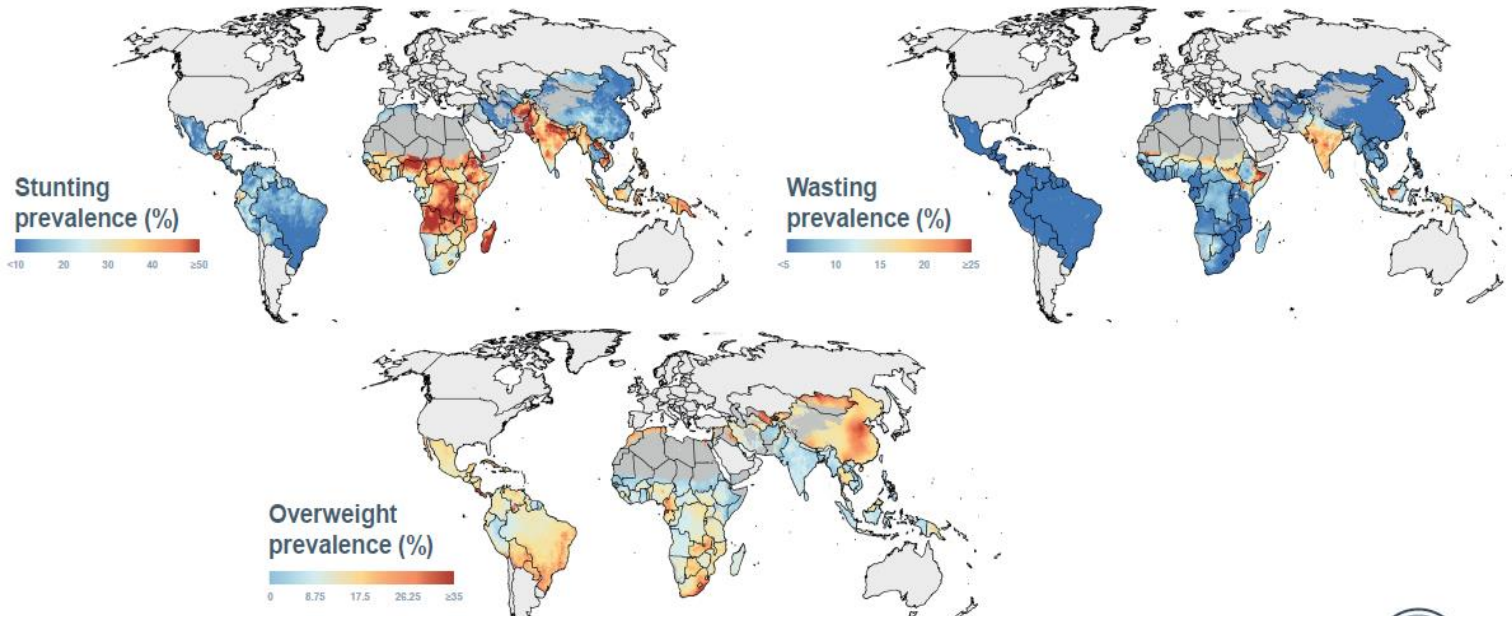


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Global Nutrition Report 2020

Highlights

The Global Nutrition Report 2020, highlighted significant inequalities within countries and populations that fuel the burden of malnutrition. The report states that Inequities in food and health systems exacerbate inequalities in nutrition outcomes that in turn can lead to more inequity, perpetuating a vicious cycle.

According to the report, the pandemic has exposed the vulnerability and weaknesses of our already fragile food systems, has tested our food systems, already stressed by increasing climate extremes, 19 exposes deadly healthcare disparities. It has further proven the impact of these inequalities, the poor, women, children, minorities, refugees etc. are facing the greatest risks due to undernourishment. Thus the urgent call for more equitable, resilient and sustainable food and health systems has never been more urgent.

The report highlights that: 150.8 million children are stunted, 50.5 million and 38.3 million children are wasted and overweight respectively, and 2.01 billion adults are overweight and obese. Underweight still mostly affects children and adolescents, while overweight and obesity are rising across all ages. Underweight Children and adolescents (5–19 years) standing at 29.6%, while overweight among 18+ stands at 10.6%.

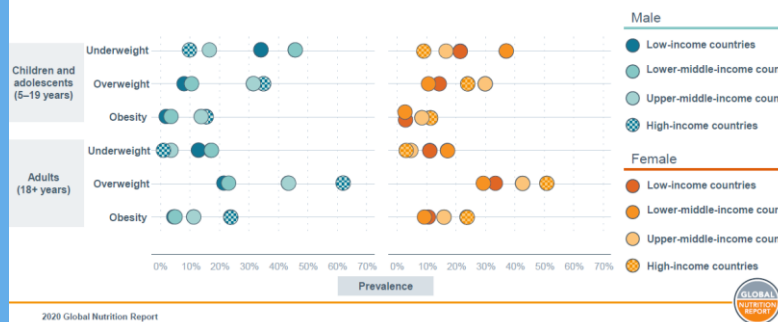
Inequalities between countries: Underweight persists in poorer countries, while overweight and obesity are more common in wealthier.

