

Uzazi Salama for All

Women in Kenya especially from the marginalized communities continue facing several health challenges, largely linked to maternal health and child mortality and other infections. It is estimated that more than 375 women die while giving birth and at least 30 children out of 1000 born either die at birth or immediately after birth. These MNCAH challenges are attributed to a number of factors ranging from poor access to health services, low quality of services, social-economic and cultural hurdles and unavailability of equipment to support maternal health.

In Baringo county, women have continued to suffer from these challenges. In recent times the county has topped in headlines with increased teenage pregnancies. Increased teenage pregnancies and young motherhood not only pose physiological risks but also cultural and economical risks.



Safaricom Foundation trustee, Rita Okuthe giving out incentives to mothers during the launch of a newly constructed HDU and new-born unit in Baringo referral hospital.

To mitigate these maternal and adolescents' health challenges Safaricom Foundation committed 82 million shillings that saw the construction, upgrading and equipping of a High Dependency new born unit in Baringo Referral Hospital and more than three other Health facilities in the county.

What we do

Afya Uzazi Salama uses innovative well-tailored evidence based approaches to address these challenges. Our interventions are geared towards improving and sustaining maternal healthcare for all women, no matter where they live in the county of Baringo, should have access to the safe, quality health care they need. By investing in sexual and reproductive health rights, and maternal, newborn, and child health, we can build a more just, equal, health and economically prosperous community.

Our Achievements

Since inception of the program in 2020, Afya Uzazi Salama has:

- Upgraded Health facilities by construction of new and expanding existing vital units in Chemolingot SCH maternity, Barwessa HC maternity & borehole, CRH HDU & NBU.
- Through Umati concept and male involvement reached 3598 men to promote Reproductive maternal new-born child and adolescent health.
- Introduced Community Ambulances to respond to emergency cases and transport them to referral point. 112 patients benefited during the pilot phase.
- 3000 girls reached with comprehensive sexuality education and menstrual health hygiene.
- ——— pregnant teenagers were identified and reached with enhanced health education, closed follow-up for ANC and SBA support.
- Created demand for Maternal health services through identifying mothers in need of immediate referral,

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mobilized the community using radio messaging and provided incentives for mothers in form of mama packs and transport reimbursement. 34,199 women both pregnant and with children under 24 months were reached and 1,689,514 messages were disbursed.

- Supported and supervised CHMT RH in all sub-counties of Baringo.
- Through capacity building, training and mentorship, reached 87 CHWs, 50 CHEWs and reactivated 91CHUs and 500CHVs.
- Responded to covid 19 pandemic through creating awareness, distributing sanitizers to select health facilities and promoting Maternal Health services amidst covid 19 pandemic.
- Integrated 14 outreaches