

SHAPE-LVB PROJECT

Shape-LVB is a project implemented by the Nyanza Reproductive Health Society (NRHS) to provide technical assistance in capacity building and training to its local NGO partners (LNPs) to integrate community-based family planning (CBFP) into their on-going population, health and environment (PHE) programs, an approach aimed at improving health and livelihoods, conserving and increasing equitable use of available natural resources, and reducing the population pressures and environmental degradation caused by increasing human numbers in Kenya's Lake Victoria Basin (LVB).

The key feature of SHAPE-LVB approach is based on achieving the outcomes that will install family planning utilizations as a major contributor to establishing a balanced and regulated population growth, healthy living and environmental sustainability that will eventually translate into individual, household, family, societal, and national prosperity.

Lake Victoria Basin Commission



SHAPE-LVB project is technically backstopped and facilitated by the Lake Victoria Basin Commission (LVBC). The LVBC is an East African Community (EAC) body responsible for the sustainable management of the Lake Victoria Basin (LVB). The LVBC recognizes that challenges of population, health and environment in the LVB need to be addressed concurrently in an integrated manner in order to build synergies necessary to realize accelerated conservation and health impacts.

DONOR



In implementing SHAPE-LVB Project, NRHS uses USAID funds provided through a sub-award from the Advancing Partners and Communities (APC), a Sub-Project of JSI Research & Training Institute Inc. (JSI).

PARTNERS:

SHAPE-LVB implements its activities through local NGO partners that implement PHE and related programs and activities in Kenya's Lake Victoria Basin (LVB) covering Homa Bay, Kakamega, Kisumu and Siaya Counties. The partners include:

COMMUNITY INITIATIVE SUPPORT SERVICES (CISS)



CISS promotes participatory community initiatives and strengthens their capacities in taking actions towards environmental management, sustainable agriculture, food security, family management, especially family planning and poverty reduction

CISS interventions also target development areas of community livelihoods, economic empowerment of rural communities, and management of land and its products. SHAPE-LVB focus targets on-going areas of CISS programs in health, livelihoods, poverty alleviation, and development of woodlots, tree planting initiatives, and distribution and sale of tree seedlings.

BAMATO ENVIRONMENTAL AND SANITATION PROJECT (BESAP)



A community focused development organization. Having been moved by the dilapidated status of environment and deteriorated health situation within Nyalenda informal settlement, its main objective is to empower the urban poor and less fortunate towards curbing their socio-economic challenges. SHAPE-LVB focuses in working with BAMATO in integrating CBFP with efforts in solid waste management, water and sanitation, HIV/AIDS, and gender mainstreaming.

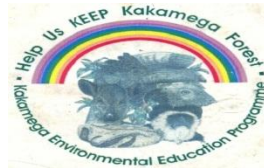
YOUTH FIGHTING AIDS IN KENYA (YOFAK)



The mission of YOFAK is alleviation of poverty among the vulnerable communities. The focus of its interventions is on RH components of HIV prevention, welfare of children, parents, and sexuality .YOFAK's geographical operations are in parts of Homa Bay County in the Lake Victoria Basin (LVB).

The focus of collaboration and joint implementations of programs between NRHS and YOFAK will specifically be at Kendu Bay beaches and in Oyugis, Kasipul.

KAKAMEGA ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION PROGRAM (KEEP)



In its work with KEEP, SHAPE-LVB project focuses on integrating CBFP with environmental conservation education within communities, tree nurseries initiatives, efforts aimed at conserving Kakamega Forest, initiatives for creating sustainable alternative income-generating activities among people living in and close to Kakamega Forest, preserving wild life, promoting health education for families and communities, and use of energy saving devices.

NYANZA REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH SOCIETY (NRHS)

SHAPE-LVB uses NRHS strengths and platforms of VMMC and community mobilization for FP uptake within NRHS areas of geographical coverage in the LVB. At community level NRHS works with and through a number of CBO's using it's community mobilization strategies .This include use of IEC materials, radio, road shows, family focused mobilization, women focused mobilization through MCH clinics and women groups, out of school focused mobilization, MOH Community strategy and health promotion structure, CHEW's and CHW's and other CORP's.

SHAPE-LVB CBFP/PHE INTEGRATION APPROACH

The SHAPE-LVB model is based on the mutual, cause, effect and complementary linkages within the PHE and Community Based Family Planning (CBFP) approaches, that is Population affects Health which in turn affects Environment. Planned population growth through family planning leads to healthy living and sustainable environmental conservation



NRHS mobilizers and Research Assistants in a CBFP induction training group work