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About HENNET

Health NGOs' Network (HENNET) is a National Membership Organization comprising over 120 members spread across the 47 Counties of Kenya. Hennet seeks to promote civil society's roles and engagements to transform Kenya's health sector in order to enhance their responses towards the health needs of Kenyans with a vision of "a healthy Kenyan Society".



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This report is a testament to the power of partnership and shared purpose. HENNET remains committed to strengthening collaboration, fostering accountability, and accelerating progress toward Universal Health Coverage (UHC) in Kenya.

Together, we move towards a Healthy and Empowered Kenyan Society.



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Year 2025 started with a collective theme on Health Financing for Resilience; this became the clarion call for all Hennet members and became the focus for all members in 2025.

Over the past eight months (**January–August 2025**), the Health NGOs Network (**HENNET**) has made significant strides in advancing health policy advocacy, system strengthening, and coalition building at both national and county levels in Kenya.

As a leading convener and accountability platform for civil society organizations (**CSOs**) in health, HENNET leveraged its technical expertise and partnerships to drive progress across key thematic areas—Primary Health Care (**PHC**), Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Child, and Adolescent Health and Nutrition (**RMNCAHN**), immunization, and health financing. The progress has been made possible through the generous support and partnership with Gates Foundation, GHIA, PMNCH, SAMASHA and our dedicated members.

During the reporting period, HENNET coordinated multistakeholder CSO engagement in national health policy development, influenced legislative processes, and amplified grassroots voices in public participation forums. Key achievements include co-leading the development and piloting of the Primary Care Network (**PCN**) Functionality Matrix, contributing to the PHC Strategic Framework Addendum and PHC Regulation, and participating in the Social Health Authority Advisory Committee under Kenya’s ongoing health financing reforms.

At the county level, HENNET supported CSO capacity building through SMART Advocacy training, budget advocacy, and sub-granting mechanisms in eight focus counties. Through the Motion Tracker Approach, civil society efforts were aligned to track and influence MNCH and FP commitments, while visibility was enhanced through digital advocacy campaigns and national dialogues.

In immunization and health financing, HENNET mobilized high-level political support, notably engaging the Kenya Women Parliamentarians Association (**KEWOPA**) to secure early release of Kenya’s Gavi co-financing commitments. County-level engagement further advanced domestic financing conversations and sustainability efforts.





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Despite systemic challenges, including budget cuts, weak grievance redress mechanisms, and financing delays, HENNET remained a resilient force, enabling evidence-based policy dialogue, inclusive advocacy, and strengthened CSO coordination. This semi-annual report captures these contributions, aligning with HENNET's strategic priorities and reaffirming its commitment to advancing equitable, accountable, and community-centered health systems as part of Kenya's Universal Health Coverage (**UHC**) journey.



Introduction:

Between January and August 2025, HENNET solidified its role as Kenya's national convener for health civil society, driving coordinated advocacy, policy engagement, and capacity development across the health sector. Anchored in its strategic framework, HENNET's interventions focused on Primary Health Care (PHC) reform, RMNCAHN policy and accountability, immunization advocacy, and enabling policy frameworks for inclusive governance.

This Semi-Annual Report provides a comprehensive overview of HENNET's achievements under four major projects and outlines how the network has supported evidence generation, stakeholder engagement, and civil society mobilization. The reporting period was marked by deeper collaboration with the Ministry of Health, the Council of Governors, Parliament, and key development partners. Through joint efforts, HENNET influenced high-impact national policies, including the PHC Regulation, the Quality of Healthcare Bill, the MNCH Bill, PBO ACT regulations and Kenya's public participation framework.

At the sub-national level, HENNET strengthened county capacities by supporting CSO training, budget advocacy, and participatory engagement in eight priority counties. Through convenings such as the PHC Coalition Meeting and the Annual CSO Advocacy Forum, HENNET galvanized stakeholders around common agendas, emphasizing data-driven accountability and shared responsibility.

