

Monitoring Progress in Implementation of ECD Policies, Kenya

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Kenya's Policy Environment

- Children's Act 2022: the main law that safeguards the rights and welfare of children in Kenya.
- Section 41 of the Children Act, 2022 created the National Council for Children's Services (NCCS), under the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection to coordinate, regulate and oversight children's services in Kenya
- Implementation is Multisectoral
- Health sector guided by ECD policy, Health Policy and the Kenya Health Sector Strategic Plan (KHSSP)
- Education is guided by the National Pre-Primary Education Policy 2017, the National Education Sectoral Strategic Plan (NESSP) and the Pre-Primary Policy Standards and Guidelines 2018



Data Systems -Routine

Kenya Health Information System (KHIS) – Aggregate data collected from registers at various service delivery points

➤ **National Education Management Information System –**

(from primary education level but planned inclusion of pre-primary education)

- Headteachers input data into the system
- Key elements include school enrolment, attendance, transition, learning materials, WASH facilities, teacher numbers, Teacher pupil ratio, teacher –Basic education statistical booklet

➤ **Civil Registration and Vital Statistics** –Registration of births and deaths

➤ **Child Protection Management Information System-** Tracks Data on cases of violence against children, caregiving, adoption and foster care



Data Systems - Surveys

- ▶ Kenya Demographic Health Survey (2022)
- ▶ Joint Sector Review of the National Education Sectoral Plan (September 2023)
- ▶ National Survey on Pre-Primary Education in Kenya- to be done in January 2024
- ▶ Malaria Indicator Cluster survey
- ▶ Violence against Children Survey (18-24 years)



Indicators- Reproductive Maternal Health

| Category | Indicator | Performance (KDHS) | (KHIS) |
|---------------------|---|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Pre conception Care | MCPR TFR | 57% 3.4 | |
| Pregnancy | 1 st ANC Coverage | 99% | 88% |
| | 4 th ANC Coverage | 66% | 58% |
| | Proportion with Low HB(<11.1g/dl) | | 25% (first visit) |
| | Proportion of pregnant women on Iron/Folate | | 75% |
| Delivery | Skilled birth attendance Coverage | 89% | 77% |
| | Maternal mortality Population MMRatio Facility MMRate | 355/100,000 Live births | 111/100,000 deliveries |
| PNC | Maternal PNC within 48hours Coverage | 77% | 61% |
| | Neonatal PNC within 48 hours coverage | 86% | 62% |



Indicators- Newborn Health

| Category | Indicator | Performance (KDHS) | KHIS |
|--------------|---|----------------------|--|
| Newborn care | Neonatal mortality Rate Facility NMR | 21/1,000 Live Births | 10/1,000 Live births |
| | Causes of Neonatal Deaths | | Prematurity 36% Asphyxia 33% Sepsis 8% Others 29% |
| | % low birth weight (2500g) | | 6% |
| | % of LBW on KMC | | 63% |
| | Use of Chlorhexidine for Cord Care | | 72% |
| Infancy | Full Immunisation Coverage at 1 year | 80% | 80% |
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Indicators- Child Health

| Category | Indicator | Performance (KDHS) | KHIS |
|--------------|---|--------------------|------|
| Child Health | Health seeking for ARI Same or next day | 82% 43% | |
| | Health Seeking for Diarrhoea Same or next day | 58% - | |
| | Given ZNORS Fever | 32% 70% 42% | |
| | proportion of under-five treated for diarrhea with ZN-ORS(Facility) | | 49% |
| | proportion of children under5 years with pneumonia treated with amoxicillin DT | | 54% |
| | Percent of children are developmentally on track in health, learning, and psychosocial wellbeing. | 78% | |
| | Proportion of children under five with delayed developmental milestones | | 18% |



Indicators- Nutrition

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| Category | Indicator | Performance (KDHS) | KHIS |
|-----------|--|--------------------|------|
| Nutrition | Proportion of ANC clients with Hb <11g/dl | | 26% |
| | Proportion of pregnant women attending ANC who received combined iron and folate supplements | | 75% |
| | Proportion of Newborn initiated on breast milk within the first one hour after delivery | | 89% |
| | Exclusive breast Feeding below 6 months | 61% | |
| | Stunting | 18% | |
| | Proportion of Under 5yrs attending CWC who are stunted | | ! |
| | Wasting | 5% | |
| | Proportion of Children under five attending CWC who under weight | | 4.7 |
| | Proportion of children aged 12--59 months supplemented with Vitamin A | | 92.6 |



