Overview of Turkana County Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights.
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Background

• Area of approximately 77,000 square kilometers
• Seven sub-counties (Turkana North, Kibish, Turkana West, Turkana South, Loima, Turkana Central and Turkana East)
• Classified as Arid and Semi-Arid Land (ASAL) it has four main livelihood zones; pastoral-all species (60%), agro pastoral (20%), the riverine agricultural (Turkwel and Kerio rivers), fishing (12%) and formal employment/casual waged labour/business (8%).
## Basic Statistics

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<td>911,770</td>
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<td><strong>Under 5 population</strong></td>
<td>154,089</td>
<td>(KNBS) 2013</td>
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<td>Annual growth rate</td>
<td>2.6%</td>
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<td><strong>Pregnant women</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Women of child</strong></td>
<td>218,825</td>
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<td>bearing age (15-49 years)</td>
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<td><strong>Live Births</strong></td>
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- Deliveries by skilled personnel- 12%
- FIC- 56%
- Circumcision prevalence 8% by 2012
- Gender violence- high (no accurate figures)
  women who have experienced some form of violence by husband (Kenya- 46.8%)
- FGM- negligible-not practiced
- Unsafe abortion- high
- Contraceptive prevalence- low
- Unmet need for Family planning- high
- Sexual orientation- majority heterosexual
Key Development Priority areas

• Food security
• Water supply
• Livestock
• Security
• Health
• Education
Priority Health Interventions

- Immunization
- Nutrition
- Emergency preparedness and response
- Reproductive health
- Hygiene and Sanitation
- Communicable disease prevention and control
Access to Health Services

- Average distance to health facilities – 50 Kms
- Total number of health facilities in Turkana County - 137
- Of the 119 functional health facilities 47% are owned by government and 31% by faith based organizations and 9% are privately owned health clinics
- 13 of the facilities are not functional and 5 are pending opening (13%)
- Lodwar hospital is the only hospital in the county delivering referral surgical services (apart from Kakuma mission)
- Establishment of community units will increase access to basic reproductive health services at community level
MOH Partners in Delivery of Healthcare Services

- Faith based organizations
- Merlin
- IRC
- World Vision
- AMREF
- APHIA PLUS IMARISHA
- UN agencies
Training of Safe Motherhood Promoters
Health Education for Safe Motherhood
Challenges

• Retention of skilled health worker
• Lack of trained health workers
• Inadequate medical and communication equipment for health facilities
• Inadequate water and sanitation facilities
• Movement of communities affecting delivery of services – immunizations etc
• Challenges in coordination, planning and monitoring of performance
• Weak community based health services
• Poor infrastructure
Challenges cont...

- Insufficient funding - thus inadequate infrastructure, goods and services to fulfill the rights to sexual and reproductive health
- Culture - on women decision making an role of man - GBV
- Insecurity
- Education - of the girl child and woman
- Awareness level
- Research
Proposed Interventions

• Elevation of Lodwar district hospital to level 5
• Establishment of district hospitals
• Implementation of community strategy
• Strengthening of primary health care services
• Strengthening of human resources for health
• Improvement of health infrastructure
Proposed interventions cont..

- Multi-sectoral approach
- Educate the girl child
- Increase Awareness/create demand
- Increased funding - actors to synergize efforts
- Community strategy
- Local research studies
- Improved security
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