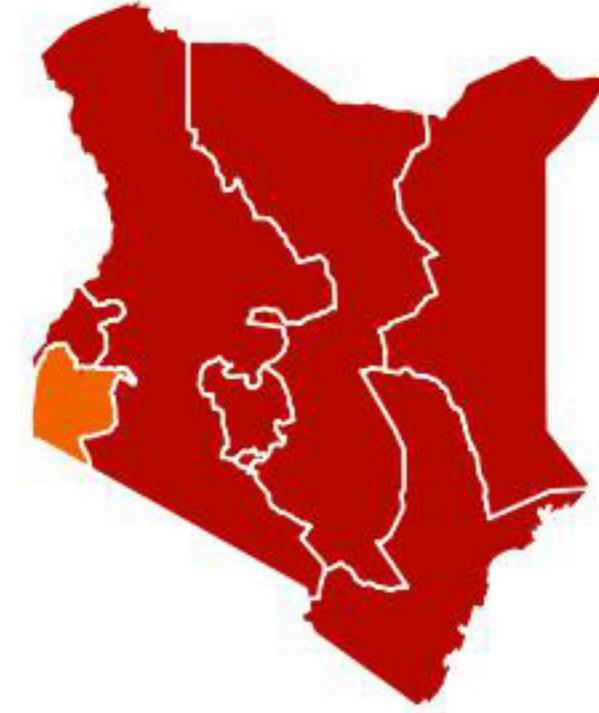


Safe Start Trial: Preventing Enteric Infections in Young Children in Kenya

Assessing how effective an early childhood hygiene intervention is on enteric infections and growth faltering in Kisumu, Kenya.



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The situation

Children living in areas with poor WASH infrastructure are at risk from repeated enteric infections which is also associated with poor growth

The context

High-density informal settlements in Kisumu, Kenya

What we want to know

How effective is a household intervention targeted at caregivers of young infants in improving healthy hygiene behaviours?



Research: Phase 2

Cluster RCT:
children enrolled at 3 months and followed until 18 months in 2 informal neighbourhoods



Research: Phase 1

2. Evaluation/Trial
Design and testing of candidate interventions

1. Formative/Design
Understanding infant exposures, infant caregiving practices and Community Health Volunteer routines & capacity



What we'll measure

1. Prevalence & intensity of enteric infections in infants
2. Self-reported hygienic behaviour

Outputs

Training guidance for health extension workers;
Policy & practice briefing notes;
Journal papers

Relevance

Generate local and globally generalisable evidence about how to design infant health interventions for unplanned urban settlements



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