South West Kenya Inter-County Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights MCA Champions Network

Homa Bay Accord
Plan of Action

March, 2018
Preamble

WE, Members of the second County Assemblies together with Health Committee Clerks representing the people of Homabay, Kisumu, Siaya, Migori and Kisii Counties,

HEREBY referred to as Champions;

RECOGNIZING the roles of the county government and the county assembly in protecting, respecting, promoting and fulfilling human rights including youth sexual and reproductive health and rights;

ACKNOWLEDGING the efforts and commitment of the pioneer champions including in establishment of intercounty MCA Network and developing the Homa Bay Acord;

NOTING that despite the efforts made, young people in South Western Kenya still undergo major sexual and reproductive health challenges;

COMMITTED to strengthening policy and legal environment on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights:

GATHERING in Ufanisi Hotel, Kisii County on 27th February 2018;

REAFFIRMING the Homa Bay Accord as a consensus document for improving youth Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights in South Western Kenya;

DEVELOP and ACCEDE to this County Specific Plans of Action as a roadmap to its implementation;
Kisii County

Noting with Concern the following key sexual and reproductive health challenges

- Teenage pregnancy,
- Early marriages,
- Female Genital Mutilation (FGM/C)
- Inadequate Budgetary Allocation to Health
- Inadequate access to youth friendly SRHR Services and Information
- Low quality of maternal healthcare services in the county

Commit To:

1. Develop, Disseminate and Resource Kisii County Community Health Volunteers Act to streamline recruitment, trainings, track performances and provide legal basis for allocation of stipends;

2. Strengthen inclusive and participatory program-based budgeting, increase budgetary allocation to reproductive health as a sub program and strengthen oversight and accountability for allocated health and reproductive health resources;

3. Fastrack adoption and domestication of existing national policies on sexual reproductive health at the county level to inform strategic and evidence-based service delivery;

4. Strengthen implementation of the National Maternal and Perinatal Deaths Surveillance and Response Guidelines by allocating resources for capacity strengthening health care providers, strengthening quality support supervision, data management and motivation of health care providers to enhance quality of maternal care;

5. Collaborate with state and non-state actors in dissemination of relevant policies and strengthen Community dialogues/Conversations among all stakeholders (including public statement from MCAs) on teenage pregnancy, FGM and early marriages.
Homa Bay County

Noting with Concern the following key sexual and reproductive health challenges

- Inadequate Youth Friendly Services including contraceptives
- Inadequate budgetary allocation towards Reproductive Health
- Teenage Pregnancy
- Maternal, Child and Infant Mortality
- High prevalence of HIV/AIDS

Commit To:

1. Establish, equip and resource at least 1 youth friendly facility per sub county

2. Fastrack development of Homa Bay County Sexual and Reproductive Health Bill to ensure access to comprehensive sexual and reproductive health services and comprehensive sexuality education and information;

3. Develop, Disseminate and Resource Homa Bay County Community Health Volunteers Act to streamline recruitment, trainings, track performances and provide legal basis for allocation of stipends;

4. Popularize, resource and implement key international, regional and national instruments on youth Sexual and reproductive Health and Rights including National Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health Policy 2015 and Homa Bay County Family Planning Strategy;

5. Strengthen collaboration with state and non-state actors and harness multisectoral coordination and partnership with relevant agencies and departments including Ministry of Education, Health, Youth, Gender and Finance;

6. Strengthen inclusive and participatory program-based budgeting, increase budgetary allocation to reproductive health as a sub program and strengthen oversight and accountability for allocated health and reproductive health resources;
Kisumu County

Noting with concern the following key sexual and reproductive health challenges

- Inadequate resource allocation to health in general and reproductive health in particular;
- Poor implementation of Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights laws and policies;
- Insufficient human and material resources for the health sector;
- Inadequate provision of comprehensive sexuality education in schools across the county;
- Inadequate youth friendly service provision;
- Teenage Pregnancies, Maternal Mortalities, HIV/AIDS;
- Inadequate skills, knowledge and understanding of health issues especially reproductive health by MCAs and other leaders

Commit To:

1. Strengthen public private partnerships to address human resource and commodity supply;

2. Develop and Fastrack Bill on Universal Health Care to ensure improved access to comprehensive health services for all;

3. Increase budgetary allocation to health and reproductive health to support health systems strengthening, capacity development for health care workers and service delivery; and ringfence allocation to Jaramogi Odinga Odinga Teaching and Referral Hospital (JOOTRH) to make it a centre of excellence;

4. Strengthen Public Participation to ensure people centred development in line with Kisumu Public Participation Act, County Governments Act, 2012 and Public Finance Management Act, 2012;

5. Strengthen community dialogues among all stakeholders on youth sexual and reproductive health and rights and sensitize political leaders on health issues e.g., Family Planning and Comprehensive Abortion Care to garner their support.
Siaya County

