

The European Union's Civil Society and Local Authorities Thematic Programme

# Siaya Maternal and Child Nutrition Nawiri Project

CSO-LA/2015/368-296

### FINAL NARRATIVE REPORT

# REPORTING PERIOD 1st MAY 2016 TO 30<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2019









## ANNEX VI FINAL NARRATIVE REPORT

- This report must be completed and signed by the <u>Contact person of the Coordinator</u>.
- The information provided below must correspond to the financial information that appears in the financial report.
- Please complete the report using a typewriter or computer (you can find this form at the following address < Specify>).
- Please expand the paragraphs as necessary.
- Please refer to the Special Conditions of your grant contract and send one copy of the report to each address mentioned.
- The Contracting Authority will reject any incomplete or badly completed reports.
- The answer to all questions must cover the reporting period as specified in point 1.6.
- Please do not forget to attach to this report the proof of the transfers of ownership referred to in Article 7.5 of the General Conditions

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#### List of acronyms used in the report

ADA Austrian Development Agency

ANC Antenatal Care

ARV Anti-retroviral

CARE Cooperative for Assistance and Relief Everywhere

CAUT CARE Austria

CBO Community Based Organization

CHA Community Health Assistant

CHMT County Health Management Committee

CHVs Community Health Volunteers

CHW Community Health Workers

CME Continuous Medical Education

CNAP Country Nutrition Action Plan

CQI Continuous Quality Improvement

CsC Community Scorecard

CSO Civil Society Organisation

CU Community Unit

DDIU Data Demand and Information Use

DHIS District Health Information System

DQA Data Quality Audit

ECD Early Childhood Development

EPI Expanded Programme on Immunization

EU European Union

FBF Fortified Blended Flours

FGD Focus Group Discussion

FHOK Family Health Options Kenya

FP Family Planning

FM Frequency Modulation

HCW Health Care Workers

HiNi High Impact Nutrition Interventions

HIV Human Immunodeficiency Virus

ICN International Conference on Nutrition

IFMIS Integrated Financial Management Information System

KCDI Kenya Curriculum Development Institute

#### CSO-LA/2015/368-296

KII Key Informant Interview

KIFHP Kisumu Integrated Family Health Project

KMET Kisumu Medical and Education Trust

KMTC Kenya Medical Training College

M&E Monitoring and Evaluation

MCA Member of County Assembly

MCH Maternal and Child Health

MIYCN Maternal, Infant and Young Child Nutrition

MNCH Maternal, Newborn and Child Health

MoH Ministry of Health

MOH Medical Officers Health

MoU Memorandum of Understanding

MUAC Mid-Upper Arm Circumference

NGOs Non-Governmental Organizations

PET Participatory Edutainment Theatre

RHC Reproductive Health Coordinators

RUTF Ready to Use Therapeutic Feeds

SAA Social Analysis and Action

SCHMT Sub County Health Management Team

SMOH Sub-County Medical Officer of Health

SOP Standard Operating Procedure

SUN Scaling Up Nutrition

TA Technical Assistant

ToT Training of Trainers

TWG Technical Working Group

U5 Children under 5

UN United Nations

WRA Women of Reproductive Age

#### 1. Description

- 1.1. Name of Coordinator of the Grant contract: CARE Austria
- 1.2. Name and title of the Contact Person: Claire Laurent, Programme Officer
- 1.3. Name of <u>Beneficiary(ies)</u> and <u>affiliated entity(ies)</u> in the Action: **Family Health**Options Kenya (FHOK) and Kisumu Medical and Education Trust (KMET)
- 1.4. Title of the Action: Siaya Maternal and Child Nutrition Nawiri Project
- 1.5. Contract Number: CSO-LA/2015/368-296
- 1.6. Start date and end date of the reporting period: 1st May 2016 and 30th April 2019
- 1.7. Target <u>country(ies)</u> or <u>region(s)</u>: **Kenya, Siaya County Gem, Bondo and Rarieda Sub Counties**
- 1.8. <u>Final beneficiaries</u> &/or <u>target groups</u><sup>1</sup> (if different) (including numbers of women and men): **94,435** children under 5 years (U5), **127,065** women of reproductive age (WRA), **42,000** adolescent girls and **20,000** men in the Siaya county
- 1.9. Country(ies) in which the activities take place (if different from 1.7): N/A



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> "Target groups" are the groups/entities who will be directly positively affected by the project at the Project Purpose level, and "final beneficiaries" are those who will benefit from the project in the long term at the level of the society or sector at large.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> More pictures of the project can be found in Annex 5.

#### 2. Assessment of implementation of Action activities

#### 2.1 Executive Summary of the Action

The *Nawiri* project reporting period covers May 2016 to April 2019. The project set out to accomplish four result areas, namely (ER1) advocacy for political commitment and increased investment in MIYCN; (ER2) capacity building of state and non-state actors to better respond to MIYCN needs; (ER3) sensitization and mobilization to empower communities; and (ER4) evidence building on nutrition, all in an effort to improve the nutrition of pregnant and lactating women, their children below 5 years and women of reproductive age.

After only three years of project implementation, achievements include **improved knowledge on nutrition** by both state and non-state actors including County Health Committee. Our advocacy efforts resulted in **steady increases in investment** towards Maternal, Infant and Young Child Nutrition (MIYCN) in the County budgets. Mobilizations have led to a **reduction in gender biases** within communities, improved knowledge on nutrition benefits and a positive **change in behaviour of the workforce** for nutrition. Furthermore, evidence building efforts enabled the activation of a **strong research committee** which organized the first ever County Health Conference on nutrition. The project also achieved most of its targets as shown in the logframe updates after the end- term evaluation (Annex 1). *Nawiri* was also able to reach most of its targeted beneficiaries as shown in the table below<sup>3</sup>:

Beneficiaries	3-Year Target	Annual Achievements			Total	% Achievem
		FY1	FY2	FY3		ent
Children under 5 years	94,435	1,724	69,051	37,024	107,799	114%
Women of Reproductive Age	127,055	22,317	78,729	32,474	133,520	105%
Adolescent Girls	42,000	728	17,730	13,517	31,975	76%
Men	20,000	6,617	22,166	10,298	39,081	195%

The project experienced some challenges beyond its control including prolonged electioneering period; delayed recruitment of executive committees hampered by continuous court cases barring nominees; setbacks that greatly affected advocacy plans with the political class; and health care worker strikes.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> In the last half yearly update there was a mistake with the calculation of the beneficiaries reached. These are the final numbers.