



2021
Annual
Report
Kenya



List of Abbreviations

CIV	Complementary Interventions
CKE	Compassion International Kenya
CLTS	Community-Led Total Sanitation
DAC	Day of the African Child
FCPs	Frontline Church Partners
FGM	Female Genital Mutilation
FSL	Food Security and Livelihoods
HVC	Highly Vulnerable Children
DCS	Department of Children Services
INGO	International Non-governmental Organization

KCLF	Kenya Christian Lawyers Fellowship
CHV	Community Health Volunteers
NCCS	National Council for Children Services
NCAJ	National Council for the Administration of Justice
NGO	Non-governmental Organization
POYA	Partner of the Year Award
PPE	Personal Protective Equipment
SGM	Savings Groups Ministry
TVET	Technical and Vocational Education and Training
WaSH	Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene



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Acknowledgment

In the financial year ending in June 2021, Compassion International Kenya remained resilient and committed to showing God's love to children, youth, and families.

Working through 452 church partners, we supported children, youth, and caregivers to pursue their aspirations, develop physically and nurture their mental and emotional needs. We have ended the year with 131,304 infants, children, and youth impacted directly by our programs located in 30 counties.

For the second year in a row, the Government of Kenya has recognized Compassion International Kenya as the leading Non-governmental Organization (NGO) in children and youth development-based initiatives based on grants invested.

We have invested Ksh.4,695,300, 883, an increase of 8.5% from the previous year. In addition, to cushioning families of registered children and youth from the economic and social effects of COVID-19, we

distributed Ksh. 616,676,097 in cash transfers to purchase food and other essential household items.

We invested KSH.4,078,624,786 from total grants in targeted interventions such as education, scholarships, water, sanitation, and hygiene (WaSH), supporting household income-generating projects, health, disaster relief, and infrastructure benefitting 19,229 children and youth across the country.

Compassion International Kenya continues to prioritize and advocate for the rights and wellbeing of highly vulnerable children and youth in society.

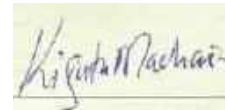
As a result, we received the Keeping Children Safe (KCS) Level 1 Certification, which means we have established and are governed by this robust framework for keeping children safe in all environments. In addition, we updated our child protection strategy and practice based on recommendations from the certification process.

The financial year 2021 was a demanding

and intensive time for the board ensuring we align to capacity-building opportunities as mandated by the Government's regulatory requirements. As a result, the board leveraged digital technology and rolled out various virtual sessions to cascade our policies and governance structures and enhance board effectiveness and impact.

Compassion International Kenya is grateful to our neighbors for their invaluable contribution, namely our sponsored children and youth, supporters, church partners, and staff, in continuing to fulfill the mission to release children from poverty in Jesus' name.

Sincerely,



Joel K. Macharia
National Director,





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70,000+
Program Alumni.



Kshs. 122,222,935

was spent to support 10,163 HIV Positive participants to access Anti-Retroviral Therapies (ART), proper nutrition, counseling, and treatment for opportunistic infections.



452

Frontline Church Partners in the Country [30 counties].



Our Mission

Releasing children from poverty in Jesus' name.



Our Vision

All children in poverty thriving toward their God-given potential.

Our Approach



Christ-centered

Every Compassion registered child or youth has opportunities to hear the gospel and is encouraged to develop a lifestyle of faith and commitment to God. However, to be registered or remain in the Program, there is no requirement to become a Christian.



Child-focused

We directly engage each child/youth as a complete person. Over time we have realized that releasing children from poverty benefits both the individual and the community.



Church-driven

We partner with local churches in needy communities to implement programs. We believe that the church is God's divine instrument to minister to all people, especially the poor. We leverage the church's enduring commitment to positively impact the host community and on-the-ground knowledge and assets.

Compassion's Core Strategy

Join God in the holistic development of children in poverty by serving our neighbors' callings to unleash their connected potential to transform lives.

Core Values



Integrity



Discernment



Dignity



Stewardship



Excellence

Management and Board Governance



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Member



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Founding member

We support about 2 million children and youth from poor households in 25 countries globally, in Africa, Asia, Central and South America and the Caribbean.





Who we are

We exist to show God's love to children and youth in poverty and provide them with the care they need to thrive. As a network of frontline churches, child advocates, and christian supporters, we work together towards this one common purpose.

Our commitment to this mission has led us to become the world's leading authority in holistic child development. The children in our care are more likely to finish their education, become self-sufficient, and become community and church leaders.

