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Integrated Healthcare Outreaches in Turkana Drought Region, Northern Kenya

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I. Demographic Information	
1. City & Province: Lokitaung, Turkana, Kenya	
2. Organization: Real Medicine Foundation, Kenya (www.realmedicinefoundation.org) Ministry of Health Services and Sanitation, Turkana County (www.turkana.go.ke/index.php/ministry-of-health-sanitation-2/)	
3. Project Title: Healthcare Outreaches in Turkana Drought Region, Northern Kenya	
4. Reporting Period: April 1, 2018 – June 30, 2018	
5. Project Location (region & city/town/village): Turkana Northern sub-county, Turkana, Kenya	
6. Target Population: Population per outreach site: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nariamao – 150• Kaituko – 121• Kangamileteny – 92• Kangamojoj – 126• Moruedou – 40• Kopotea – 423• Kabilkeret – 59• Kasuguru – 75• Kalodokume – 112 Total target population: 1,198 people	
II. Project Information	
7. Project Goal: To improve the delivery of primary healthcare services to people living in remote areas of Turkana Northern sub-county, Turkana Drought Region, Northern Kenya.	
8. Project Objectives:	

Provide essential health services to area residents through monthly integrated outreaches:

- Nutrition services for children and pregnant and lactating mothers (PLM)
- Treatment of common health conditions
- Deworming
- Immunization services for children
- ANC services for pregnant women
- Vitamin A supplementation for children and pregnant and lactating mothers (PLM)
- Health education

9. Summary of RMF/MOH-sponsored activities carried out during the reporting period under each project objective (note any changes from original plans):

Within this reporting period (April to June 2018), we successfully carried out a total of 27 integrated outreach activities in the selected sites. These were made possible with support from RMF and the MOH.

Summary of work completed during this reporting period:

- **1,289** (1,008 children and 281 pregnant and lactating mothers) received screening for nutrition services.
- **1,663** (859 children and 804 adults) were screened for general ailments.
- **1,873** received deworming services.
- **411** children were immunized.
- **351** pregnant mothers received antenatal services.
- **1,165** received Vitamin A supplementation.
- **1,505** people received public health messages through public health education.

10. Results and/or accomplishments achieved during this reporting period:

Below is a breakdown of the performance of various activities and indicators during the reporting period;

Nutrition Services and Vitamin A Supplementation

During this three-month period, many women and children have benefited from the outreaches through nutrition services and Vitamin A supplementation. Using MUAC (mid-upper arm circumference), clients were categorized as having normal nutritional status or being severely or moderately malnourished. A total of **1,289 children and pregnant and lactating mothers** (PLM) benefited from nutritional screening and support. A total of **1,165** clients received Vitamin A supplementation.

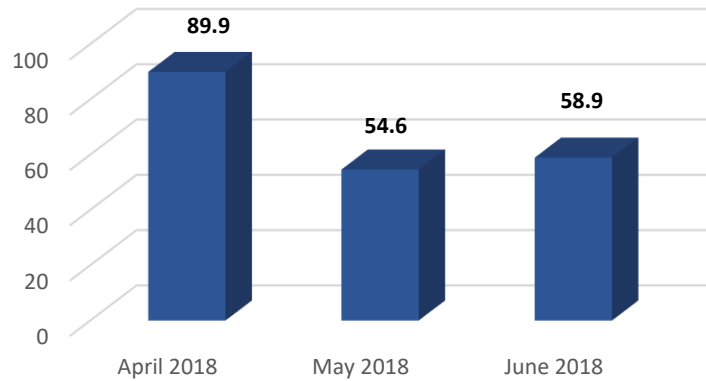
These achievements can be attributed to the support from RMF, the county government, and other supporting agencies.

Immunization Activities

The project has also enabled communities in remote areas to access vaccination as a way of improving the immunity of our children. During this reporting period, we have been able to immunize **411** children. Additionally, other children have benefited from various immunization antigens like OPV3, Penta 1, Penta 3, and Measles 3.

The graph below shows the proportions of fully immunized children (FIC) within the reporting period, according to DHIS data.

FIC Coverage

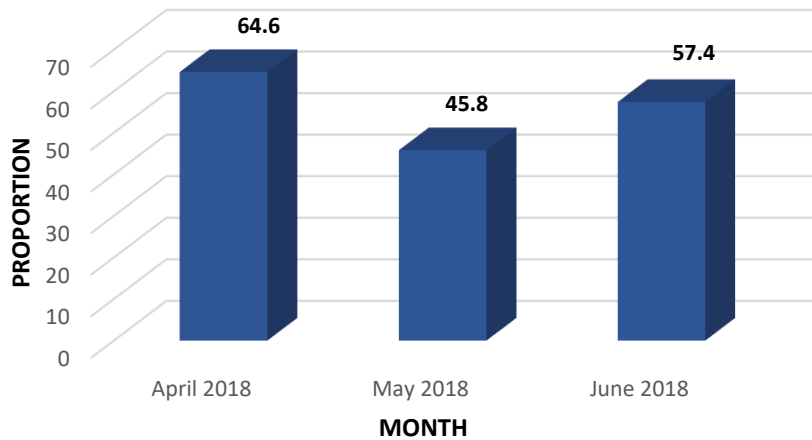


Antenatal Services

In the effort to promote quality services for pregnant women, reduce maternal mortality rates, and improve pregnancy outcomes, outreaches to disadvantaged communities play a key role. During this reporting period, we managed to provide antenatal services to **351** pregnant women. Many women received a tetanus toxoid vaccination, IFAS, and Vitamin A supplementation. This is an indicator that we are closely monitoring, especially 4th ANC coverage, with the goal of improving skilled deliveries performance and eventually reducing maternal mortality rates. Health education has also been an important factor in improving the health seeking behaviors of pregnant women.

