



Cost of the Skilled Care Initiative in Kenya and Tanzania

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Study objectives

Kenya (Homabay and Migori) and Tanzania (Igunga)

1. Assess the SCI implementation costs
 - What were the costs for FCI?
2. Determine the SCI maintenance costs
 - What it will cost in the future to maintain the SCI?
3. Establish the SCI replication costs
 - What it would cost to implement the SCI in other districts?

Methodology (1/3)

- Includes Incremental costs from the point of view of a government
 - Excludes health personnel, supplies, and infrastructures already in place
- Types of costs
 - Fees; Equipment; Renovation; Maintenance and repair; Fuel cost; Licensing fees for the referral system equipment; Printing; Meetings and trainings; Travel.

Methodology (2/3)

- Data collection for unit costs and inputs
 - Retrospective analysis of budgets, reports, and all available documents from FCI headquarters, and the field offices in Kenya and Tanzania.
 - Per activity: Activity 1 to 5 of Intervention 1 OR Activity 1 and 2 of Intervention 2
 - Per cost type: Implementation OR Maintenance OR both
- Average monthly exchange rate: Converted into US
- Inflation rate = 2.67%

Methodology (3/3)

- Intervention 1: Health Sector Strengthening
 - Activity 1: Strengthening health services management and introducing quality improvement approaches
 - Activity 2: Making structural improvements to health facilities
 - Activity 3: Providing maternal health equipment and consumables
 - Activity 4: Strengthening communication and referral system
 - Activity 5: Strengthening provider skills and competencies
- Intervention 2: Behavior Change Communication (BCC)
 - Activity 1: Developing BCC messages/materials
 - Activity 2: Implementing BCC campaign



Results: Implementation costs

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	Total cost (US\$) 2002-06	Cost per delivery with SBA/year (US\$)	Cost per capita (US\$)	Per capita THE (average exchange rate US\$)*
Igunga	559,095	15.0	1.7	12
Homabay	364,469	10.6	0.6	20
Migori	277,140	10.6	0.6	20

* **Source:** World Health Organization. WHO Statistical Information System. 2004



Results: Implementation costs

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	Igunga (US\$)	Homabay (US\$)	Migori (US\$)
Activity 1: Strengthening HS management and introducing quality improvement approaches	23,158.6	16,010.2	18,420.0
Activity 2: Structural improvements	17,861.6	75,206.1	99,866.5
Activity 3: MH equipment and consum.	67,413.2	56,037.1	94,773.4
Activity 4: Strengthening communication and referral system	105,715.2	11,097.2	9,511.9
Activity 5: Strengthening provider skills and competencies	191,893.4	58,554.2	54,568.3
BCC Intervention	153,052.0	147,564.6	-
Total	559,094.9	364,469.4	277,140.1



Results: Maintenance costs

	Year 3 (US\$)	Year 4 (US\$)	Year 5 (US\$)	Year 6 (US\$)
Igunga	8,256.92	64,945.40	42,059.31	75,117.54
Homabay	304.29	3,007.22	52,621.58	50,346.01
Migori	128.44	3,180.69	34,124.20	29,718.72

- Main items
 - Equipment and consumables
 - Educational materials for BCC campaign
 - LSS and PAC trainings

Results: Maintenance costs

- Example:

- The cost of re-purchasing and maintaining maternal health equipment in Igunga for 29 facilities is as follows:

2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
5,220.3	5,414.8	7,913.2	5,841.8	52,748.9

- For 1 facility:

2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
190.4	186.7	272.9	201.4	1,818.9

Results: Replication costs (Tanzania)

Activity 1: Strengthening health services management and introducing quality improvement approaches	
Training PPC Register	13 US\$ per maternity staff
Training computer skills	231 US\$ per trained person
COPE training	6,748 US\$ for a district hospital
Supervision and follow-up	
Indent	736 US\$ for 23 facilities
Referral system	187 US\$ for a district
Activity 2: Structural improvements to health facilities	
Solar power system	1,578 US\$ per facility
Activity 3: Maternal health equipment and consumables	
Equipment	2,010 US\$ per facility
Indent training	197 US\$ per trained person
Activity 4: Strengthening communication and referral system	
Ambulance	44,551 US\$
Equipment	5,861 US\$ per facility
Licensing fees	693 US\$ per radio call system per year
Radio call books	93 US\$ per facility
Referral forms	34 US\$ per facility
Activity 5: Strengthening provider skills and competencies	
LSS training	1,534 US\$ per trained person (training conducted every year)
Job Aid	23,347 US\$ per district
PAC training	1,045 US\$ per trained person (training conducted every two years)
Behavior Change Communication Intervention	
	166,419 US\$ for a district with a population of about 325,000 or of about 14,000 births per year
Evaluation Studies	
<i>Facility gap assessment</i>	10,880 per district

Results: Replication costs (Kenya)

Activity 1: Strengthening health services management and introducing quality improvement approaches

HMIS training	97 US\$ per trained person
Maternal health registers and register schedule (Printing and distribution)	4,448 US\$ per district
COPE	1,151 US\$ per facility
Supervision and follow-up	182 US\$ per facility

Activity 2: Structural improvements to health facilities

Renovations	7,190 US\$ per facility renovated
Solar power system	2,895 US\$ per facility
Water supply system	578 US\$ per facility

Activity 3: Maternal health equipment and consumables

Equipment	2,753 US\$ per facility
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Activity 4: Strengthening communication and referral system

Cell phone purchase	80 US\$ per facility
Cell phone annual charge	299 US\$ per year per facility

Activity 5: Strengthening provider skills and competencies

LSS training	820 US\$ per trained person (training conducted every year)
PAC training	796 US\$ per trained person (training conducted every 2 years)
Clinical flowcharts (Printing)	45 US\$ per facility
DHMT orientation	739 US\$ per district

Behavior Change Communication Intervention

125,810 US\$ for a district with a population of about 337,000 or of about 13,400 births per year

Evaluation Studies

<i>Rapid assessment</i>	10,880 US\$ per district
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Results: Replication costs

- Example 1: If MOH wants to train health personnel in LSS, it would cost about **1,534 US\$** per trained person in Tanzania and, on average, **820 US\$** per trained person in Kenya.
- Example 2: Equipping health facilities with medical and maternal health equipment would cost, per facility, about **2,010 US\$** in Tanzania and **2,753 US\$** in Kenya.
- Opportunities for economies of scale

Conclusions

- Additional investments required
 - Example: recruitment and deployment of additional SBA cadres, upgrading of health facilities
- Spillover effect of investments in MCH
 - Poverty
 - Child survival
 - Non-obstetric benefits





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