Guided by its five strategic pillars, advocacy and policy engagement, networking and coordination, capacity development, knowledge management, and institutional sustainability, HENNET continues to bridge the gap between community needs and national health priorities. This report not only highlights key results but also captures lessons, challenges, and opportunities for enhancing HENNET's contribution to a more equitable and responsive health system in Kenya





PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

“ The purpose of this Semi-Annual Report is to provide an evidence-based account of HENNET’s progress, achievements, and challenges in implementing its programs between January and August 2025. Specifically, the report aims to:

- **Document Progress:** Highlight key activities, outputs, and outcomes achieved under the four projects both at national and county levels.
- **Strengthen Accountability:** Provide transparency to government, development partners, and civil society on how resources have been utilized to advance Primary Health Care (PHC), RMNCAHN, and immunization priorities.
- **Inform Stakeholders:** Share evidence, lessons learned, and best practices to support joint advocacy, policy dialogue, and decision-making.
- **Guide Future Action:** Identify challenges, gaps, and opportunities to refine strategies, strengthen partnerships, and enhance HENNET’s contribution to Universal Health Coverage (UHC) in Kenya.

Strategic Priority 1: Targeted and Evidence Based Advocacy and Policy Engagement

Under this strategic objective, Hennet has implemented 4 projects: PHC advocacy, Immunization advocacy, FP Motion Tracker project and MNCH advocacy project

A. Primary Health Care (PHC) Advocacy

HENNET’s PHC advocacy during this period exemplifies how civil society can technically contribute to health system transformation through policy co-creation, data-driven advocacy, and structured accountability mechanisms. By anchoring its work in local realities and linking grassroots evidence with national policy processes, HENNET continues to play a catalytic role in accelerating Kenya’s UHC ambitions through strengthened PHC systems.



i. PCN (Primary Healthcare Network) Functionality Matrix

HENNET played a pivotal role in the development and piloting of the National Primary Care Network (PCN) Functionality Matrix, a tool designed to assess, standardize, and strengthen PCN performance across counties. As a member of the national technical working group convened by the Ministry of Health (MoH), HENNET provided strategic input to ensure the matrix was context-responsive, equity-focused, and aligned with existing service delivery structures.

The matrix was piloted in Migori County, with HENNET facilitating collaboration between county health departments, community health units, and local CSOs to assess applicability and operational feasibility. The pilot informed refinements to the tool's indicators, enabling it to better capture system readiness, service integration, governance, and community engagement dimensions critical to PHC transformation.

ii. Contribution to the PHC Strategic Framework Addendum (2019–2023)

To address implementation bottlenecks and evolving sectoral priorities, HENNET is actively involved in the PHC Strategic Framework Addendum (2019–2023) development. This involved technical contributions to national workshops and structured consultations that ensured the addendum incorporated decentralized health system experiences and civil society insights. This process exemplified how non-state actors can contribute to adaptive planning and iterative policy design in dynamic policy environments.

iii. Engagement in PHC Regulatory Development

HENNET has been at the forefront of spearheading the drafting of the Regulations for the Primary Health Care (PHC) Act, 2023, aimed at operationalizing the Act and ensuring its effective implementation across Kenya. As the leading organization driving this process, HENNET has coordinated multi-stakeholder consultations, provided technical expertise, and integrated civil society perspectives into the regulatory framework to align with community needs. This leadership role underscores HENNET's commitment to translating policy into actionable strategies that strengthen PHC systems, enhance service delivery, and advance the country's Universal Health Coverage (UHC) agenda.

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iv. National PHC Coalition Convening

HENNET convened 2 PHC Coalition Meeting, bringing together over 50 stakeholders from 21 counties, drawn from NGOs, CBOs and grassroots organisations. The forums focused on refining joint advocacy strategies, exploring innovations in PHC financing, and strengthening coalition governance.

Outputs included a Joint PHC Advocacy Plan for 2025, prioritizing action on PCN implementation, domestic financing, immunization, RMNCAH, and accountability. The coalition also adopted the Motion Tracker as a tool for real-time monitoring of PHC commitments and initiated plans for cross-county learning exchanges





B. RMNCAH Advocacy

RMNCAHN advocacy during this period reflects its evolving role as a systems convener, knowledge mobilizer, and accountability actor. Through the Motion Tracker, stakeholder capacity building, MNCH advocacy through the Collaborative Advocacy Action Plan (CAAP) Goals, HENNET continues to build an evidence-informed, equity-driven RMNCAHN movement capable of shaping national and sub-national health outcomes. Its member-led, data-centered approach positions it as a key partner in accelerating progress toward UHC and the health rights of women, children, and adolescents in Kenya.