Our work

In partnership with our Frontline Church Partners, we help children and youth overcome poverty across 25 countries. Care for each child is contextualized to meet their unique needs. Our holistic approach includes growth in Christ, well-being, youth participation, and self-sufficiency.



Where we work

AFRICA: Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, Togo and Uganda



CENTRAL AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN: The Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Nicaragua and Mexico



SOUTH AMERICA: Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador and Peru



ASIA: Bangladesh, Indonesia, the Philippines, Sri Lanka and Thailand



FY 21 at a glance



131,304

Total program participants

67,325 **63,979**
Boys Girls



58,921 (44.9%)

Youth aged 12+



70,000+

Program alumni



Ksh. 4,695,300,883

Funds invested



117
Staff

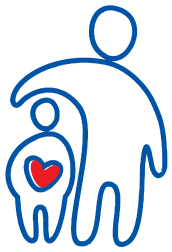


452
Church partners



30
Counties worked in





Child Protection and Safeguarding

Child protection continues to be a key priority in Compassion's ministry to children and youth. The Covid-19 pandemic has exposed children and youth to unprecedented socio-economic risks, creating a heightened need to protect them. There has been a rise in reported maltreatment cases of children in Kenya. Data from the Ministry's Child Protection Information Management System (CPIMS) shows that between January and June 2021, there were 105,759 reported cases of violence against children.

Compassion has engaged in targeted efforts to safeguard children and youth in our Program and lessen the risk of getting into harm's way. To this end, building the church partners' capacity has been Compassion's priority. Through a course dubbed 'First Care after Trauma,' 995 church leaders and staff were equipped with skills to support child survivors of emotional trauma. An additional 1,281 church staff and leaders acquired the skills and tools to enhance child protection and safeguarding through safer recruitment practices.

Child protection requires collaboration and networking with all stakeholders, including state and non-state agencies. In FY 2021, Compassion International Kenya collaborated with various government agencies, including the National Council for Children Services (NCCS), Department of Children Services (DCS), National Council for the Administration of Justice (NCAJ), Anti-FGM Board, Kenya Professional Counsellors Association (KPCA) and Kenya Christian Lawyers Fellowship (KCLF). In addition, through collaboration with NCCS and DCS, over 440 church partners participated in the Day of the African Child, which promoted the participation of children and youth in having their voices heard in an 'Africa Fit for Children.'

In Kenya, Compassion started its ministry in 1980. We partner with **over 452 Children & Youth Development Centers** in **30 counties**





Health access for children and mothers

Health screening

Despite the challenge the Covid-19 pandemic posed to our health screening programs, we were able to assess the health of the children and youth by leveraging on Community Health Volunteers (CHVs). We successfully screened 128,561 (97%) of the registered children and youth. Based on the assessment recommendations, we will invest in disease prevention initiatives through behavior change and the promotion of good health-seeking behaviors.

HIV program

Ksh. 122,222,935 was spent to support 10,163 HIV Positive beneficiaries to access Anti-Retroviral Therapies (ART), proper nutrition, counseling, and treatment for opportunistic infections.

Malaria Prevention

According to the World Health Organization (WHO), nearly half of the world's population was at risk of malaria in 2019. Sub-Saharan Africa carries a disproportionately high share of the global malaria burden. In 2019, the region was home to 94% of malaria cases and deaths. In Kenya, malaria remains a significant cause of morbidity and mortality, with more than 70% of the population at risk of the disease. There are an estimated 3.5 million new clinical cases and 10,700 deaths each year. According to the Kenya Malaria Indicator Survey 2015, 56% of children under age 5 slept under a long-lasting insecticidal net (LLIN) the night before the survey.

Compassion International Kenya has supported malaria prevention through education and family access to appropriate malaria treatment. Recently, the organization supported 81 church partners to distribute LLINs to 17,826 children and youth, with priority to Baringo, Homa Bay, Kilifi, Laikipia, Marsabit, Migori, and Taita-Taveta counties. Each beneficiary received two mosquito nets. The campaign also instituted a comprehensive education on malaria prevention for caregivers.



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94%

malaria cases and death in the African region, particularly Sub-Saharan Africa.



70%

of the population in Kenya is at risk of contacting malaria.



17,826

children and youth received Insecticidal Treated Mosquito Nets (LLINs) where each of the children and youth received 2 mosquito nets.



