



*Afya Ugavi aims to strengthen health supply chain surveillance, governance, and accountability in the management of health commodities at facility, county, and national levels. (Photo Credit: USAID/Afya Ugavi)*

## KENYA

### AFYA UGAVI

Afya Ugavi (AID-615-TO-16-00011) is a USAID funded supply chain health systems strengthening Activity (September 2016 – November 28, 2023) implemented by Chemonics International as part of the Global Health Supply Chain - Procurement and Supply Management (GHSC-PSM) project. The project connects technical solutions, experts, and proven commercial processes to promote efficient and cost-effective health supply chains worldwide. In Kenya, GHSC-PSM implements a country-specific task order known as AFYA UGAVI that provides comprehensive technical assistance to strengthen Kenya’s health supply chain at the national and county levels.

The Activity’s main objective is to strengthen health commodity supply chain systems for HIV/AIDS, malaria, and FP/RMNCAH programs as well as health products and technologies. These interventions are designed to improve performance in quantification, procurement, warehousing, and distribution of related program commodities at national and county levels to ensure a high level of accountability and leadership towards improved service delivery.

#### OUR WORK

Afya Ugavi’s technical assistance is directed through the Ministry of Health’s Department of Health Products and Technologies, Department of Family Health Division, Division of National Malaria Program, the National AIDS and STI Control Program and the respective county Health Products and Technologies Units (HPTUs). The Activity supports the strengthening of the health commodities management systems around strategic planning and design; in-county supply chain logistics, capacity building, and enabling environment.

## ACHIEVEMENTS

Since October 2017, Afya Ugavi has managed the following achievements:

- **Health Products and Technologies Units (HPTUs).** We assisted the Ministry of Health (MoH) through the Division of Health Products and Technologies formulate Kenya's first ever 'Health Products and Technologies Supply Chain Strategy 2020 – 2025'. Among others, the strategy proposes establishment of county Health Products and Technologies Units (HPTUs) to 'Strengthen Human Resource Management and Development for HPT supply chain'. We helped establish HPTUs in 42 counties across the country and equipped them with furniture and assets to get them up and running. In FY22/23, Afya Ugavi will focus on operationalization and institutionalization of these units into law for sustainability. Fully functional HPTUs will guarantee dedicated human resources required for stewardship and coordination of functions that will ensure accountability and availability of HPTs in the counties.
- **Essential Medicines and Medical Supplies database rollout.** In collaboration with the Ministry of Health's Division of Health Informatics, we successfully rolled out the EMMS system through the MoH 647 tool to all 47 counties to enhance data visibility beyond program commodities. This has seen consistent reporting in 2021 from all counties, allowing for a robust and dynamic end-to-end snapshot of the supply chain and enabling the various stakeholders to make forecasting, planning, and procurement decisions based on actual consumption and commodity procurement data.
- **E-learning modules on the MoH Virtual Academy.** To enable continuous learning for pre-service and in-service health workers, we supported the Division of Health Products and Technologies (DHPT) curate and develop interactive eLearning modules for HPT documents including Guidelines on HPT in Kenya, Supportive Supervision Manual, Guidelines for Medicines and Therapeutics Committees, Quantification Handbook for HPT, and the HPT Supply Chain Strategy. The availability of the HPT documents online goes a long way in creating uniform access to the learning content and contribute to continuous professional development.
- **Annual Quantification.** Afya Ugavi supported all 47 counties and 6 national referral hospitals to forecast their Health Products and Technologies (HPT) annual requirements in addition to the forecasts from national priority health programs (TB, Malaria and HIV). Quantification reports have been used by the specific counties and the national level DHPT to advocate for increased resource allocation and to highlight focus areas for health supply chain systems strengthening.
- **Bungoma Mass Net Distribution Campaign.** In the continuous fight against malaria, Afya Ugavi distributed 1.34 million PBO LLINs to over 400,000 households across the 10 sub-counties in Bungoma County, resulting in 99% coverage. This was made possible through the support of 8,382 community health volunteers and village elders, 101 area chiefs, 202 assistant chiefs and numerous community opinion leaders.
- **Supply Chain Maturity Assessment (SMAT) Tool as a Pathway for Journey to sustainability.** The Activity has developed the SMAT tool based on the six-health system strengthening (HSS) pillars to assess their maturity as they relate to supply chain management at the county level. The tool is administered by county supply chain managers to collect data against, which gaps are identified and addressed progressively toward self-improvement in each HSS area.

**BUDGET** USD35.64 million

**DURATION**  
(2016-2023)

**ACTIVITY LOCATIONS**  
Nationwide

### KEY PARTNERS

The Ministry of Health  
Mission for Essential Drugs and Supplies (MEDS)  
Division of Health Products and Technologies (DPHT)  
Division of Family Health  
Division of National Malaria Control Program (DNMP)

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