal, infant and young child nutrition programmes
Programme: Infant and Young Child Nutrition (IYCN) Project

Programme Data

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-supp...
- http://www.iycn.org/resource/kenya-infant-feeding-assessment-eastern-and...

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

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

Action data
Start date
Country(ies): Kenya
Other delivery: community, in-patient, out-patient, health system,

Implementation details: Promotion of handwashing or hygiene interventions was reported to the Global Nutrition Policy Review (GNPR) 2009-2010

Coverage level (%): National coverage

Typical problems  Solutions

Other actions from same programme

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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