“Nutrition Is A Critical Pillar For Development And The General Health And Wellbeing Of Any Nation”

GNR 2020

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Global Inequalities Overview map

Inequalities between countries are further compounded by Conflict and other forms of fragility compound the problem countries. Further, inequalities persist within countries, with large differences across communities

The reports impresses on the role of leadership and governance and the need to address health care systems to address nutrition challenges, It further calls on the need to strengthen food systems frameworks Food environments by connecting link between supply and demand systems to address challenges and inequalities within these systems. It further call for the need to nutritional need and the financial commitment through strengthened data systems and evidence of cost effectiveness

The report calls for Transform systems and target resources for faster and fairer progress to end malnutrition;, Build equitable, resilient and sustainable food and health systems and Invest in nutrition, especially in communities most affected. Making nutrition equity a priority and a collective responsibility

Read full report [here](#)

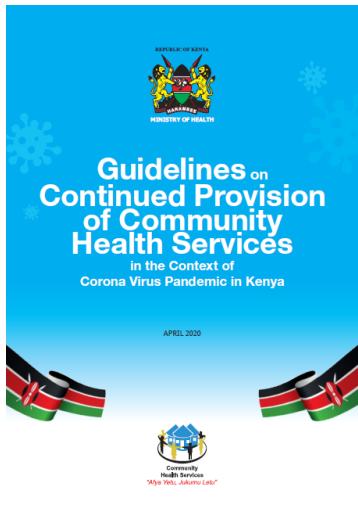
Global Fund Additional Resources for Kenya to mitigate and manage COVID 19 pandemic



COVID-19 RESPONSE

The Global Fund has availed additional resources to support country responses through the GF COVID 19 response mechanism. So far the Global Fund has approved USD 5.9 Million to support the COVID 19 in Kenya.

Guidance on Community Health services in the Context of the Pandemic



Kenya through the Ministry of Health launched Guidelines on Continued Provision of Community Health Services in the Context of Corona Virus Pandemic in Kenya. This is towards building the capacity of households to not only demand health services from all providers, but also to know and progressively realize their rights to equitable, good quality health care as provided for in the constitution. The guideline provides a clear pathway for continuity of critical and essential services at the household and community level using the existing community health workforce

The objectives of the grant is to support: interventions to mitigate the impact of COVID19 on HIV, TB and malaria programs, actions to reinforce COVID 19 responses and initiatives to make urgent improvements in the health and community systems through engagement of vulnerable communities.

KANCO as a member of the national committee has been in the discussion on how an additional 13.25% of the GF grant for 2020-2022 is prioritized in relation to the gaps in programme implementation of the 3 diseases.

Worth noting is that there is increased societal stigma associated with COVID 19 patients, increased gender based violence cases among adolescent and young people and a decline in access to TB and HIV services by those who need them.

These guidelines seek to Strengthen the delivery of integrated, comprehensive, and quality community health services for all population cohorts, Strengthen community structures and systems for effective implementation of community health actions and services at all levels, Strengthen data demand and information use at all levels, and Strengthen mechanisms for resource mobilization and management for sustainable implementation of community health services.

In this context of this pandemic, it is expected that the health system may get overwhelmed, as well as the rise of health challenges coupled with movement restrictions which may place vulnerable people at greater risk of morbidity and mortality.

This strategy will be instrumental in guiding community health assistants and community health volunteers in the disease response in the context of CPVID-19. It will guide in enhancing continuity of community-based services and supporting referral of emergency cases particularly during the curfew hours in partnership with the local administrative structures.

The level one structures will also be critical in easing pressure on the primary care facilities by managing common illnesses at community level as per the laid down community health guidelines. Read the whole document [here](#)

Continued Training on COVID-19 and Immunization



CHVs training in Baringo County



Sensitization Meeting Likuyani Kkakmega County for CHVs and CHEWS

KANCO Mariakani Wellness Center Supports Female Sex Workers

The Mariakani wellness Center in partnership with the Kilifi County Government took an Initiative of mobilizing and supporting the Female sex Workers in the Mariakani Ward with food and non-food items who are hardly hit due to the curfew introduced by the National Government to the County in bids to flatten the Curve of the COVID-19 spread. The initiative led by Ms. Judy Mshai, a KANCO outreach worker, was in the view that the Curfew affected the Female Sex Workers who depended on their daily engagements for their livelihood. She noted that despite the Counties effort to offer food to the County resident's through the Nyumba Kumi framework, they stigmatized out of the food aid which left them vulnerable to engage in any criminal activities for their daily livelihood.

The Kilifi county government through the sub-county administration office Mr. Godane, accepted the wellness Centers request agreed to 50 female-sex workers. The selection was done based on the nearby hotspot in Mariakani ward town which were; Westgate, weighbridge, celebration, base Poa. Only the F.S.W from Mariakani ward were eligible to the relief food. The distribution system created allowed the beneficiaries collect ration of food at the dairy grounds 5m-10m away from their hotspot. Among the food and non- food items offered to each of the Female sex Workers include, maize flours, wheat flour and Soap.



Some of the Female Sex Workers who benefited from the food distribution initiative.

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