

Note from the Chief of Party

This issue of the Update focuses on the launch of the Child Protection Information Management System (CPIMS): a web-based data system developed by the Department of Children Services (DCS) with the support of MEASURE Evaluation PIMA, which is funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID). The system is designed to collect, aggregate, and report on child protection data.



Rene Berger, HIV/AIDS team leader, USAID Kenya, speaking with students from Kabete Remand School at the launch of the CPIMS.

Kenya Launches Comprehensive Child Protection Information Management System

The Ministry of East African Community, Labour and Social Protection, with the support of MEASURE Evaluation PIMA (MEval-PIMA) and the Kenya Department of Children Services (DCS), launched a comprehensive child protection information management system in Kenya on May 9. The system was developed to improve management of data and reporting of child protection issues from service delivery units at the community and national levels.

Speaking during the launch ceremony, Susan Mochache, the principal secretary (PS) of the Ministry of East African Community, Labour and Social Protection, said that, as a web-based system, CPIMS can capture data on children wherever they are in Kenya. The system manages children's cases over time and can produce reports useful for planning, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of child protection programs and services. The PS also read a speech on behalf of the ministry's cabinet secretary, Phyllis Kandie. In her remarks, as prepared, Ms. Kandie noted that according to the Situation Analysis of Children and Adolescents in Kenya (2014), 40 percent of children here are abused, despite government efforts to end violence against children.



Dr. Abdinasir Amin, chief of party, MEASURE Evaluation PIMA; Susan Mochache, principal secretary, Ministry of East African Community, Labour and Social Protection; and Rene Berger, HIV/AIDS team leader, USAID Kenya, during the launch of CPIMS.

"Collection of information regarding this status was inefficient using the paper-based information system, resulting in gaps in case referral, weakness in case management, and overall delays in case interventions," she wrote.

Development of the current version of CPIMS involved strengthening the CPIMS data flow and reporting structures in the DCS, strengthening the paper-based reporting system, developing a hybrid system for case management and data aggregation, addressing Internet connectivity challenges, simplifying the amount of data to be captured, and developing a sustainability plan. The information communications technology unit of the Ministry of East

African Community, Labour and Social Protection participated in the design and rollout of the system and is providing technical and financial support for operations and maintenance, improving system utility, and involving more stakeholders from county governments.

Approximately 54 percent of Kenya’s population is below the age of 18. The DCS is responsible for safeguarding and protecting the rights and welfare of all children, by implementing relevant policies, coordination, supervision, and delivery of services (Children’s Act, 2001). The department, through a comprehensive National Plan of Action for Children (2015–2022), aims to improve service provision through evidence-informed programing and interventions.

Between July 2016 and March 2017, 21,492 cases were recorded in CPIMS that involve almost 21,000 children (the average monthly caseload was 2,500 children and cases). The top three types of cases reported were neglect (54%), custody disputes (17%), and abandonment (5%). The most vulnerable group is children younger than five years: almost half of the children that CPIMS supports are in this age group.

MEval-PIMA has supported the rollout of CPIMS in 10 counties: Nairobi, Nakuru, Kisumu, Muranga, Homabay, Kilifi, Machakos, Migori, Kakamega, and Siaya. Plan International has supported Kwale County. DCS is set to add 16 counties over the next six months. The Government of Kenya will support rollout in two of these—Baringo and Kisii—during this financial year. And the

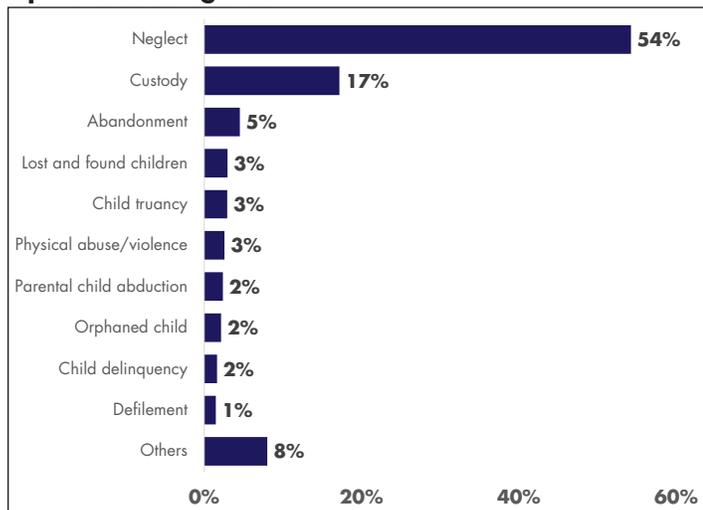


Dr. Judy Omumbo, associate director public health monitoring and evaluation, MEval-PIMA, participating in the social media campaign during the launch.

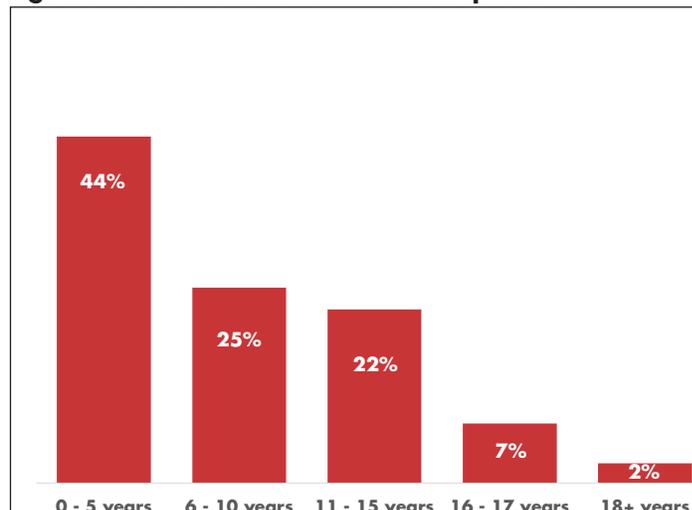
United Nations Children’s Fund will support rollout in nine: Mombasa, Tana River, Garissa, Marsabit, Isiolo, Turkana, West Pokot, Samburu, and Kajiado.

Additional partners supporting implementation of CPIMS are World Vision Kenya, Child Line Kenya, Child Fund Kenya, and Goal Kenya, among others.

Top 10 case categories



Age distribution of children in need of protection



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