



Country: Kenya

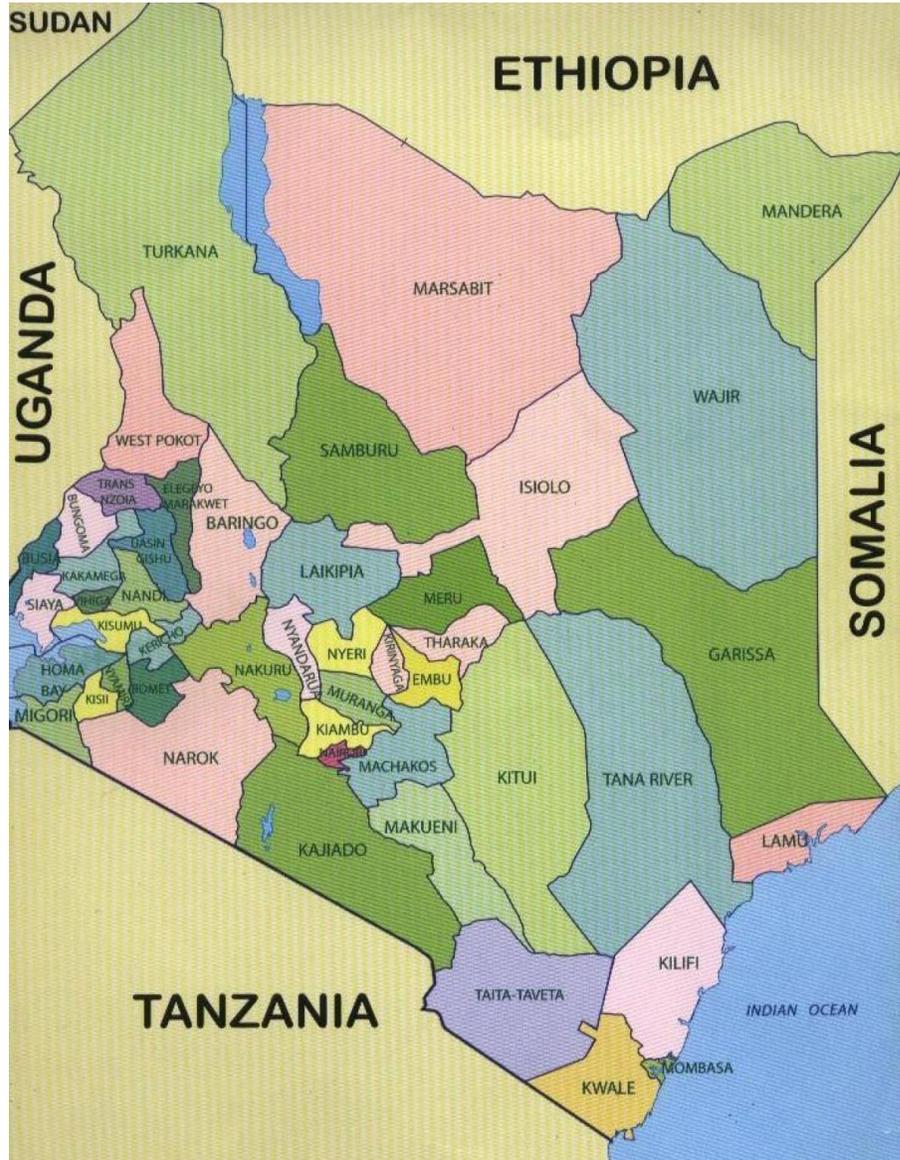
# MCH Handbook: Ensuring maternal and child health care amidst the pandemic



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# Country profile



Kenya's 47 Counties

## Geographic condition & Population

- Area: App. 582,650 sq Km
- Political: democratic, 1 National & 47 County governments
- Population: 47,564,296, Census 2019
- 44 tribes
- Each of the 47 Counties has tourist sites
- Features: Mount Kenya, lake Victoria, Tana river, game reserves, Nairobi national park in the city
- Economic: mainly agriculture, tourism, flower & other produce export

# Country profile: Current implementation status of the MCH handbook in National Health System

- The MCH Handbook is integrated in the national Health system, number MOH 216, MNCH data is linked to KHIS
- Implementation is in all the 47 Counties
- Printing is supported by MOH & Partners, done annually mainly at National level and distributed to Counties alongside vaccine commodities. With some Partners printing for some Counties that they work in
- Coordination is done by MOH through Department of Family Health
- The Handbook has been revised, current edition September 2020
- Capacity building for effective utilization is ongoing but coverage is low



# Country maternal child health system in the era of COVID-19 pandemic

- At start of COVID-19 there was confusion, due to fear of infection among HCWs and patients/clients.
- Some patients/clients were turned back at health facilities, this led to many not going to seek care
- Policies and guidelines were developed and disseminated to guide on continuation of services, both at health facility and community level
- Guidelines on preventive measures were developed and disseminated to all
- Stigma associated with COVID-19 still contributes to low care seeking for MNCH and other services

# Use of MCH Handbook at health facility level



HCW records a child's growth measurements



HCW attends to a pregnant woman

## B) Country maternal child health system in the era of COVID-19 pandemic (Community participation in maternal and child health services)

- Kenya community health structure is used for service delivery at community level with Community Health Volunteers (CHVs) providing services at household level.
- The CHVs disseminate messages on prevention, and care seeking, & assist in establishment of structures for prevention
- The CHVs identify suspected COVID-19 cases, link them with their supervisors (CHEWs/CHAS), who contact the County coordinating team to provide testing and care services
- CHVs form linkage between the health system & community for prevention, testing, home-based isolation and care

## Country maternal child health system in the era of COVID-19 pandemic (Current barriers/ challenges for continuity of services under the COVID-19 pandemic situation (1)

- Stigma resulting to fear in seeking care at the health facility
- Inadequate supply of PPEs
- Low purchasing power for the PPEs at household level
- Rising numbers of infections among HCWs
- Inadequate compliance to COVID-19 guidelines & protocols
- Inadequate testing capacity (Test kits & reagents)
- Frequent health workers' industrial action

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# MOTHER & CHILD HEALTH HANDBOOK

## AFYA YA MAMA NA MTOTO



Name of Mother :

Name of Child :

Contact Phone Number :

- Soma kitabu hiki upate mawaidha ya afya.
- Beba kitabu hiki kila mara uendapo kliniki na uonyeshe mkurugenzi wa afya.
- Read this handbook for important Health information.
- Carry this handbook at all times during a visit to the health facility and show it to the health worker.

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