



2. Poor access to health services means that maternal and infant mortality remain high in the district and 87 out of every 1,000 children will die before their fifth birthday due to poverty and poor health care.



4. In Dida village, Ann Rita, the nurse in charge of the local health clinic, conducts a ANC consultation with a young pregnant mother.



14. Community health workers continue to support the family after the birth by providing mosquito nets to reduce the risk of malaria.



11. Pregnant with her first child, Amina Mwanengo waits with her maternal and child health booklet for an ANC check up at Dzikunze Clinic, Kilifi.



5. While ANC checks are important, Rita says that many women aren't supported to make the regular trip to the clinic during a pregnancy. With few means of transport and heavy work burden, many pregnant women don't get to the clinic.



15. Young mother Purity Tabia Mwanengo and baby Trasy is now staying with her community health worker to learn how to look after her baby.





9. Health workers use a simple phone to transmit and receive health information via SMS, they can also use the solar charger to earn an income charging other people's phones.



8. Community health workers use a simple mobile phone to register a pregnant mother in the database. Once the mother is registered, the CHW will receive reminders to ensure that the mother travels to the clinic for her appointment.



6. In Dida village, local resident Janet Katana's first two children were delivered by a traditional birth attendant. With her third child she is now being supported by a trained community health worker from Kilifi Kids, a local NGO that focuses on maternal and child health.



13. Community health worker Sidi Mwarogo Maitha supports Dida resident Mwenda Kazungu and her baby Zawadi by providing education on breastfeeding, hygiene, and health topics throughout the pregnancy and after delivery.



1. In Kenya's coastal district of Kilifi, there are only 8 doctors and 128 nurses to service a population of over 1.1 million people. In Kilifi only 14% of women give birth in hospital with a qualified medical attendant.



12. Nurse Dianne Ingaiza weighs baby Baraka Mwamure at the Dzikuze Clinic. Community health workers support mothers to take their children back for check ups and vaccinations after delivery.





3. Local pregnant mother Saumu Ponda walks up to 3 hours to receive ANC check ups at her closest clinic. The trip can be long, and mothers are at risk of wild animals and bandits on the remote roads.



10. With help from a community health worker, Agnes Bandera could avoid giving birth at home. "It's totally different," she said. "Before I had no one to tell me of any health issues and the need of going to the clinic. Now I have Mercy to help me."



7. Grace Kashuta (right) is a trained community health worker, and is assisting Janet Katana through her pregnancy. Grace says that before the maternal health program many mothers and children would die from simple complications & diseases.