



FACES Newsletter May 2018

Community Health Initiative (CHI) increases health access and services in Kisumu County

FACES strives to find innovative ways to make it as easy as possible for the people of Kisumu County to access high-quality medical care. The team took a step forward with the launch of the Community Health Campaign (CHI) in the informal settlement area of Obunga in Kisumu East. The Community Health Campaigns offer a convenient way for people to access healthcare services through health fairs right in their own community. FACES and local partners have teamed up to deliver multi-disease health services including HIV testing and counseling; linkage to HIV services; screening and referral for tuberculosis, malaria, hypertension, diabetes, fistula, and cervical cancer; and referrals for voluntary medical male circumcision.

Nearly 7,000 clients were seen by the end of April. Among the 3,899 clients eligible and tested for HIV, 49 were newly diagnosed with HIV and 78% have already been linked to care. The team will continue to follow up with the clients. We've also collected 107 sputum samples for tuberculosis testing. There will be over 40 Community Health Campaigns through June to serve Obunga residents.

More about some of our new approaches in Kisumu:

Partner Notification Services (PNS)

Knowing your HIV status is the first step in the UNAIDS 90-90-90 goals and it is paramount to the HIV care cascade. To bolster HIV status knowledge, FACES has rolled out Partner Notification Services (PNS) at all 61 of our supported care and treatment sites. PNS is a targeted approach to reach individuals at high risk of HIV. When patients test positive for HIV, trained counselors build a relationship with patients to ensure they are counseled about HIV and linked to care. Their contacts are determined and informed without exposing the patient's name, and tested for HIV.

Lumumba Adolescent/Youth Center has its first fun day

Adolescents from Kisumu and Kakamega teamed up to celebrate Lumumba Health Center's Operation Triple Zero (OTZ) first fun day. The OTZ initiative works to enhance adolescent health outcomes by empowering adolescents to commit to zero missed appointments, zero skipped drug doses and zero viral load.

Home-based couples visits enhance PMTCT

Despite the success of antiretroviral therapy (ART) in preventing transmission of HIV from mothers to their children, HIV prevalence among mothers and children in Kenya remains high. The Jamii Bora ("better family") study conducted at FACES sites developed and tested a home-based couples intervention program and found that it has potential to advance couple HIV testing and counseling and lead to better health outcomes.

We set a goal to have 10,000 young men undergo voluntary male medical circumcision over the recent school holidays to help in HIV prevention.

Our team exceeded that goal with **10,696!**

Featured Impact Stats for January-March 2018

1,366 people identified with HIV through testing and counseling services with 100% successfully linked to HIV care, including 68 children under 15 years of age.

45,343 individuals currently on life-saving antiretroviral therapy (ART) at 61 care and treatment facilities, including 3,582 children under 15 years of age.

87% of individuals on ART are virally suppressed; 87% among adults and 81% among children under 15 years of age.

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