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Community-Led Total Sanitation (CLTS)

Compassion Kenya is committed to helping churches address critical needs that become barriers to children's holistic development. The full benefits of improved access to sanitation and drinking water cannot be realized without good hygiene. Interventions that improved water quality, supply, and sanitation access were cost-effective in most regions and were cost-beneficial in all low-income regions. Community-Led Total Sanitation (CLTs) is an approach that aims to improve hygiene and sanitation in the households of children and youth. The activity focused on the families of 50 church partners. It ran from January 2019 to December 2020. As a result of the implementation:



933

Sanitation and Hygiene Champions selected from among the caregivers were trained by the Public Health Officers and later carried out hygiene and sanitation improvement campaigns in their assigned households.



7,678

Caregivers of the children and youths participated in triggering sessions. Triggering sessions ignites participant interest in ending open defecation, usually by building simple toilets in their respective communities, such as pit latrines.



11,702

Registered children and youths received training on good practices related to hygiene and sanitation and sensitization on their roles in the CLTs.



There was an increase in improved hygiene and sanitation facilities in the households. It resulted in the construction of 5,014 new latrines, 7,637 hand washing facilities, 6,826 dish racks, 7,215 clothes lines, and 5,962 compost pits.



Compassion Kenya is dedicated to helping children thrive at every stage of development. Our holistic approach ensures every child in the program has opportunity to grow and develop physically, cognitively, socio-emotionally, and spiritually.

The quiet heroes promoting inclusive sanitation in Kilifi County



Picture a community with 42.7% open defecation with significant proportions of the population lacking access to improved sanitation and inadequate or non-existent latrines, and a lack of dedicated areas for the disposal of rubbish pollutes the local environment.

In rural Mkongani, the practice of open defecation is ritualized and bound in tradition. The behavior and attitudes are drawn from traditional beliefs and cultural values, which in many circumstances, resist latrine use. Likewise, gender and generational differences are decisive factors in the planning and operation of water and sanitation facilities.

The reality is poor sanitation and accessibility to clean water, and even available water runs the risk of contamination due to open defecation. It means young children die from dehydration and malnutrition, resulting from preventable diarrheal illnesses.

Since the women and girls spend most of their day collecting water for drinking, cooking, sanitation, and hygiene, they cannot engage in income-generating work or attend school. They are also at an increased daily risk for violence since they travel great distances from their homes to collect water. The unavailability of in-house toilets also means their health and social needs are left unattended.



The sanitation situation is personal for the champions Kaidza Komora, Daniel Biry, Nancy Mbodze, Priscilla Kambi, Leah Karisa, and Stella Mwamure. They committed their time and effort to ensure 100% proper sanitation and hygiene adoption in Kilifi County.

With initial training focused on awareness, blunt talk, community self-help, and support from Compassion, they set out on an ambitious path to change the status quo in their community with a strategy pegged on overturning taboos and cultural barriers. They also encouraged the community to use locally available materials like bottles, sticks, and jerricans.

Five years later, they have improved the sanitation and child mortality of most of the residents of Mkongani. Currently, 90% of the community has adapted and is now championing WaSH. The participation of the community members has been indispensable in sustaining progress.

Beyond the infrastructure, they encourage changes in their homes as well. They have adopted proper hygiene practices in how they clean and prepare food. Also, they are keen on other sanitation methods like hanging lines to dry clean clothes instead of spreading clothes on the ground.

The champions also work at the local hospital as community health champions. They support the county in community health follow-ups and check-ups.

It is remarkable to see the progress the champions have made this far. An estimated 1,400 children under the age of five die each year because of diarrhea directly linked to a lack of access to safe water, sanitation, and hygiene. But we are happy to report that the champions are on track to change this.



The youth business challenge

Young people are determined to work hard to build the world they want to live in by embracing activities outside traditional organizational-instructed opportunities and breaking away from popular thought. The youth business challenge brought together idealistic, passionate young people ready to support change. During the youth business challenge, the youth brought brilliant ideas to the table.

Compassion understands that young people represent the essence of economic development. When we provide career support to our youth, we grow and nurture young talent and lay the foundation for a brighter future.

Charles Mburu developed a Landlord–Tenant System Management App



One of the biggest challenges for today's youth is standing out amid the noise. Charles Mburu, a fourth-year university student made his vision a reality. There was a gap in property management. Charles was motivated by the need he saw in his community to develop E-Home; an app for landlords to track property availability and tenant payments. Through the app, tenants can submit feedback and recommendations. Charles learned app development on YouTube.



