MERU COUNTY

Family planning budget analysis 2020/21





FAMILY PLANNING BUDGET ESTIMATE

The budget analysis conducted in October 2020 revealed that the **County Government of Meru did not have a budget line for family planning** for FY 2020/2021. However, indirect family planning allocation* by the County Government of Meru was estimated for the period 2016/2017 to 2020/2021 as follows:



The estimates were informed by the following documents: Kenya Health Policy (KHP)2014-2030; Kenya Health Sector Strategic Plan (KHSSP) 2018-202; Economic Survey(various years); Medium Term Plan (MTP)2018 -22; Budget Outlook Paper (BOPA); Medium Term Expenditure Frameworks (MTEFs); Ministerial Performance Reviews (MPRs); Documents from Commission of revenue allocation (CRA) on approved county allocations; County FP Costed Implementation Plan; County Integrated Development Plans; Kenya Population and Housing Census(KPHC) 2019; and County budget.

*Indirect allocation for family planning by county governments was estimated per county based on workload statistics from the District Health Information System (DHIS) and subjected to county allocation to health. For FY 2020/21, the service utilization statistics and thus the rates used were recorded based on the average change between the preceding periods. Then the weights were used to derive possible allocations for family planning.



KEY COUNTY STATISTICS



3.1
Total Fertility Rate¹



78.3% Contraceptive Prevalence Rate (any modern method)¹



19.9% Teenage Pregnancy¹



51Abortions per 1,000 women of reproductive age²



2.4% HIV prevalence³



11.1% Women 15-24 who had sexual intercourse before exact age 15⁴





POLICY BASIS FOR FAMILY PLANNING BUDGET INVESTMENT

The County Government of Meru has two key policy documents that guide investment decisions about family planning for the county:

- a. Meru County Integrated Development Plan (CIDP) 2018-2022
 - The County Government of Meru, through the Meru County integrated development Plan (CIDP) 2018-2022, calls to increase family planning and health access programmes for women and projects that support women to be self-reliant.
- b. Meru County Family Planning Costed Implementation Plan 2017-2022
 - The County Government of Meru, through the Meru County family planning, costed implementation plan (2018 2022) estimates that the county needs KES. 88,345,500 million for the county's family planning programme*** for year four of the plan.

***The Meru County Family Planning Costed Implementation Plan 2018-2022 aims to improve the FP services of the people of Meru County by expanding access to family planning services to attain a modern contraceptive prevalence rate (mCPR) of 83% and a contraceptive prevalence rate (CPR) of 85% by the year 2021."



INTERNATIONAL REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH/FAMILY PLANNING COMMITMENTS (ICPD25 COMMITMENTS)

At the Nairobi Summit on the 25th Anniversary of the International Conference on Population and Development Programme (ICPD), President Uhuru Kenyatta committed that Kenya will:

- Ensure universal access to friendly quality reproductive health services and information to the youth and adolescents by 2030.
- **Y** Gradually increase financing of family planning commodities from domestic resources.
- Eliminate legal, policy, and programmatic barriers that impede youth participation in decision making, planning, and implementation of development activities at all levels by 2030.



RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1. The County Government of Meru needs to continue implementing its commitment to providing access to family planning services and contraceptives to residents as outlined in the County Integrated Development Plan (CIDP) 2018-2022 and the County Family Planning Costed Implementation Plan 2018-2022.
- The County Government of Meru needs to accelerate policy and budgetary measures to ensure universal access to friendly quality reproductive health services and information to the youth and adolescents by 2030.
- 3. The County Government of Meru needs to gradually increase financing of family planning commodities from domestic resources.
- 4. The County Government of Meru needs to eliminate legal, policy, and programmatic barriers that impede youth participation in decision making, planning, and implementation of development activities at all levels by 2030.

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