



Global Health – Kenya

Timeline of Key Events in CDC Kenya History

1979

Dr. Harrison Spencer establishes field research center for malaria in Kenya as antimalarial resistance emerged in Africa

1979

Launch of partnership between CDC and KEMRI

1979

Evaluation of schistosomiasis morbidity in relation to the intensity of exposure

1979–1982

Saradidi Rural Health Project was the first major population study in East Africa

1980s

Malaria research continues in drug resistance, immune response, and entomological interventions

1992–1999

Asembo Bay Cohort Project—Longitudinal study on childhood illnesses in 15 villages

1994

Identification of unsafe blood supply

1996–2001

Malaria Insecticide-treated Bednet Trial

1997

HIV, Schistosomiasis, and reinfection

1997

Global Enterics Multicenter Study (GEMS)

1999

AIDS declared a national disaster by President Moi

2001
Voluntary counseling and testing (VCT)
guidelines

2000
Leadership and Investment in Fighting Epidemics
(LIFE) Initiative

2003
Kisumu Breastfeeding Study saw reduction
mother to child transmission of HIV

2002
Launch of the Health and Demographic
Surveillance System (HDSS) in Siaya

2004
Launch of the Global Disease Detection Center

2004
Launch of the President's Emergency Plan for
AIDS Relief

2004
TB prevalence study and TB lab established

2004
Launch of the Kenya Field Epidemiology and
Laboratory Training Program (FELTP)

2007
Launch of the Global Migration and
Quarantine Africa Program

2005
Launch of the Influenza Program

2009
Phase III Clinical Trial for RTS,S malaria vaccine

2008
Kenya joins the President's Malaria Initiative
(PMI)

2009

PEPFAR I ends and PEPFAR II starts



2009

HIV Research Laboratory the first to be ISO accredited outside of Atlanta

2012

Kenya AIDS Indicator Survey (KAIS)



2011

Establishment of the Kenya Zoonotic Disease Unit

2014

Launch Global Health Security Agenda



2014–2015

CDC Kenya staff respond to the Ebola epidemic in West Africa

2015

Release of the Strategic Timing of AntiRetroviral Treatment (START) results



2014

Second KAIS

2016

Launch of the Improving Public Health Management for Action (IMPACT) program



2015

Launch of the Determined, Resilient, Empowered, AIDS-free, Mentored, and Safe (DREAMS) program

2016

Initiation of “Test and Treat” and pre-exposure prophylaxis strategies for HIV



2016

Selected as Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation Child Health and Mortality Prevention Surveillance (CHAMPS) site

2017
Kenya Public Health Emergency Operations
Center activates for national cholera outbreak

2016
Clinical Research Center in western Kenya
selected as HIV Prevention Trials Network (HPTN)
site

2018
Kenya Population-Based HIV Impact Assessment
Survey (KENPHIA)

2018
Kenya completes Joint External Evaluation (JEE)
for Health Security

2018
Kenya selected for expanded pilot of RTS,S
malaria vaccine

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