He is keen to bring innovative solutions to the table and mentor his team to be entrepreneurs and test opportunities that enable them to achieve financial independence. He believes when we open our minds, our ideas will be just as expansive. E-Home has the potential to make real estate management more efficient and transparent. You can check out his system or request a demo by going to his website www.inova.co.ke



Dominic Ajul: tapped into real estate as an investment vehicle

With assignments, classes, and exams to focus on, you would think starting a business in college would be the last thing on a student's mind. Yet more and more students are finding ways to combine their studies with becoming entrepreneurs. Dominic Ajul has always loved the elements of real estate design and construction. Dominic's entrepreneurial journey started with supplying construction raw materials when he joined university.

While the lows were painful, the highs are exhilarating. Dominic was persistent in realizing his dream of one day constructing his house and renting it out. Through the Compassion Leadership Development Initiative (CLDI),

Dominic raised enough capital to begin the construction of two houses in Siaya County, which he is on track to rent out. The program provides an environment for university students to test their ideas. While he may not be a real estate mogul, Dominic is learning and planning his next venture and looks forward to doing what he loves.

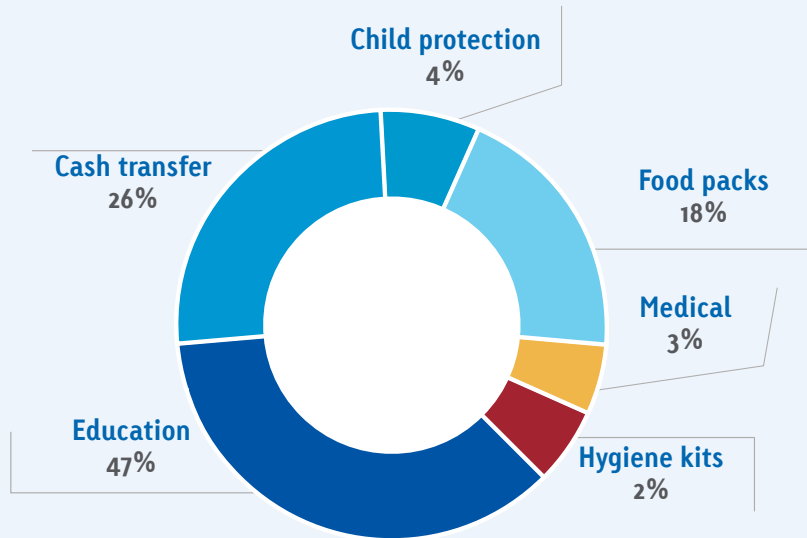
From these two examples, it is clear that by supporting young people, we also benefit. It's time to rally around the younger generation.



COVID-19 pandemic response

The Covid-19 pandemic has had a devastating effect on Kenya. Many vulnerable families experienced an economic shock making them unable to meet their most basic needs. We adapted our programs to address these critical needs. And because we were not able to use our existing distribution methods, we quickly innovated and began giving direct cash transfers. We also found innovative ways to protect vulnerable children and deliver educational content to children and youth during the lockdown. This spirit of innovation and agility is something we will carry forward in years to come. We also distributed food packs and hygiene kits to the most vulnerable families and children under our care.

Fund Amounts



Description	Amount
Cash transfer	616,676,097
Food packs	431,392,877
Hygiene kits	51,381,376
Medical	69,597,672
Education	1,143,864,133
Child protection	91,632,551
Total	2,404,544,705



Improving food security and livelihoods



1. Rearing and marketing of Chicken by caregivers

Chicken rearing is the most popular enterprise among caregivers, with an estimated 1,300 caregivers already practicing commercial chicken rearing. At a church partner in Makindu, 31 caregivers generated sales of **Ksh. 327,150** over six months.

In Migori, 42 Caregivers sell 85 trays of eggs per month, earning them Ksh. 29,550, and cumulative sales of Ksh. 177,300 over six months. Caregivers have been connected to markets, and given technical support on poultry management practices, including the construction of model poultry houses, feed formulation using locally available raw materials, and pest and disease control.



2. Growing and marketing of weet potatoes by caregivers

Three of our church partners in Migori County are growing and marketing sweet potatoes. In three months, the caregivers realized Ksh. 595,543 from the sale of **224 sacks** of sweet potatoes. The marketer, Yellow Flesh, provided vines to caregivers ensuring the high quality and yield of sweet potatoes. They also provided training on field management practices, established demonstration farms at the caregiver level, and facilitated exchange visits to successful sweet potato growing regions.