I. Policy Engagement and Legislative Influence

Through its strong policy engagement, HENNET submitted and presented a comprehensive memorandum on the Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (MNCH) Bill, 2023, to the National Assembly's Committee on Health. The memo emphasized respectful maternity care as a cornerstone of quality service delivery, while addressing the broader MNCH agenda to ensure equity, accountability, and improved health outcomes for women and children. In parallel, HENNET led civil society mobilization in the development of the Kilifi County MNCH Bill, which was assented into law in August 2025. This landmark statutory framework marks a significant milestone in Kenya's commitment to end preventable maternal and neonatal mortality, underscoring HENNET's pivotal role in shaping health policy both at the national and county levels.

ii. Implementation of the Motion Tracker Approach (MTA)

HENNET continued the rollout and institutionalization of the Motion Tracker Approach (MTA), a real-time, adaptive accountability tool that monitors progress on FP/MNCH policy and budgetary commitments.

In this period, HENNET validated and disseminated data collected through MTA, which provided an evidence base for advocacy and programmatic planning.

The Motion Tracker was used to track commitments under the RMNCAHN Investment Framework and supported the development of the first national self-assessment report. Findings identified implementation bottlenecks, including gaps in domestic financing and commodity security, and were used to inform advocacy strategies and policy dialogue with decision-makers.

iii. Digital RMNCAHN Hub Development and Knowledge Sharing

As part of the Collaborative Accountability Action Plan (CAAP) advocacy project, HENNET continued to host and expand the Digital RMNCAHN Hub, a centralized digital repository for knowledge exchange, community learning, and coordinated advocacy. By August 2025, the hub had grown to over 180 users surpassing its target by 80% and housed more than 40 advocacy and policy resources.

The hub enables real-time collaboration across county and national CSOs and facilitates learning through the dissemination of tools, case studies, and policy briefs. It has become a critical infrastructure for sustaining RMNCAHN advocacy momentum and increasing digital access to evidence-based content for civil society actors.

iv. Annual RMNCAHN CSO Advocacy Forum

HENNET hosted the Annual CSO Advocacy Forum, which convened 40 representatives from civil society, national and county governments, and technical partners. The forum facilitated policy dialogue on the MNCH Bill, Quality of Care Bill, and governance challenges affecting RMNCAHN programming.

Outputs from the forum included:

- Technical memos to Parliament on pending health legislation
- Contextualized advocacy briefs on the 77th World Health Assembly (WHA) Resolution (2024)
- A Nairobi County-specific policy brief outlining local RMNCAHN priorities and resource gaps



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V. Accountability through SHA and Investment Case Validation

HENNET facilitated civil society participation in the validation of the RMNCAHN Investment Case and engaged in technical working groups reviewing the benefits package under the Social Health Authority (SHA). These processes ensured that CSO input informed the prioritization of essential RMNCAHN interventions in the SHIF package and reinforced the inclusion of vulnerable and marginalized groups.

vi. Social Media advocacy

HENNET invested in high-impact digital advocacy to increase public awareness and mobilize political will around RMNCAHN issues. Key campaigns included:

- **#AfiakilamamaKilamtoto:** A cross-platform campaign targeting public education and political advocacy on maternal and child health, with a strong emphasis on equity and access.
- **World Menstrual Health Day Twitter Chat:** Facilitated national conversation on menstrual health policy and the need for budgetary allocation for menstrual hygiene management (MHM) in county health plans.



C. Immunization Advocacy

HENNET's immunization advocacy during this period demonstrated the critical role of civil society in shaping health financing priorities, strengthening system resilience, and promoting accountability. By integrating policy engagement, evidence generation, sub-national coordination, and digital advocacy, HENNET advanced a multi-level approach to immunization financing that supports sustainable service delivery and long-term UHC goals.

