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A Standard Template for Partner Collaboration

COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ITS PARTNERS IN IMPLEMENTING PUBLIC HEALTH INITIATIVES

Department of Health Project/Program Report Template

Project/Program Title: MOBILE CLINICS

Partner Organization: AIC-CURE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL OF KENYA

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1. Background/Overview of the Project/Program:

Briefly describe the background and purpose of the project/program. Include information such as objectives, target population, and any relevant contextual information.

AIC-CURE Children's Hospital of Kenya (CURE Kenya), a pediatric orthopedic facility in Kijabe with level 4 Safecare accreditation, works with various partners to tackle both congenital and acquired physical disabilities in children under 18. These conditions range from clubfoot, knock knees, bow legs, and spinal deformities to contractures resulting from burns and snake bites, as well as cleft lip and palate repairs, removal of extra digits, and creation of mobility aids.

To improve access to pediatric orthopedic care, CURE Kenya launched the Mobile Clinics program, currently serving 27 counties across Kenya with these essential funded services. The mobile clinic visits Makueni County every four months, hosted by Makindu Sub-County Hospital, drawing an average of 157 children, around 20 of whom undergo transformative surgeries at CURE Kenya. The clinics also offer spiritual and counseling services to meet the psychosocial needs of the children and their families.

Committed to meeting local health needs, CURE Kenya enhances specialist orthopedic care in communities where such services are scarce. These joint efforts have a profound effect on children's lives, improving their health and well-being and promoting community involvement and support.

2. Implementation/Intervention Sites/Duration:

- **Sites:** Makindu Sub-County Hospital
 - **Duration:** 2019 - Current
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3. Achievements and Impact:

Outline the achievements and impact of the project/program. Include quantitative data if available. Additionally, provide pictures showcasing the project/program's impact.

Pictures Specifications:

- Resolution: Minimum 1920×1080 pixels
- Size: Maximum file size of 2MB per image



NAME: Gift

Medical Condition: Right Clubfoot Deformity

Treatment: Right Triple Arthrodesis

Patient's Village: Kiu, Kilome Sub County.

County: Makueni

Gift, a courteous and modest nine-year-old boy, is the eldest of his siblings, including a younger one who greatly admires him. Living in a modest two-room house in Kiu Village, Makindu, within Makueni County, Gift's family, which includes his parents Peninah and her husband, has endured considerable hardships. Since birth, Gift has lived with a right clubfoot deformity, affecting his ability to move and his overall quality of life.

A pivotal moment occurred when Gift and his mother, Peninah, attended a mobile clinic in Makindu and met with a team of empathetic healthcare workers from CURE Kenya. These professionals provided not just hope but also a viable solution. They informed Peninah that Gift's clubfoot could be corrected surgically and presented her with images of other children who had successfully received the treatment, instilling in her a newfound hope and confidence for Gift's future.

Thanks to the steadfast support of CURE Kenya and its benefactors, Gift underwent successful right Triple Arthrodesis surgery. This life-changing operation relieved his physical discomfort, allowing him to walk freely, wear shoes with ease, and engage in activities at school and home. Gift has made a full recovery, and his prospects are now more promising than ever, highlighting the significant impact of the collaboration between his family and CURE Kenya.

On average, CURE Kenya admits about 20 children from the Makindu clinic for a variety of specialized medical interventions.

4. Challenges:

Identify any challenges faced during the implementation of the project/program. Describe how these challenges were addressed or mitigated.

a) Patient Mobilization: Initially, there were challenges in mobilizing patients from villages due to the lack of a strong partner. To address this issue, we are finalizing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the County Government of Makueni. This agreement includes a commitment from the County Department of Culture, Gender, Youth, Sports, Children, and Social Services to support our mobilization efforts through the established channels of the County Government.

b) Location: The location of Makindu, at the far end of Makueni County, limited the reach of our services, making them accessible only to those within the Sub-County. This was addressed through the partnership with the County Government of Makueni, and the first mobile clinic was held at the Makueni County Referral Hospital in Wote Town on 22nd May 2024, thereby expanding access to pediatric orthopedic services across the County.

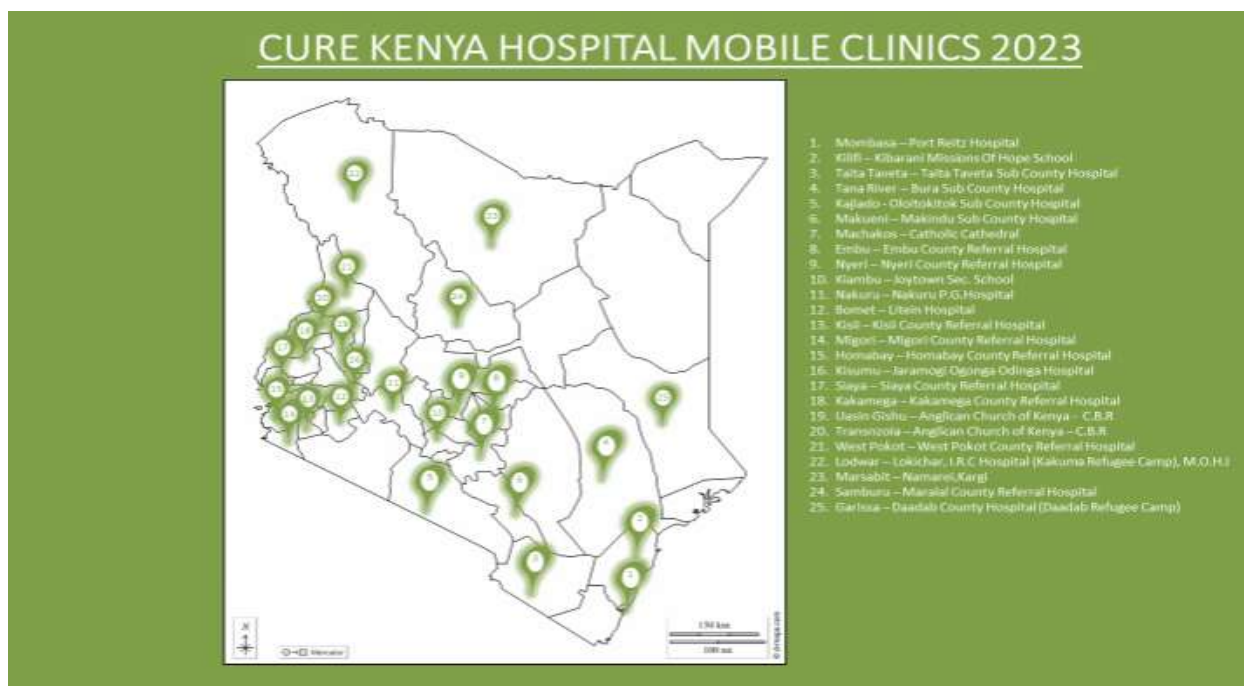
5. Associated Publications:

List any publications, reports, or articles associated with the project/program. Include titles, authors, publication dates, and any relevant links or references.

N/A

Additional Notes/Comments:

[Insert any additional information or comments here.]



A photo showing CURE Kenya's mobile clinic locations.

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Thank you for your cooperation and contribution to our efforts in promoting health and well-being.