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A phlebotomist attends to a patient in Kisumu. Photo: Joel Mulwa/USAID Kenya

KENYA

UNITED SOCIETY AGAINST FRAUD, WASTE AND ABUSE (USAWA) PROGRAM

Overview

Funded by USAID, the **United Society Against Fraud, Waste and Abuse (USAWA)** program is implemented by Transparency International Kenya in partnership with the Association of Media Women in Kenya, Global Compact Network Kenya, and the Inter-Religious Council of Kenya.

USAWA aims to reduce fraud, waste, and abuse for improved health service delivery in **Isiolo, Kakamega, Kilifi, Mombasa, and Nakuru counties**.

The expected outcomes include: increased citizen action to address fraud, waste, and abuse in the health sector; strengthened health leadership, governance, financing and commodity systems in the health sector at the county level to increase transparency, accountability and participation; and improved enforcement of relevant laws, policies and procedures to reduce fraud, waste and abuse at national and county levels.

Our Work

USAWA's activities encompass a multi-stakeholder approach. Research and learning activities entail conducting assessments and studies to understand the dynamics of fraud, waste, and abuse in the health sector across Isiolo, Kakamega, Kilifi, Mombasa, and Nakuru counties. Capacity strengthening initiatives under the USAWA Program focus on enhancing existing skills and knowledge of citizens, health sector stakeholders, and law enforcement agencies to address gaps in efficiencies, transparency, and accountability.

Social accountability mechanisms are planned to enhance citizens' participation in decision-making and oversight processes in health service delivery, while advocacy efforts also aim to raise awareness, influence policy change, and mobilize support for anti-corruption measures. Health systems strengthening is also being pursued through targeted interventions to improve governance, financing, procurement, and information systems, thereby enhancing transparency and accountability.

The program utilizes technology and other innovative data management, monitoring, and reporting solutions to facilitate real-time tracking of resources and activities. The USAWA Program fosters collaboration and networking between national and county-based organizations empowering civil society, the private sector, citizen networks, and coalitions to own, lead and catalyze efforts to reduce fraud, waste, and abuse of public resources for improved service delivery.

BUDGET: USD 6,989,453

DURATION

September 29, 2023 - September 28, 2028

ACTIVITY LOCATIONS

Isiolo, Kakamega, Kilifi, Mombasa, and Nakuru Counties.

IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS

Transparency International Kenya (TI-Kenya)
Association of Media Women in Kenya (AMWIK)
Global Compact Network Kenya
The Inter-Religious Council of Kenya

KEY PARTNERS

National-level government Departments and Oversight Institutions, including the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission, Office of the Auditor General, Office of the Controller of Budget, the Commission on Administrative Justice, and other members represented under the Kenya Leadership and Integrity Forum. The five County Governments and inter-governmental structures including the Council of Governors and the County Assembly Forum. USAID and USAID implementing partners in the governance and health sectors. National and county-level civil society and Community-Based Organizations, Faith Based, Media, and Private Sector Organizations and Networks.

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