Indicators- Education

Joint sector review of NESSP

- Gross enrolment in pre-primary education for children 4 to 5 years 99% due to free education
- The Gross Enrolment Rate(GER) for boys was 111.5, while for girls, the GER was 110.8.
- The marginal increase in the GER from 109.4 in 2019 to 111.2 in 2020 indicates that children are yet to access pre-primary education at the right age, with increasing numbers of under-age and over-age learners in schools;
- Teacher ratio: Public 1:55, Private 1:21 in sampled schools against recommended 1:25



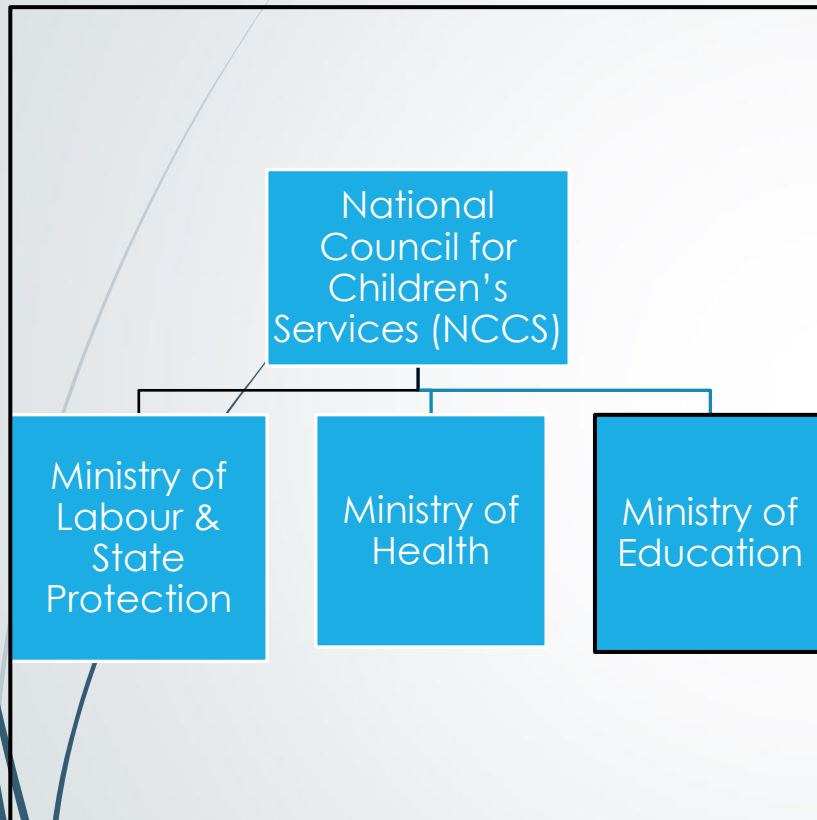
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- ▶ Improvised play-based materials in a few schools 10%
- ▶ Inadequate and appropriate WASH facilities learner toilet ratio was very high i.e. 34:1 against recommended 10:1 girls, 1.15 boys urinal
- ▶ Most pre-schools did not have inclusive education- Special Needs Education



Opportunities



- ▶ NCCS is spearheading the completion of the National ECD Policy 2022. Key aspects of the policy:
 - ▶ National ECD Strategic Plan will have components of health, education and social protection
 - ▶ National ECD M&E Framework through which ECD indicators will be tracked and inform program implementation
 - ▶ National Technical Steering Committee on ECD to facilitate effective and efficient multisectoral collaboration and coordination



Opportunities

- ▶ Kenya is currently strengthening PHC, through support to strengthen CHU and paying of CHP, and formation of primary care networks (PCN)
- ▶ Community Health Promoters have a high potential to educate mothers and caregivers on NC for ECD during household visits
- ▶ Use of Mother Child Handbook
- ▶ identifying children with delayed milestones
- ▶ Collecting data '*Children with delayed developmental milestones referred*' MOH 514. Strengthen community to health facility referral systems





THANKS



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