The graph below illustrates the proportion of 4th ANC attendance within the reporting period.

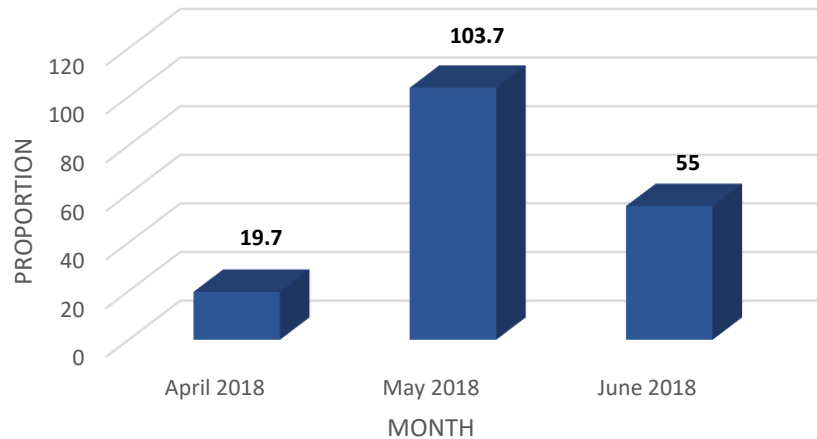
4th ANC Attendance



Deworming Services

A total of **1,837** clients received deworming services.

Deworming (Children 12-59 Months of Age)



General Treatment

One of the key activities within this project is management of minor illnesses and other conditions affecting the target population. The county government has been supportive in terms of providing essential drugs to enable us to offer treatment for conditions like malaria, respiratory tract infections, urinary tract infections, skin conditions, and eye infections. This has contributed to a reduction in mortality caused by these conditions. During this reporting period, we were able to offer treatment to **1,663** clients.

Health Promotion and Education

Health promotion and education play primary roles in disease prevention and pave the way for better healthcare within the community. We have achieved milestones in the performance of different indicators by laying a stable foundation in this sector. During each outreach activity, our dedicated staff begins by giving health talks to the target population. This empowers the community with quality knowledge on how to protect themselves from a number of health-related conditions. During this reporting period, the community was educated on a number of topics, including MNH, immunization, public and environmental health, and HIV and other STIs. All talks are aimed at curbing the spread of health-related conditions by putting in place adequate control measures to mitigate these. We managed to reach a total of **1,505** individuals with such messages during this reporting period.

11. Impact this project has on the community (who is benefiting and how):

Working in partnership with RMF has enabled Turkana Central sub-county to reach rural populations that would otherwise have difficulty accessing medical services. The project has safeguarded this population from exploitative witchdoctors who have taken advantage of their need for medical attention. Also, the nomadic nature of our population makes accessibility to services a major challenge. With this program, we are able to reach as many people as we can in their temporary settlements. This has resulted in performance indicators' improvement, showing overall health gains for the population.

12. Number served/number of direct project beneficiaries (for example, average number treated per day or month and if possible, per health condition):

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13. Number of indirect project beneficiaries (geographic coverage):

1,198 people living in in remote areas of Turkana Northern sub-county, Turkana Drought Region, Northern Kenya.

14. If applicable, please list the medical services provided:

Through our integrated health outreaches, we provide the following primary healthcare services:

- Nutrition services for children and pregnant and lactating mothers (PLM)
- Treatment of common health conditions
- Deworming
- Immunization services for children
- ANC services for pregnant women
- Vitamin A supplementation for children and pregnant and lactating mothers (PLM)

15. Please list the five most common health problems observed within your region.

- Respiratory Tract Infections
- Malaria
- Gastroenteritis
- Skin Diseases
- Eye Infections

16. Notable project challenges and obstacles:

- Frequent breakdowns of KEPI freezers affecting immunization activities.
- Competing activities leading to a compromise in quality supervision and technical support by the sub-county health management team (SCHMT) during outreaches as well as the delayed compiling of reports.
- Poor network coverage hampering telemedicine and consultations through phone calls.
- Poor road network hampering movements into some areas.

17. Plans and recommendations for the next reporting period:

- Joint supervisions with MOH and RFM team.
- Proper forecasting of immunization antigens and pharmaceuticals to avoid unnecessary stock-outs.
- Frequent inspection of KEPI freezers.
- Continue carrying out the integrated outreaches

18. If applicable, summary of RMF/MOH-sponsored medical supply distribution and use:

N/A

19. Success story(s) highlighting project impact:

Please see Project Photos.

20. Photos of project activities (file attachment is fine):

Project Photos



Health workers at an outreach



Health education using posters

III. Financial Information

21. Detailed summary of expenditures within each budget category as presented in your funded proposal (file attachment is fine). Please note any changes from plans.

Sent separately