Upcoming:

24th-28th February 2020

- Non state actors consultative meeting on GFATM
- Round Table meeting on the 7th Annual Devolution Conference
- Workshop on lessons learnt from the regional HOIV programmes with Key Populations

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**Kenya Launches the KENPHIA 2018 Report**

The government of Kenya released the Kenya Population-based HIV Impact Assessment (KENPHIA) 2018 report. The report indicates that the national HIV prevalence now stands at 4.9%, with Garisa County reporting the least infections at <0.1% HIV prevalence with Homa Bay in the lead at 19.6%.

The report also indicates an ageing HIV-positive population. Prevalence in the age groups from 40-59 years are between 7.5 percent and 9.4 percent, higher than all age categories under 40, indicating success in the uptake of the antiretroviral therapy, increasing the life expectancy of the people living with HIV.

The report further indicates a decline in the new infections from 106,000 in 2012 to 36,000 attributed to greater uptake and access to treatment services. Further, women remain disproportionately highly affected by the HIV menace. The report indicates slow progress in reducing HIV prevalence among women aged 20-29 years with the 30-34 cohort being the most affected.

Prevalence among women (youth) has risen from 6.6 percent in 2012 to 9.5 percent in 2018 compared to men in this category moving from 6.6 to 3.2 percent within the same period.

The report indicates that the country is on course to achieving the UNAIDS ‘90:90:90’ strategy with 80 percent of HIV-positive Kenyans aware of their status and 96 percent are on treatment and 90 percent have achieved viral suppression. However only 73% percent compared to 83% of men know their status and are on treatment.

'Kenya on course to achieving the 90;90;90 UNAIDS targets’

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**Senate Engagement for UHC**

KANCO in partnership with 24 other CSOs and academia partners collaborated towards the development of the Budget Policy Statement.

The document was presented to the senate health committee on the 20th of February 2020, to 6 members of the Senate committee led by the Health Chairperson Hon Issae Mwaura, towards increased accountability for UHC as well as increased resources for health.

The document looked into 5 areas and made recommendations including: national and county government revenue; public debt; health; education and environment protection, water and natural resources sectors.
Various stakeholders make their case to the Senate Financing Committee during the submission of the BPS Analysis

The discussion also focused on the Universal Health Coverage country priorities before 2022, looking at the state of National Health Insurance Fund (NHIF) that is not accessible for majority of the ordinary citizens, with over 70 percent of the resources going to the private sector.

The document made recommendations for the 2020 budget stating: need to enhance value for money, enhanced equitable allocations, and justification for Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDA’s), timely disbursement and better coordination of shared functions.

The legislators promised to have further discussions and get back to the team in two weeks’ time. The report was also shared with the Budgets Appropriation Committee, national assembly.

To realize the objectives of the memorandum, KANCO will continue to advocate and engage legislators for increased resources for health.

SUN-CSA Quarterly Meeting

KANCO participated in the SUN-CSA quarterly meeting. The forum held discussions round the status of the SUN-CSA network, updates on the pooled fund implementation and sub committees updates featuring: Resource Mobilization, Policy and Governance, and Advocacy and Communication sub committees.

In attendance were the SUN-CSA partners Including: Nutrition International(NI), Feed the Children, Action Against Hunger (ACF), Hellen Keller International(HKI), SUN Business network(SBN), Organization of African Youth(OAY), Welt Hunger Hilfe (WHH), Christian Aid, Food alliance.

From the discussion the partners formed the knowledge and evidence sub-committee and committed to technically support the ministry of Interior and Coordination of National government in establishment of lactation room.

Going forward the partners will be following up with the ministry of interior and Coordination of National Government for higher level of coordination of the multi-sectoral platforms in nutrition in line with the UPR recommendation and Food Security and Nutrition Policy and Implementation framework.

The movement will also be reviewing strategic plan, reviewing the website as well as developing the subnational advocacy pack.

The members also pledged to engage more with the regional economic blocs in the effort to integrate nutrition, finalise the partnership framework for the Council of Governors and increased members Support to the counties in implementing County Nutrition Action Plans.

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