



PILOT UNIVERSAL CHILD BENEFIT PROGRAMME IN KENYA, UNICEF KENYA

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Summary

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Government of the Republic of Kenya piloted a Universal Child Benefit (UCB) Programme with support from UNICEF from December 2021 to December 2022, targeting children aged 0–36 months in Kajiado, Embu and Kisumu Counties. The UCB pilot provided KES 800 per month per child, distributed bi-monthly via M-Pesa to female caregivers, and included complementary services to address malnutrition, negative parenting practices and disability exclusion. A qualitative study assessed the pilot's implementation, accessibility, impact and sustainability, using interviews and focus groups to inform future policy development and scale-up opportunities. The study uses QuIP methodology and Causal Map.

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