As fiscal pressures and health system reforms continue to evolve, HENNET remains committed to ensuring immunization remains a political and budgetary priority—both as a stand-alone investment and as a key pillar within Kenya's PHC architecture.



i. High-Level Political Engagement on Immunization Financing

A key milestone during the reporting period was the successful convening of a parliamentary caucus meeting with the Kenya Women Parliamentarians Association (KEWOPA) the strategic dialogue advocated for the timely release of the Government of Kenya's co-financing obligations to Gavi, which stood at USD 12.48 million for FY2024/25.

The caucus, after engagements with Hennet, issued a formal follow-up to the National Treasury, urging disbursement ahead of the 30th June 2025 deadline. This engagement demonstrated the value of sustained civil society advocacy in securing political commitment for immunization financing and sustaining gains in vaccine coverage and equity.

ii. Sub-National Immunization Advocacy and County-Level Engagement

HENNET scaled up its sub-national advocacy efforts through the convening of strategic meetings in five focus counties, Nairobi, Baringo, Laikipia, Isiolo, and Kilifi. These consultative meetings brought together County Health Management Teams (CHMTs), Members of County Assemblies (MCAs), civil society actors, and media to catalyze multi-stakeholder dialogue on domestic financing for immunization.

The engagements focused on:

- Localization of national immunization priorities
- Integration of immunization financing into County Fiscal Strategy Papers (CFSPs)
- Joint planning around PHC and Immunization Investment Cases

These efforts laid the foundation for building county-level accountability mechanisms and increasing domestic ownership of immunization programs.



iii. Evidence Generation and Strategic Advocacy

To inform its policy and budget engagement, HENNET finalized the Immunization Landscape and Financing Analysis in December 2024 and disseminated a case study on Kenya's Gavi co-financing experience. These evidence products were instrumental in engaging both national and county stakeholders on the urgency of sustainable immunization financing amidst shifting donor landscapes and declining external support.

The data highlighted critical gaps in resource allocation, fiscal absorption, and the integration of immunization financing into county budgets, informing HENNET's position papers and advocacy messaging at multiple levels.

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iv. Capacity Strengthening and Network Mobilization

HENNET continued to enhance the technical capacity of its member organizations through targeted training and resource sharing. Eight CSO partners from the focus counties were trained on:

- Immunization financing pathways within Kenya's Public Finance Management (PFM) framework
- Budget tracking and analysis
- Strategic engagement with county health and finance departments

In addition, HENNET mobilized a coalition of 109 civil society organizations to support immunization and PHC advocacy. The coalition was instrumental in amplifying community voices, sustaining digital advocacy campaigns, and providing localized data to inform national policy discussions.

v. Media Engagement and Digital Advocacy

Recognizing the growing influence of digital media in shaping public discourse, HENNET invested in media advocacy to counter misinformation and promote evidence-based narratives on immunization. Key activities included:

- An Editors' Roundtable with national media outlets, which strengthened relationships with journalists and generated informed coverage on vaccine financing and equity
- A sustained digital campaign, leveraging social media, blogs, and infographics to communicate policy wins, mobilize public support, and drive engagement with county and national decision-makers



These efforts increased public awareness and positioned immunization as a core component of PHC and UHC.



D. Broad Policy and budget development Engagement

1. Safety and Quality of Healthcare Bill (2025)

HENNET submitted a detailed memorandum on the Safety and Quality of Healthcare Bill (2025). The submission emphasized the importance of embedding strong service standards to ensure equitable and reliable care across all levels of health facilities. HENNET highlighted the need for a robust monitoring and evaluation framework to assess compliance with the law. The memo further called for patient-centered grievance redress mechanisms to address systemic challenges and enhance accountability. Through this input, HENNET ensured that civil society voices were integrated into the drafting process. The memorandum underscored the importance of linking quality standards to health outcomes for communities. Overall, the engagement strengthened the bill's provisions on accountability, inclusivity, and sustainability in healthcare delivery.

2. Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (MNCH) Bill 2023

HENNET developed and submitted a memorandum on the MNCH Bill (2023), drawing attention to critical areas affecting women and children's health. The memo stressed the urgency of increasing budgetary allocations to MNCH programs at both national and county levels. It also emphasized the integration of community health volunteers into service delivery for improved access. HENNET recommended stronger provisions on referral systems to reduce maternal and newborn deaths. The submission also highlighted the importance of gender-sensitive approaches in service delivery. By presenting evidence-based recommendations, this positioned HENNET as a key partner in shaping MNCH legislation. This strengthened the bill's alignment with Kenya's commitments to reducing maternal and child mortality.

