**FAMILY PLANNING BUDGET ESTIMATE**

The budget analysis conducted in October 2018 shows that the County Government of Meru does not have a budget line for family planning for FY 2018/2019. However, indirect family planning allocation* by the County Government of Meru was estimated for the period 2016/2017 to 2018/2019 as follows:

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<td>Health allocation</td>
<td>235,566,822</td>
<td>86,905,142</td>
<td>137,130,610</td>
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<td>FP estimate</td>
<td>3,082,436,180</td>
<td>3,192,305,483</td>
<td>3,146,274,398</td>
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<td>% FP of Health</td>
<td>7.6%</td>
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To arrive at these estimates, our study examined the following documents: Budget Policy Statement (BPS), Programme Budget Estimates, County Implementation Reports, Budget Review and Outlook Papers, sector budget documents from the MoH, RMHSU, KNH and MTRH.

*Indirect allocation for family planning by County Governments was estimated per county based on workload statistics from the District Health Information System (DHIS) and subjected to county allocation to health. For FY 2018/19, the service utilization statistics and thus the rates used were recorded based on the average change between the preceding period. Then the weights were used to derive possible allocations for family planning.

**KEY COUNTY STATISTICS**

- **Total Fertility Rate**: 3.1
- **Contraceptive Prevalence Rate (any modern method)**: 78.3%
- **Teenage Pregnancy**: 19.9%
- **Abortions per 1,000 women of reproductive age**: 51
- **HIV prevalence**: 2.9%
- **Women 15-24 who had sexual intercourse before exact age 15**: 11.1%

1 IKDHS 2014  
2 APHRC 2013  
3 Kenya HIV County Profiles (NACC 2016)  
4 KDHS 2014
POLICY BASIS FOR FAMILY PLANNING

BUDGET INVESTMENT

The County Government of Meru has two key policy documents that guide investment decisions about family planning for the county:

a. Meru County Integrated Development Plan (CIDP) 2018-2022
   The County Government of Meru, through the Meru County integrated development Plan (CIDP) 2018-2022, calls to increase family planning and health access programmes for the women and projects that support women to be self-reliant.

b. Meru County Family Planning Costed Implementation Plan 2017-2022
   The County Government of Meru, through the Meru County family planning costed implementation plan (2017 - 2022) estimates that the county needs KES. 83,796,500 Million for the county’s family planning programme*** for year two of the plan

INTERNATIONAL FAMILY PLANNING COMMITMENTS (FP2020)

The Government of Kenya, at the 2017 London summit on family planning made the following commitments:

- Increase the portion of the national budget for family planning services, specifically through a budget line allocated to the family planning.
- All 47 counties will have a family planning costed implementation plan by 2020 and include specific goals and strategies for adolescents.
- All 47 counties have a family planning budget line by 2020
- Health facilities offering youth-friendly services increased from 10% to 30% by 2020 and 50% by 2025.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The County Government of Meru needs to continue honouring its commitment of providing access to family planning services and contraceptives to residents as outlined in the County Integrated Development Plan (CIDP) 2018-2022 and the County Family Planning Costed Implementation Plan 2017-2022.

2. The County Government of Meru needs to have a family planning budget line in future to enable the county meet Kenya’s FP2020 commitment.

3. The County Government of Meru needs to increase the proportion of health facilities offering youth-friendly services to at least 30% by 2020 in line with Kenya’s FP2020 commitment.