

ADVOCACY MEETING FOR SENATORS AND MEMBERS OF NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ON ACCELERATING THE ATTAINMENT OF MDG 5 & ADVANCE BEYOND ZERO CAMPAIGN IN KENYA



The meeting was organised by Ministries of Devolution & Planning and Health together with other stakeholders; National Council for Population and Development (NCPD), USAID – Kenya, World Bank Group and UNFPA organised and facilitated a high-level forum.

The purpose of the High Level meeting was to sensitize Members of the National Assembly and Senate from the 15 high burden counties on the need to prioritize maternal health issues and to galvanize new and existing partnerships to make commitments for accelerating reduction of maternal mortality. This is as outlined in the MDG Acceleration Framework and Action Plan for Kenya, and the Country Accountability Framework for Women’s and Children’s Health.

The high level meeting was attended by a total of 155 participants including Members of the Budget, Health, and Finance, Planning and Trade Committees from both Houses and members of the senate.

Occasioned was graced by Sen. Ekwee Ethuro, Speaker of the Senate, with remarks by H.E. Robert Godec, American Ambassador, The Cabinet Secretary for Health, Hon. James Macharia, Mr. Siddharth Chatterjee, UNFPA Representative, Official opening was by Hon. Anne Waiguru CS, Devolution and Planning. Closing remarks were by Hon. Dr. Joyce Laboso, deputy speaker National Assembly.

Dr. Richard Ayah gave a presentation on ending preventable maternal mortality: Post 2015. He was part of the team that prepared the policy background for this meeting.