

**DFID Management Response to the Independent Commission for Aid Impact recommendations on:**

**DFID's contribution to the reduction of child mortality in Kenya**

ICAI Recommendation	Accept/ Reject	Action already taken	Action to be taken	Target date
<p><b>Recommendation 1:</b> DFID centrally should specify its policy on equity more clearly and DFID in Kenya should focus systematically on the quality of – and access to –maternal, neonatal and child health services for remote and hard-to-reach populations. DFID should routinely use beneficiary feedback in its programme design.</p>	Accept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DFID Kenya will continue to ensure its bilateral programmes focus on maternal, newborn and child health services on remote and hard to reach populations. For example DFID extended the geographic area of the Maternal newborn health programme to include Garissa, Kakamega, and Nairobi slums.</li> <li>• DFID centrally has guidance on equity and removing barriers to access in the Reproductive Maternal and Newborn Health framework</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. DFID Kenya will draw on emerging good practice to appropriately integrate beneficiary feedback into programme cycle including design</li> </ol>	March 2015
<p><b>Recommendation 2:</b> DFID should develop a clear exit strategy for funding basic supplies in Kenya (such as bed nets) and focus instead on achieving a long-term and coordinated approach amongst development and financing agencies, including GAVI and the Global Fund, for health systems strengthening. DFID should develop criteria for resuming direct financing to the Government of Kenya.</p>	Partially accept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DFID Kenya has discussed this recommendation and impending bednet shortages with key partners. Options are being explored to ensure gains are not lost and that commodity supply interruptions are avoided.</li> <li>• Through the application of our conditionality policy, we regularly assess the GoK's commitment to the Partnership Principles. We will continue to review whether the conditions are right to resume direct</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. DFID Kenya will work with key partners to consider the implications and rationale for funding basic supplies in Kenya to inform future strategy.</li> </ol>	March 2015

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<p><b>Recommendation 3:</b> DFID should engage with emerging county government structures in Kenya to mitigate the risks and to expand the opportunities of devolution for health outcomes and to help develop information systems and financial management tools that will rapidly identify and address any negative impacts.</p>	Accept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DFID Kenya has a plan for engaging with Kenyan counties where our programmes are concentrated.</li> <li>• DFID Kenya has seconded a Governance Adviser into the WB (which manages a large devolution programme in Kenya). The adviser's work focusses on devolution and health.</li> </ul>		