

Newborn, Child, and Adolescent Health (NCAH) Policy

3.0. POLICY DIRECTIONS

This section of the policy describes the vision, mission, goal and the six policy objectives. The policy framework is organized into four domains of: Newborn, Child, and Adolescent Health and a fourth domain covering cross cutting issues. Under each domain, thematic areas are outlined mainly along the continuum of care. Policy statements are made under each domain.

3.1. Vision

A Kenya where all newborns, children and adolescents survive, thrive and live to their fullest potential.

3.2. Mission

To ensure survival, health, development, and wellbeing of all newborns, children and adolescents in Kenya, through promoting implementation of evidence-based high impact interventions, and creating an enabling environment for effective delivery of quality health services at all levels of service delivery.

3.3. Goal

To provide policy guidance to accelerate reduction of newborn, child and adolescent deaths in Kenya and promote their health, development and wellbeing.

3.4. Policy Objectives

The objectives of the Newborn, Child and Adolescent Health Policy are aligned with the newborn, child and adolescent targets of the SDG Goal: 3 “Ensure Healthy Lives and Promote Wellbeing for all at all ages”.

The objectives of the policy are to:

- Policy objective 1: Reduce newborn, child and adolescent morbidity and mortality due to preventable communicable diseases
- Policy objective 2: Reduce newborn, child and adolescent morbidity and mortality due to non-communicable diseases and conditions
- Policy objective 3: Promote access to quality and comprehensive early childhood development interventions for all children especially in the first 1000 days of life
- Policy objective 4: Promote interventions to end all forms of malnutrition, and address the nutritional needs amongst newborns, children and adolescents
- Policy objective 5: Promote universal access to adolescent responsive health care services
- Policy objective 6: Create an enabling environment for provision of quality newborn, child and adolescent health services