Noting with Concern the following key sexual and reproductive health challenges

- Inadequate access to youth friendly sexual and reproductive health and rights services and information;
- Inadequate budgetary allocation to health and Reproductive Health
- Uncoordinated oversight for health resources
- Teenage Pregnancies
- Inadequate Human Resource for Health

Commit To:

1. Establish, equip and resource at least 1 youth friendly facility per sub-county;

2. Advocate for increased budgetary allocation to health and reproductive health and strengthen oversight to ensure effective resource management;

3. Fastrack development of Siaya County Health Bill to improve access to comprehensive Health Services including sexual and Reproductive Health Services and Information;

4. Strengthen collaboration with state and non-state actors and harness multisectoral coordination and partnership with relevant agencies and departments including Ministry of Education, Health, Youth, Gender and Finance;

5. Strengthen Public Participation to ensure people centred development in line with the provisions of the Constitution of Kenya and other relevant policies and laws;
Migori County

Noting with Concern the following key sexual and reproductive health challenges:

- Teenage pregnancy
- Inadequate Budgetary Allocation to Health
- Female Genital Mutilation
- Child, Early and Forced Marriages
- Sexual and Gender Based Violence
- Inadequate access to youth friendly services
- HIV/AIDS
- Unsafe abortions

Commit To:

1. Fastrack development of Migori County Multisectoral Roadmap to strengthen multisectoral coordination among departments of Health, Youth, Gender, Education, Finance and non-state actors to improve access to Sexual and Reproductive Health Services and Information and;

2. Establish, equip and resource at least 2 youth friendly facility per sub county;

3. Advocate for increased budgetary allocation to health and reproductive health and strengthen oversight to ensure effective resource management;

4. Conduct grassroots and community advocacy, social mobilization and behaviour change communication campaigns for increased knowledge and information and action on youth sexual and reproductive health and rights.

5. Strengthen Community Health Strategy through strengthening the capacity of community health workers, tracking performances and allocation of stipends;
APPENDIX

The Homa Bay Accord

WE, Members of the County Assemblies together with Health Committee Clerks representing the people of Homabay, Kisumu, Siaya, Migori and Kisii Counties, hereby referred to as South Western Kenya;

AWARE that the current generation of young people is the largest one ever and recognizing that adolescents and youth in all countries are a major resource for development and key agents for social change, economic development and technological innovation;

ACKNOWLEDGING the National and County Government’s commitment to improving the Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights situation of young people in Kenya and in the South Western Kenya Counties;

INVOKING the progressive policy and legal environment on youth sexual and reproductive health and rights; espoused by the constitution of Kenya 2010, the Kenya Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health Policy and the National Youth Policy;

NOTING WITH CONCERN that young people from Homabay, Kisii, Migori, Siaya and Kisumu counties post poor reproductive health indicators in the Country;

ACKNOWLEDGING the added value of public private partnerships anchored in the Public Private Partnership (PPP) framework;
CONVINCED that lasting solutions to the recurrent and emerging youth challenges cannot be solved without the meaningful involvement of young people;

RECOGNIZING that policy makers and leaders have a role to play in reversing these serious health challenges facing young people;

STRESSING that young people are at the centre of realising County, National, Regional and Global development goals including Vision 2030, Agenda 2063 and the Global Sustainable Development Goals;

APPRECIATING the efforts made by the MCA Champions from Homa Bay, Kisumu, Siaya, Migori and Kisii Counties through the convention of Hon. Farida Salim; County Governments, NAYA Kenya through the generous support of Planned Parenthood Global-Closing the Gap Project;

GATHERING at Tourist Hotel, Homa Bay County from 13th-15th April 2016;

HEREBY Voluntarily Agree to Launch the South Western Kenya Intercounty Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights MCA Champions Network and COMMIT TO;

1. Advocate for increased percentage of health care facilities providing comprehensive adolescent and youth friendly services including Family Planning as per the National Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health Policy, 2015 and the Adolescent and Youth Friendly Services Guideline 2016. These services must be in the right place, at the right time, at the right price (free where necessary) and delivered in the right style to be acceptable to young people.

2. Advocate for increased budgetary allocation to Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights of young people and provide oversight to ensure effective and efficient utilization of public resources.
3. Meaningfully involve young people in policy and governance processes to the full extent of the Kenyan law and to the best of our abilities.


5. Link, Learn and Share best practices on Adolescent and Youth Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights for evidence-based programming and advocacy.

6. Advocate for increased investment in data revolution, research and strategy development to inform high impact, low cost interventions.

7. Improve effective public private partnerships and contribute to friendly working environment for Civil Society Organizations and other Non-state actors.

Signed by 30 Champion Members of County Assembly,
Tourist Hotel, Homa Bay County,

15th April, 2016
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