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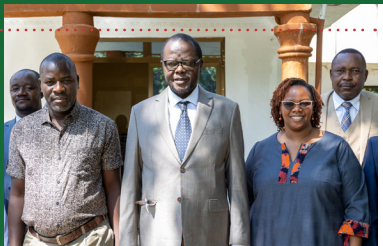
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## HEI Graduation

**Celebration of successful completion of Preventing Mother-to-Child Transmission Follow-up through graduation of HIV-exposed infants**



CIHEB-Kenya's CONNECT program supports 65 primary healthcare facilities in Nairobi county with over 1000 HIV-exposed infants (HEI) across these facilities. These infants were born to HIV-infected women receiving comprehensive HIV care including and robust follow-up as efforts to eliminate the mother-to-child transmission of HIV are prioritized in this program.

On September 8, 2022, CONNECT program held a graduation ceremony to recognize and celebrate mothers of 480 HEI who were confirmed as being HIV-negative after completing 18 months of follow-up. The event was attended by Nairobi Metropolitan Services (NMS) Prevention of Mother-To-Child

Transmission focal point person and NMS HIV coordinators who together with CIHEB-Kenya's CONNECT Teams, led the teams in celebrating this important milestone for the children and their mothers.

As an implementing partner in Nairobi, CIHEB CONNECT is committed to its mission to fast-track progress towards the UNAIDS 95-95-95 targets of HIV epidemic control and to reduce HIV incidence and AIDS-related mortality as per Kenya AIDS Strategic Framework II.

CIHEB-Kenya through CONNECT is working closely with the Nairobi County Department of Health Services to eliminate mother to child transmission of HIV.

# Operation Triple Zero (OTZ)

## Cross-learning Visit for CIHEB-Kenya's PACT Imara, CONNECT, and ENTRENCH programs.

The CDC Kenya organized Operation Triple Zero (OTZ) South to South cross-learning visit, took place from 19th to 23rd September 2022, to CIHEB-Kenya's Programs. The program hosted visitors from Rwanda, Botswana, South Sudan, and CDC Atlanta who had an opportunity to interact with site staff from Baba Dogo Sub-county Hospital, Kangundo County Hospital, Siaya County Hospital, Nyabondo Mission Hospital and Ahero Sub-county Hospital. The team also met OTZ champions and adolescents.

Speaking during the visit, Dr. Lenah Nyabiage, the Activity Manager for Western Kenya branch said that involving adolescents has borne fruits in their treatment. She further encouraged the implementing partners to enhance Linking OVC and OTZ to ensure those who are negative remain negative, and those who need treatment receive it.

OTZ program targeting HIV-infected adolescents and young people uses a contextual "asset-based approach," whereby adolescents are considered resources with potential answers to their challenges and are empowered to take responsibility and action for their health



Dr. Emmah Momanyi noted that the OTZ plus package provides tailored support for those who have dropped out of school and/or left their families.

"What we've done is we've had financial literacy sessions with them, and some have been trained in income generating activities that they can engage in so that they are able to get something to support themselves and their children," said Dr. Momanyi.

Negative patients are linked to DREAMS program to ensure

they remain negative through proper interventions for Adolescents Girls and Young Women.



OTZ encourages adolescents and young people living with HIV to commit to zero missed appointments, zero missed drugs, and zero viral load. Its implementation has led to better outcomes including retention and viral suppression and a decline in mortality among these demographic.

The OTZ Champions and staff shared their OTZ implementation models including establishing, adolescent-friendly integrated clinics and use of trained adolescents to reach and motivate their peers.

# CIHEB ENTRENCH courtesy call to Migori County Governor

A delegation of stakeholders in health made a courtesy call to H.E. Hon. Ochillo George Mbogo Ayacko the Governor of Migori County Government to discuss Health Systems Strengthening agenda for the county. Participants included CDC Kenya, the County Transition Team, and CIHEB-Kenya's ENTRENCH leadership

The county transition team is mandated to oversee the responsible transformation of the HIV and TB program to full implementation autonomy by the county government.



