

# SUSTAINING COMMUNITY-BASED INFANT AND YOUNG CHILD FEEDING INTERVENTIONS THROUGH BFCI IN BUNYALA SUB-COUNTY, KENYA



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1. INTRODUCTION / PROBLEM	2. AIM / OBJECTIVE	3. METHODS	4. RESULTS	5A. CONCLUSION
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Suboptimal infant and young child feeding practices persist in flood-prone settings.</li> <li>Limited access to community-based nutrition services.</li> <li>Weak continuity between facility and community systems.</li> </ul> <p><b>In Bunyala Sub-County:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Low exclusive breastfeeding coverage</li> <li>Weak follow-up systems</li> <li>Inequities in access to preventive services</li> </ul> <p><b>Result:</b> Increased risk of malnutrition and poor child health outcomes</p>	 <p>To assess whether implementation of Baby-Friendly Community Initiative (BFCI) improves:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Access to infant and young child feeding services</li> <li>Continuity of care</li> <li>Uptake of key maternal and child health services</li> </ul> 	<p><b>Period:</b> 2023 – 2025</p> <p><b>Setting:</b> Rugunga &amp; Lugale Community Units (linked to Khajula Dispensary)</p> <p><b>Approach (BFCI Model):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community Health Promoters (CHPs) household counselling</li> <li>Mother Support Groups (MSGs)</li> <li>Routine supervision</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Interventions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community-based nutrition counselling</li> <li>Mother-to-mother support groups</li> <li>Growth monitoring and screening</li> <li>Strengthening facility-community linkage</li> <li>Use of MOH reporting tools</li> </ul>	<p><b>1 Exclusive Breastfeeding Counselling Coverage</b></p>  <p><b>2 Mother Support Groups</b></p> <p>19 functional groups established</p> <p><b>3 Service Uptake Improvements</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New ANC attendance +22.3%</li> <li>4th ANC visits +14.5%</li> <li>Fully immunized children +40.8%</li> </ul> <p><b>4 Immunization Gains</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BCG coverage +32.6%</li> <li>Measles-Rubella coverage +28.6%</li> </ul> <p><b>5 Nutrition Screening</b></p> <p>1,398 children screened</p> <p>10 SAM cases   55 MAM cases</p>	 <p><b>Implementation of BFCI:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improved access to nutrition services</li> <li>Strengthened continuity of care</li> <li>Enhanced community-facility linkage</li> </ul> <p>BFCI is a sustainable model for advancing Universal Health Coverage in vulnerable settings.</p>  <p><b>5B. RECOMMENDATIONS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scale up BFCI across other community units</li> <li>Strengthen community health systems integration</li> <li>Invest in CHPs and support groups</li> <li>Enhance nutrition surveillance and follow-up</li> <li>Integrate BFCI into routine primary healthcare</li> </ul>

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