



Kilifi County Child Budget Analysis

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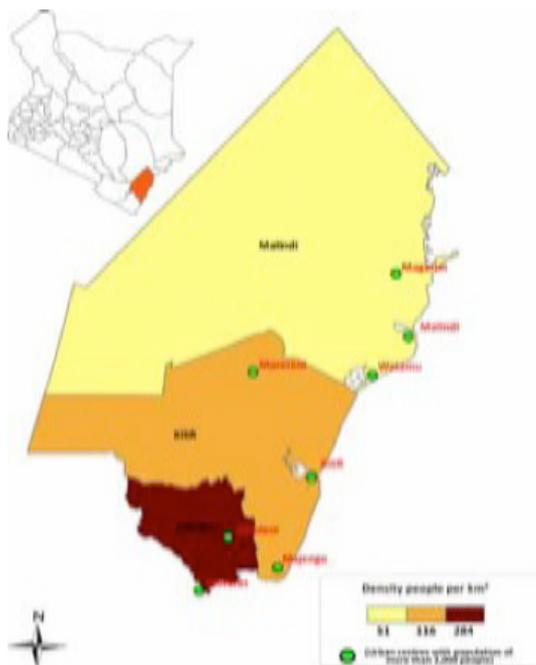
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KEY MESSAGES

- The county government should provide space for participation by various entities. Such space should deliberately support and promote child rights currently not clearly provided for.
- The proportion of population with access to clean and safe water in the county is very low. The county government should enhance budgetary allocations towards this sector in order to address the current challenges.
- The county governments should adopt Programme Based Budgeting (PBB) to allow for effective budget analysis and monitoring. Adoption of programme based budgeting approach will make it easy to access disaggregated budget information that isolate children programmes.
- The county leadership should put budgetary measures to ensure that the school-feeding programme is sustained for enhanced enrolment, retention and nutritional standards among learners.
- Funds allocated to the county level on children rights are largely donor financed. Advocacy efforts must therefore focus on raising both the profile of the sub-programme on children rights and the respective allocation by the county government of Kilifi.
- The county government should ensure that there is increased capacity building of Members of County Assembly (MCAs) and non-state actors in child-responsive budgeting and budgetary analysis since this would contribute significantly to generating better outcomes for children.



COUNTY PROFILE



County Bio Data

- County Geographical Size: 12,609.7 Km²;
- Sub - counties/Constituencies: Kilifi North, Kilifi South, Ganze, Malindi, Magarini, Rabai and Kaloleni.
- County population: 1,217,892(KPHC 2009)
- Children Population: 619,669 (50.9% of the county population) Boys -311,970 and Girls 307,699
- County Average Population Growth Rate 3.05 % p.a.

Situation Analysis

Kilifi county has a population of 1,217,892 (KPHC 2009) and children constitute 50.9% of the total population. Out of the total children county population, it is estimated that 57.7% of them are deprived thus making the children in the county still being vulnerable. The table below shows key child health indicators in Kilifi County.

Table 1.0: Key Child Indicators

Indicator	National	Kilifi	Source
Children 12-23 months fully vaccinated (%)	68	72	KDHS Key Indicators Report, 2014
Children with fever taken to health facility (%)	63	79	KDHS Key Indicators Report, 2014
Children with diarrhea given ORS (%)	74	80	KDHS Key Indicators Report, 2014
Stunting (%)	26	39	KDHS Key Indicators Report, 2014
Wasting (%)	4	2	KDHS Key Indicators Report, 2014
Underweight (%)	11	17	KDHS Key Indicators Report, 2014
Number of children living with HIV	101,000	3507	KAIS 2014 & HIV County Profiles
Children with HIV receiving ART (%)	42	31	HIV County Profiles

From the table 1.0 above, the county immunization coverage is above average (recommended international minimum is 80%) with high margin levels of malnutrition. For example, the percentage of fully vaccinated children (12-23 months) in Kilifi was 72%, markedly above the national average of 68%. On the other hand, the prevalence of stunting is at 39% which is above the national average of 26%, while underweight and wasting children is at 4% and the prevalence of underweight children at 17% with the national average of 4% and 11% respectively.

Kilifi has recorded a reduction in the allocation to Early Childhood Development and Education (ECDE) comparing 2013/14 and 2014/15. The allocation for the year 2014/15 reduced by 53%. This

is inconsistent with the county's expressed intention to improve the Early Childhood Development and Education (ECDE) centres as captured in the County Integrated Development Plan (CIDP). The plan envisage that the County will emphasize a lot on advocacy on the importance of ECD education so as to increase the Gross enrolment rate from 59 percent.

County Budgetary Allocations

- County budgets estimates increased by 7.2% from Ksh 7.9 billion in 2013/14 to Ksh 8.4 billion in 2014/15.
- County allocation to education increased in absolute terms as a relative share to county budget

from 1.6% in 2013/214 to 4.7% in 2014/2015, the health sector reduced from 6.2% in 2013/14 to 3.2% in 2014/15 while allocation to water and Sanitation increased by 3.4% over the same period.

to realization of children rights such as health, water and sanitation, and child protection. This makes it difficult to isolate children focused programmes and consequently undertake child budget analysis.

- Kilifi children budget as a share of total county

budget reduced significantly from 10.95% to 6.85%, which represent a reduction of 4.1%. Given that children account for 50.9% of the county population, even the 2013/14 figure was still significantly low albeit not factoring other national level budgetary allocation intended for children in the county.



- There was no specific allocation in the county budget for ECDE School Feeding Programme/ health & nutrition. The county government should make effort to allocate funds for ECDE School Feeding Programme/health and nutrition. At the national level, School feeding programme had a kitty of Ksh 1.3 billion in 2014/15 targeting arid and semi-arid counties such as Kilifi.
- There is limited breakdown of budget information relating to services and sectors that impact directly

Allocation to Child Education and Health

	FY 2013/14	FY 2014/15
Education Sector	940,485,512	1,095,555,811
Construction of ECDE Centres	313,180,515	100,000,000
Construction of ECDE Resource Centre	220,000,000	360,000,000
Construction of water tanks and Toilets in ECDE Centers	17,821,238	40,000,000
Construction of Library	n.s	50,000,000
Scholarships and Bursaries	9,000,000.00	20,000,000
Purchase of desks	30,000,000	100,000,000
Total ECDE	220,000,000	423,160,440
	FY 2013/14	FY 2014/15
Health Sector	1,229,915,308	1,782,081,466
Supply and delivery of ambulance equipments	44,940,000.00	n.s
Renovation and Construction of dispensaries and health centers	6,460,000.00	140,000,000
Child Mortality	n.s	n.s
Supply and delivery of medical equipments	227,200,000	163,500,000
Construction of staff houses	10,000,000	n.s
Total Child Health Services	278,600,000	303,500,000

n.s means not stated.

CONCLUSION

Over half of the total county population is children majority of them estimated to be deprived. The CIDP equally recognizes the vulnerability of children occasioned by low enrolment levels in basic education especially at the pre-primary level and the challenge of malnutrition and low immunization coverage and its effects on children development. Kenya has committed to safeguard the rights of children and therefore the county government should as a result progressively ensure that budget allocation is consistent to promoting these rights with regard to child policies and plans as recognized in the CIDP. Oversight institutions in particular Kilifi County Assembly and the Civil Society Organizations should hold the county government to its commitment children rights. These oversight actors should also push for transparent and participatory budgeting.



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