

ADVOCACY AGENDA: WHITE RIBBON ALLIANCE KENYA



From 2018-2019, White Ribbon Alliance and partners implemented an audacious campaign that heard from 1.2 million women and girls worldwide – including 118,545 women and girls from Kenya – about their top request for their own reproductive and maternal health.

The White Ribbon Alliance Kenya *What Women Want* Advocacy Agenda (2020-2022) takes top requests in Kenya and turns them into key actions that will bring about changes in services and programs that women and girls want and will use. It was designed in consultation with local *What Women Want* focal points, partners and women and girls.



WOMEN AND GIRLS DEMANDS ADVOCACY OBJECTIVES

Cross-cutting demand: Institutionalizing women's feedback

- Develop a citizen engagement strategy for Kenya's UHC implementation to formally capture and elevate the needs of women, girls and persons living with disabilities; advance quality of care; and promote community-led accountability.
- Incorporate menstrual health services and supplies – including free, quality sanitary towels to every girl registered and enrolled in a public education institution as well as soap, water and facilities for disposal of used menstrual management materials; adolescent sexual and reproductive health information and services; and safe motherhood provisions into Kenya's Reproductive Health Bill 2019.
- Drive the implementation of the National Adolescent Sexual Reproductive Health Policy (NASRHP) at the sub-national level to ensure health workers provide high quality ASRH services; security agencies enforce laws to protect adolescent girls from gender-based violence; and that adolescent girls and young women influence the delivery of quality sexual and reproductive health services in Narok and Nairobi counties.
- Advocate for increased resources for the Gender Mainstreaming Policy and the Anti-FGM Policy into county integrated developments plans and legal frameworks in Kajiado County, aligned with women's and girls' self-expressed reproductive and maternal health needs.



Respectful and dignified care

- Improve health workers' knowledge and awareness to respectfully respond to needs of women, adolescents and persons living with disabilities in Bungoma, Makueni, Kakamega, Kisumu and Vihiga Counties.

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Water, sanitation and hygiene

- Improve cleanliness, sanitation – including safe drinking water and waste bins - and availability of menstrual health information and supplies in five target health facilities in Bungoma, Kajiado, and Makueni counties.

Medicines and supplies

- Increase availability of essential drugs and supplies for women, adolescents and persons living with disabilities in Bungoma, Makueni, Narok and Nairobi counties.

Increased, competent and better supported midwives and nurses

- A clear scope of practice for midwives is developed by the Nursing Council of Kenya and an independent midwifery scheme of service is developed by the county public service boards of Kisumu, Kakamega and Vihiga counties.
- An independent midwifery organizational structure is formalized by the Ministry of Health.

Increased, fully functional and closer health facilities

- Ensure four health facilities in Bungoma, Makueni, Narok and Nairobi counties are fully equipped with specialized outpatient and inpatient infrastructure that responds to the needs of women, adolescent and persons living with disabilities, including providing accessible ramps, maternity beds and translation services.