3. Production and marketing of honey

About **400 caregivers** are engaged in commercial beekeeping in Marsabit and Baringo Counties. Besides the marketing of honey, Marsabit Beekeepers Enterprise has contracted one of the church partners in Marsabit to supply modern beehives and beekeeping equipment. Marsabit Beekeepers Enterprise also provides technical support in training caregiver groups on apiary management practices. They will also train community beekeeping paraprofessionals selected from the participating caregivers.



4. Savings Groups

There are 168 savings groups in Nakuru and Taita Taveta Counties, with 2,485 caregivers participating in their savings and lending activities. The groups have saved **Ksh. 4,261,794**.

Spiritual development

Spiritual development is a foundational element of Compassion's holistic child and youth development model.



Key Achievements



6M

We invested over Ksh. 6 million in the purchase of age-appropriate bibles.



During the lockdown following the COVID-19 pandemic, the church partners implemented home-programming where they provided spiritual guidance for children and youth at home.

The church has a biblical mandate to be salt and light to the world. Our partnership with thousands of local churches enables us to equip the church to fulfil its mandate.





Water, sanitation, & hygiene



A quick search on the internet about COVID-19 and its effects is enough to shake your conscience. The impact has left a devastating toll on many families, particularly those living in poverty. We all know first-hand the economic ripple effect of the pandemic— higher poverty, higher unemployment, and rising hunger.

While COVID-19 may impact health in urban areas more harshly, its adverse economic impact has spread to rural areas. It is unsettling just how quickly bad situations turned into worse.

One good example is Kinango, Kwale County, where drought had already caused a sizeable increase in poverty as most natural water sources had dried up. Covid-19 compounded it all. Compassion realized the need to invest in WaSH and multigenerational solutions to support and find sustainable paths from poverty. Building on this realization, on June 26, 2021, we held our fourth marathon in Kinango, Kwale County, to raise funds for families in this community.



We constructed a water reserve tank in Kinango- Mabesheni and Chigutu towns as part of the marathon. During the marathon, the water reserve in Mabesheni was declared officially open by Ms. Fatuma Achani, the Deputy Governor of Kwale County, and Joel Macharia, the National Director, Compassion Kenya.

As often explained, access to clean water is very effective at poverty reduction. It helps save lives, drive economic growth, keep children in school, and provide more opportunities for women and girls.

Additionally, to reinforce the path to sustainability, we raised Ksh. 583,060 towards building two homes for the most affected families. The Netherlands team raised over 6,000 Euros by organizing and running their marathon in the Netherlands. The monies raised will be pumped directly into education for children living in extreme poverty in Kinango.

It will positively change and course-correct the life trajectories of tens of thousands of young children and families at the highest risk within the community. It will open doors to jobs, resources, and skills that families need thrive.

Financial Summary

FY21 Funding report as of June 30, 2021

In the just-ended FY21, Program funding stood at Ksh. 4.7 Billion against Ksh. 4.3 billion in FY20. This was an 8.5% overall growth of the financing

Summary Income FY21 (Ksh)

Fund	Amount
Child funds	4,328,293,893.45
WaSH	36,995,128.00
Infrastructure	15,659,023.11
Disaster relief	38,227,400.00
Income generation	7,706,948.00
Child protection	92,071,172.02
Education	34,970,939.54
Health	180,539,951.46
Total	4,734,464,455.58

Summary Expenses FY21 (Ksh)

Fund	Amount
Child funds	4,320,354,453.36
Child protection	91,825,574.82
Health	161,875,350.02
Income generation	13,106,948.00
WaSH	30,128,462.84
Disaster relief	33,510,802.00
Education	33,762,126.45
Infrastructure	10,737,166.50
Total	4,695,300,883.99

Financial Summary

FY20 Funding report as of June 30, 2020

Summary Income FY20 (Ksh)

Fund	Amount
Child funds	3,997,520,976.98
WaSH	32,413,022.00
Infrastructure	26,012,275.50
Disaster relief	14,880,000.00
Income generation	28,005,265.51
Child protection	78,918,474.03
Education	57,384,264.93
Health	159,728,378.15
Total	4,394,862,657.10

Summary Expenses FY20 (Ksh)

Fund	Amount
Child funds	4,040,157,516.24
Child protection	84,322,760.01
Health	178,744,381.94
Income generation	30,568,466.97
WaSH	26,567,930.00
Disaster relief	33,571,635.00
Education	70,368,223.33
Infrastructure	30,078,045.50
Total	4,494,378,958.99



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