

## The Partners

To implement its research and intervention program, APHIA II OR Project works with a large network of local organizations and the following key partners:

- APHIA II service delivery programs in all provinces
- The Government of Kenya, through the Ministry of Health (Division of Reproductive Health; Division of Leprosy and TB; and the National AIDS and STD control Program); National Aids Control Council; Ministry of Education; Ministry of Youth Affairs; Ministry of Gender and Children
- Non-governmental organizations (international and local) and Community Based Organizations.



# APHIA II Operations Research Project in Kenya

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## More effective service delivery through research...

APHIA II Operations Research (OR) in Kenya is a project run by Population Council that aims to find innovative ways to improve health service delivery in Kenya - through research.

The program, which is a 3-year (Oct 2008 – Oct 2011) cooperative agreement with USAID/Kenya, supports USAID's AIDS, Population, and Health Integrated Assistance Program (APHIA II) in Kenya.

Through this project, the Population Council conducts OR, designed to help the APHIA II partners to support health service delivery effectively and efficiently.

APHIA II OR Project:

- Identifies cutting edge issues facing APHIA II partners
- Suggests refinements for existing APHIA II programs and activities
- Proposes innovative approaches to be tested through field-based and program oriented Operations Research
- Recommends demonstrated best practices for implementation and scale up

To achieve this, APHIA II OR Project creates strategic partnerships with APHIA II implementers, government, NGO and community partners to plan, identify problems, implement research and utilize findings.

As research and best practice findings become available, APHIA II OR Project feeds back results and recommendations to the Kenya Government, the APHIA II partners and relevant NGOs around Kenya - helping them to deliver the most effective and efficient health care to Kenyans.

APHIA II OR Project is designed to contribute to the overall purpose of the APHIA II framework, which focuses on the joint US Government and Government of Kenya goals for HIV/AIDS, TB, Reproductive Health/Family Planning, Malaria and Maternal and Child Health (MCH).

## Intermediate results

APHIA II OR Project contributes to goals of the APHIA II framework, whose objective is "Healthier behaviours and increased use of high quality HIV/AIDS, Reproductive Health/Family Planning and Maternal and Child Health services" and is based on achieving the following results:

1. Improved and expanded facility-based HIV/AIDS, TB, RH/FP, malaria and MCH services
2. Improved and expanded civil society activities to increase healthy behaviors
3. Improved and expanded care and support for people and families affected by HIV/AIDS.



APHIA II OR Project's intermediate results are:

- Result 1: Leadership demonstrated in policy, advocacy and services
- Result 2: Knowledge generated, organized and communicated to advance best practices
- Result 3: Support provided to the field to implement effective and sustainable programs

## Focus areas

The work is organized around seven thematic areas:

- Alcohol / substance abuse and HIV risk
- Pediatric HIV and AIDS care
- Clinic systems strengthening with a focus on testing and identifying feasible and effective service integration models for FP/RH/HIV
- Community services -- testing approaches to strengthen delivery of FP/RH/HIV services at the community level
- Meeting the needs of in- and out-of school youths, married adolescents and adolescents living with HIV
- Gender and Reproductive Health/HIV with a focus on increasing access to comprehensive post-rape services, addressing female genital cutting and strengthening service capacity to address and manage intimate partner violence
- Communication, utilization and capacity building -- a cross cutting activity that supports APHIA II partners and Government of Kenya to maximize the utility of OR in strengthening service delivery