



Options in Kenya

What we do

Options has worked in Kenya over the last two decades as a trusted and locally embedded partner to both the national and county governments, with an operational footprint in 26 of the 47 counties.

Drawing on our deep technical expertise and local networks, Options provides governments and partners with technical assistance to improve health sector performance creating the impetus towards achieving universal health coverage.

Our work has focused on:

- Improving quality of reproductive, maternal, neonatal, child and adolescent health (RMNCAH)
- Strengthening health systems governance, stewardship and accountability mechanisms to increase domestic financing for health and support local advocates to hold government to account on their commitments
- Accelerating social change by building powerful coalitions and galvanising social movements, to challenge gender inequality, reduce stigma and enable women and girls to make informed choices
- Fostering health system resilience through innovation in the global health security and climate change and global health space to drive transformational improvements

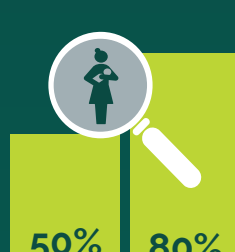
Our Impact

Improving quality of reproductive, maternal, neonatal, child and adolescent health

Combining our novel quality of institutional care (QuIC) approach with maternal and perinatal death surveillance and response (MPDSR) has led to:



70% increase in health facility readiness to perform emergency obstetrics and newborn care (EmONC) signal functions in three years



A review of over 80% of maternal and 50% of perinatal deaths across 20 counties

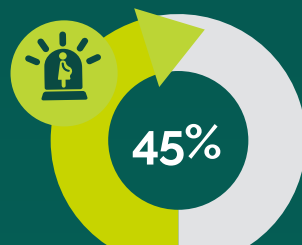


Increased generation and use of evidence for informed decision-making for quality service delivery

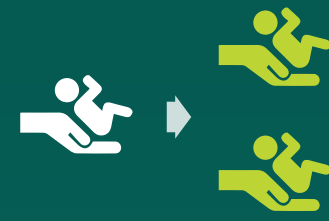
Establishing an EmONC coaching and mentorship programme has led to:



Enhanced health worker skills to deliver life-saving care



45% increase in number of health facilities achieving EmONC readiness status



Double the number of deliveries assisted by skilled birth attendants

Strengthening health systems governance, stewardship and accountability mechanisms

Our innovative and effective approaches to increase domestic financing for health and enhance government stewardship of public financial management, led to:

- 350% increase in national domestic budget allocation for family planning commodities between financial year (FY) 2019/20 and FY 2020/21
- Five national reproductive health policies, strategies, guidelines or plans developed or reviewed for improved health financing management
- Six counties allocating at least 30% of their FY2022/23 budgets to the health sector
- Five counties developing Facility Improvement Funds (FIF) Bills, enabling more financial autonomy and ringfencing funding for quality health services
- Over 44,000 safe deliveries for pregnant women through designing and implementing a transport voucher scheme

Accelerating social change

By working with grassroots and youth organisations we empower communities, women and adolescents to advocate for their rights, reduce stigma and access services. We:

- Spearhead Africa's largest movement to end female genital mutilation and cutting
- Strengthened the organisational capacity of over 80 local civil society organisations
- Provided over 110,000 adolescents with accurate sexual and reproductive health information
- Enabled 12,000 adolescents to access quality sexual and reproductive health services

Fostering health system resilience

We support the Kenyan government to build resilient and climate adaptive health systems in support of better health care for all. This includes:

- Reaching two million people with information on the availability of essential RMNCAH services during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Ensuring women and girls were at the centre of the health emergency response and supporting the restoration of essential health services.
- Working with the Ministry of Health to develop the national COVID-19 vaccine roll-out.
- Supporting the scale up of 19 locally driven RMNCAH innovations in six counties.
- Improving energy and water supply for RMNCAH services by installing clean energy and water systems in over 40 facilities in one county.

Our commitment

We are committed to working with the Kenyan government and partners to accelerate progress towards universal health coverage through a responsive, holistic, patient-centred approach that supports the country's efforts to decentralise its health systems and transition away from aid.

We continue to contribute towards building resilient and equitable health systems, by leveraging transformative innovations at scale, working collaboratively with partners, including the vibrant private sector in Kenya, and enhancing citizen participation and accountability mechanisms.

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Options Consultancy Services is a global team of experts and innovators tackling some of the world's most pressing health challenges. Over the last 30 years, we have worked in more than 50 countries to provide ideas, advice and technical know-how that enable our partners to build a path to lasting change. We are a health systems organisation that understands reproductive, maternal, neonatal, child and adolescent health service delivery. We lead emerging work on the sustainable use of renewable energy in health, shock resilient and climate sensitive infrastructure, and reducing the health system's own direct carbon footprint to build a greener future.

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