



# TIMING, SPACING & IMMUNIZATION PROJECT | 2016-2017

IMPROVED USE OF VOLUNTARY REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH SERVICES THROUGH  
INTERGRATION WITH MNCH (MATERNAL NEWBORN AND CHILD HEALTH)  
INTERVENTIONS (IMMUNIZATION SERVICES)



## Project **Goal**

*Improved use of voluntary reproductive health services through integration with MNCH (Maternal and Newborn Child Health interventions (Immunization services)).*

## Rationale

### WEST POKOT COUNTY

- Fertility rate is **7.2%** yet the contraceptive use rate is only **14.2%** compared to the national level of **58%**
- Immunization coverage is at **34%** compared to the national level of **79%**
- High maternal, neonatal and infant mortality
- Socio-cultural barriers to contraceptive use



### ISIOLO COUNTY

- Contraceptive use rate of **4.9%** yet the family planning uptake is at **27%** compared to the national level of **58%**
- High maternal, neonatal and infant mortality
- Religious and cultural barriers to contraceptive use



# Project Goal

## RESULT AREAS

- Increased knowledge of immunization and Healthy Timing and Spacing of Pregnancies in West Pokot and Isiolo
- Increased access to immunization and voluntary family planning services
- Improved social and policy environment for immunization, family planning services and positive reproductive health behaviours
- Increased evidence generation to create better programming in the project areas



## PROJECT MODELS TO BE IMPLEMENTED

- Community Based Newborn Care Module for health workers and community health volunteers
- Health Systems Strengthening through initiatives and strategies that lead to better access, coverage, quality and efficiency
- Channels of Hope (Training for faith leaders)
- Healthy Timing and Spacing of Pregnancies
- Social accountability in Health (CVA)



## CHALLENGES IN PROJECT AREA

- Shortage of health care providers which cuts across all cadres
- Poor health service infrastructure
- Irregular supply of FP commodities and vaccines
- Poor male involvement
- Negative community perceptions and religious beliefs in relation to contraceptive use
- Pastoral – nomadic lifestyle of the Isiolo community makes it difficult for health care providers to reach them to follow-up on vaccination and contraceptives



# Project Partners



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