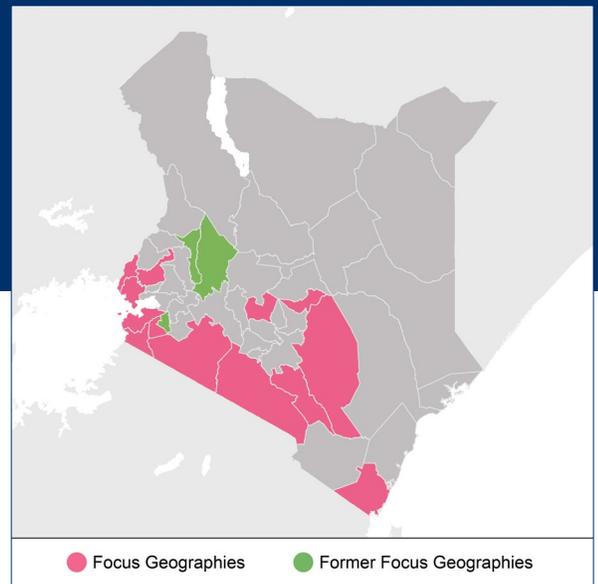


Partner

- Jhpiego Kenya

Country Reach

- 13 million women of reproductive age potentially benefit from national level advocacy.
- Three million women of reproductive age potentially benefit in the 16 counties where AFP advocates.



SELECT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Sustained Funding for Family Planning



- In fiscal year (FY) 2020-21, five counties (Kakamega, Kwale, Makueni, Migori, and Siaya) allocated a total of 72.6 million Kenyan Shillings (US \$697,000) for family planning. All five counties made repeat allocations (years) and three counties increased their allocation (↑): Kakamega (5 ↑), Kwale (5 ↑), Makueni (5), Migori (3 ↑), and Siaya (6).
- Kenya's months-long stalemate on how to devolve funds to counties hindered the counties from making FY 2020-21 budget allocations. The President convened a meeting on September 15, 2020 that brokered a breakthrough and led to counties passing their budgets as late as October 2020. As a result, budget figures for two AFP counties (Kitui and Tharaka Nithi) are currently pending.

Sustained Access to Family Planning during COVID-19



- In July 2020, the Department of Family Health approved the national family planning training package for pharmacists and pharmaceutical technologists and established a training coordination committee for subcutaneous DMPA (DMPA-SC) provision.
- In May 2020, H.E Wycliffe Oparanya, the Chairperson of the Council of Governors, issued a memorandum to all 47 counties to continue essential health services including family planning during COVID-19 response efforts.
- In April 2020, the Kakamega County Director of Health established "hotlines" to maintain essential services, including reproductive, maternal, and newborn health services, despite curfew restrictions.

Improved Local Ownership and Sustainability

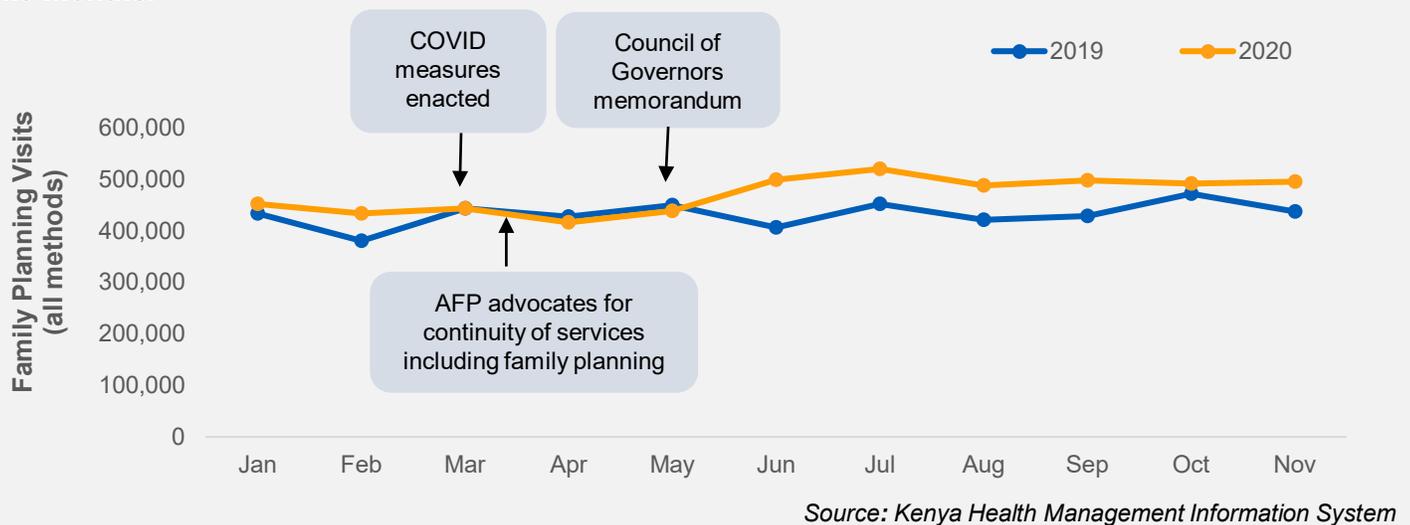


- In May 2020, the Kakamega County Health Management Team used county resources to revise and validate their 2020-2025 costed implementation plan.

Family Planning Services Restored and Boosted Following Release of Government Circular to All 47 Counties During the COVID-19 Pandemic

In March 2020, Kenya experienced the onset of COVID-19, which led to government mitigation measures, including the abrupt interruption of family planning services. By April 2020, family planning uptake dropped to its lowest level compared to the previous 14 months. Many essential health services were halted while primary healthcare facilities only offered emergency services. AFP led advocacy efforts with the Council of Governors to re-initiate services.

As a result, the Council of Governors Chairperson issued a **memorandum in May 2020 to all 47 counties** instructing them to provide essential health services, including family planning, alongside COVID-19 response efforts. The memorandum emphasized the need to ensure the **continued supply of family planning commodities**. The Ministry of Health reinforced the directive with specific guidelines for continuing essential services. In the months that followed, **family planning service provision not only recovered from its previous dip, but also increased to levels higher than those seen in 2019 for the same months.**



ONGOING PRIORITIES

- By October 2021, phase out of 13 counties.
- Kenya establishes an editorial mentorship board of senior editors who will continue to mentor AFP-trained journalists pro bono.
- The revision of the pharmacists' preservice curriculum includes DMPA-SC and multi-sectoral adolescent and youth sexual and reproductive health approaches expands across the country.
- Civil society engages with the government of Kenya to ensure a strong Family Planning 2030 re-commitment.

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