*Dr. Anita Nyabiage, Program Director ENTRENCH, making a presentation in the meeting*



*H.E. Governor Ochillo Ayacko, CIHEB Kenya's Matthew Kimani (DFA), Dr. Anita Nyabiage, Dr. Caroline Ng'eno (UMB Country Director), Alan Logendo, Lilian Kong'ani and the County Transition Team*

The Governor and the County staff present appreciated CDC as well as University of Maryland, Baltimore - Kenya and CIHEB-Kenya for their support in tackling HIV/AIDS and TB services. Specifically, he thanked the partners for strengthening healthcare delivery within the county, which has had positive outcomes.

The CDC-funded ENTRENCH program is implemented in partnership with Migori County Health Department supporting 111 health facilities, five Drop-in Centers (DiCes) service key populations, 19 DREAMS wards

servicing adolescent and young women, and five Fisher Folk wards in all the eight Sub-counties of Migori County.

The ENTRENCH program in the last one year has provided HIV Testing services to 115,417 people, Voluntary Medical Male Circumcision to 4,208, reached 7,582 key population 30, 844 Adolescent Girls and Young Women and fisherfolk with HIV prevention messages and is providing ART to 63,956 HIV-infected individuals.

## TRACK

### TRACK Concludes a 5-Day Household Enumeration in Alego Usonga Sub-County



CIHEB-Kenya's TRACK program has been working with the county government of Siaya to scale-up COVID-19 vaccination services to all eligible populations. To reach those who remained unvaccinated, TRACK team embarked on an aggressive approach of enumerating individuals through household mapping for targeted vaccination.

Targeted vaccination strategies aim to preferentially vaccinate people according to specific epidemiological characteristics.

The purpose of the exercise was to capture the unvaccinated persons within the community using the Community Health Volunteer household enumeration tools



*TRACK team during the Community Health Assistants training in Alego Usonga*

TRACK team concluded the five-day household enumeration exercise in Alego Usonga Sub-county, Siaya County on September 23, 2022.

The household enumeration was preceded by Alego Usonga Sub-county Community Health Assistants training on household enumeration tool for capturing the unvaccinated persons within the community.

This Sub-county is the second after Bondo Sub County to pilot the household enumeration and targeted vaccination strategy in reaching the people not vaccinated against COVID-19.

## Strategic Information

### CIHEB-Kenya Providing Data Quality Solutions for Enhanced Efficiencies in HIV Programming

As Kenya accelerates efforts toward epidemic control, having quality and efficient systems for data collection, storage, and use is critical. Part of this entails ensuring data alignment across the major reporting systems such as the Kenya Health Information System (KHIS), the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) 3PM platform, and the PEPFAR-supported Design and Analysis Toolkit for Inventory and Monitoring (DATIM) reporting system. However, manual data entry across all these systems is bound to introduce human errors arising from wrong data entry, which may result in data discordance across the systems. Poor and inconsistent data impedes accurate programming and decision-making and compromises data integrity.

During the CDC quarterly partners' meeting held on 20 and 21st September 2022, to review program performance and discuss approaches towards accurate, timely and consistent data quality across all reporting systems, CIHEB-Kenya's CDC-funded PACT IMARA program, presented an innovative approach to ensuring high data quality across the three reporting systems without physical data entry across all three data systems. The program supports the provision of comprehensive HIV prevention and treatment services in collaboration with the county governments of Machakos, Makeni, and Kitui counties.

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CIHEB-Kenya team demonstrated to other partners how they have been able to use an internally developed programming code to import data captured from facilities to the reporting platforms without any data loss.

This approach saves on time and costs of employing data clerks to physically key data onto DATIM and 3PM once data has been entered in KHIS.

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*PACT Imara team during OTZ south-south cross learning at Kangundo County Hospital*



*TRACK Bondo Sub-county round two COVID-19 vaccination targeting clients who received their first doses during the households enumeration exercise conducted earlier in July/August 2022.*



*CIHEB CONNECT team during the commissioning of water desalination plant at Kibera Level IV Hospital in Nairobi County.*



*Kisumu County HIV/TB Transition Roadmap Validation Meeting with Kisumu County Deputy Governor Dr. Mathews Owili CDC Kenya Director for Western Kenya region, Dr. Apolo Aoko and CIHEB-Kenya Program Director Dr. Anita Nyabiage.*



*CIHEB-Kenya's CEO, Dr. Emily Koech, visits Muhuru prevention center in Migori County. CIHEB Kenya is partnering with communities towards HIV epidemic control*



*CIHEB Stawisha Pwani during the revision of ART Guidelines in Mombasa County.*