

REMARKS ON THE LAUNCH OF PRELIMINARY REPORT OF THE 2003 KENYA DEMOGRAPHIC AND HEALTH SURVEY

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Introduction

- The Government of Kenya through the Central Bureau of Statistics (CBS) in the Ministry of Planning and National Development and other collaborators, undertook the 4th Kenya Demographic and Health Survey (KDHS) in 2003. It was a follow-up of other KDHSs conducted in 1989, 1993 and 1998.
- The survey was supported by development partners mainly USAID, DFID, UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEF, JICA and technical assistance from MACRO International.

General Objectives of 2003 KDHS

The survey was designed to:

- Collect Information on population, health, and nutrition status, especially for women and children, in Kenya to assist policy makers in relevant sectors. The information is used to plan, monitor and evaluate the population, health and social programmes.
- Assist in capacity building for future surveys in institutions that carry out researches in the country.
- Provide a database that can be used by researchers investigating topics related to population, health, and nutrition.

Specific Objectives of 2003 KDHS

- ☛ Measure changes in fertility and contraceptive prevalence and study the factors that affect these changes;
- ☛ Examine the basic indicators of maternal and child health in Kenya, including nutritional status, use of antenatal and maternal services, treatment of childhood illness, use of immunization services;
- ☛ Describe levels and patterns of knowledge and behaviour related to the prevention of AIDS and other sexually transmitted infection;

Specific Objectives of 2003 KDHS (Cont.)

- Measure HIV prevalence rates at the national and regional levels;
- Measure adult and maternal mortality at the national level;
- Ascertain the extent and pattern of female circumcision in the country and
- Ascertain the extent and pattern of domestic violence against women.

COLLABORATING INSTITUTIONS

- ☛ CBS
- ☛ MACRO International
- ☛ MOH
- ☛ KEMRI
- ☛ NASCOP
- ☛ NCPD
- ☛ Department of Social Services
- ☛ Research Institutions
- ☛ NGOs
- ☛ Advocacy Bodies
- ☛ Development partners

Major Phases of the Project

- Development of Instruments by all stakeholders
- Training of field staff by staff from collaborating institutions
- Fieldwork: **April – Mid September 2003**
- Preparation of Preliminary Report: **Oct-Nov 2003**
- Preparation of Detailed Report:- **to start immediately after the launch.**

- The Minister for Planning and National Development, Hon (Prof.) Peter Anyang' Nyong'o will now present the highlights of the Preliminary Report of the 2003 KDHS