Investing in family planning is cost-effective for governments. It costs the government of Kenya approximately US$7 per person to provide family planning compared to US$154 per person to provide services to women throughout their pregnancy and birth (Impact Now Model).1

Bungoma county requires an average of KES 5.2 million (US$52,050) each financial year to implement the County Family Planning Costed Implementation Plan.

Evidence for Action (E4A) Mama Ye has equipped Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) with skills to advocate for increased budgetary allocation for family planning to secure the health of women and infants in Bungoma county. We also strengthen accountability forums for increased use of evidence in decision making.

CONCLUSIONS

- Decision makers value a well-coordinated voice for change. Civil society need to be equipped with the advocacy and budget analysis skills to make the case for why investment in family planning represents value for money.
- Civil society and government need to come together in a participatory and collaborative way to jointly identify solutions to health challenges. In contexts where the relationship between civil society and government can suffer from a lack of trust, establishing complementary working relationships is particularly important.
- Evidence is important to ensure accurate and well-timed action for resource allocation.

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2. Implementing partners include IPAS, DSW Kenya, Centre for the Study of Adolescence, SETH, Tupime Kaunti.

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