3. Nairobi County Health Care Bill (2025)

HENNET submitted a memorandum to the Nairobi County Assembly on the Nairobi County Health Care Bill (2025). The memo emphasized the importance of prioritizing access to affordable and quality healthcare for marginalized populations in urban and peri-urban areas. HENNET proposed provisions for improved county-level resource mobilization to strengthen healthcare financing.



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The submission highlighted the need for oversight mechanisms to ensure accountability in service delivery. It further emphasized integration of primary health care as the backbone of the county's health system. Through this engagement, This reinforced civil society's role in ensuring the bill responds to citizen needs. The memo contributed to strengthening provisions that safeguard equity, accountability, and inclusivity in Nairobi's healthcare framework.

4. Kilifi Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (MNCH) Bill 2023

HENNET submitted a comprehensive memorandum on the Kilifi MNCH Bill (2023), focusing on improving maternal and child health outcomes in the county. The memo called for stronger provisions on health workforce capacity, particularly the integration of community health workers. HENNET highlighted the need for increased investment in maternal health infrastructure, including emergency obstetric care. The submission further recommended enhanced monitoring and accountability mechanisms to track progress. Notably, the Kilifi MNCH Bill was assented into law, making it a significant milestone in advancing county-level health legislation. HENNET's input ensured that community voices were reflected in the final version of the law. This demonstrated the impact of civil society engagement in shaping progressive, people-centered health policies.

5. Public Participation Bill (No. 52 of 2023) – CSO Coordination

HENNET played a leading role in coordinating CSO engagement on the Public Participation Bill (No. 52 of 2023). The bill seeks to establish a statutory framework for structured citizen involvement in governance processes. Through this coordination, HENNET ensured that diverse civil society perspectives were consolidated and amplified at both county and national levels. The process strengthened inclusivity and accountability, positioning civil society as a key driver in advancing participatory governance. By mobilizing member organizations and facilitating dialogues, HENNET enhanced the legitimacy and impact of CSO submissions. This initiative demonstrated HENNET's ability to convene and sustain multi-stakeholder engagement. Ultimately, it reinforced the role of public participation as a cornerstone for responsive and accountable health policy development.

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7.PHC Act 2023 Regulations

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Representation in the Social Health Authority (SHA) Advisory Committee
HENNET was nominated to the SHA Benefits Advisory Committee, representing civil society and non-state actors in the governance of Kenya's new health financing model. This committee is tasked with guiding the operationalization of SHIF, particularly in the development of equitable

benefits packages, provider payment mechanisms, and oversight structures.

HENNET's participation ensures that community priorities and accountability frameworks are integrated into SHIF rollout. This role also positions the network to influence strategic purchasing decisions and push for pro-poor and gender-sensitive health financing reforms.





E. Public Budget advocacy

During the reporting period (January–August 2025), HENNET strengthened its role as a key enabler of civil society participation in public finance processes, both at the national and county levels. Through targeted coordination, capacity building, and strategic positioning of CSOs, HENNET supported the integration of community health priorities into the budget-making cycle—advancing accountability and equity in health financing.

CSO Participation in National and County Budget Cycles:

HENNET convened and coordinated health CSOs to engage meaningfully in Public Finance Management (PFM) processes, including the County Fiscal Strategy Papers (CFSPs), Annual Development Plans (ADPs), and consultative forums. This resulted in increased civil society visibility and technical input into budgeting for primary health care (PHC), RMNCAH, and immunization.

Over 10 public budget memoranda (MEMOs) were developed and submitted by member organizations to various county assemblies and the national Treasury. These submissions outlined evidence-based recommendations on health allocations, resource prioritization for underserved populations, and the institutionalization of community health services. The MEMOs contributed to shaping county health budget priorities and demonstrated CSOs' capacity to influence public resource allocation.

Strategic Priority 2: Networking, Coordination & Collaboration

Prioritizing networking, coordination, and collaboration, HENNET has strengthened the collective voice and influence of health CSOs in Kenya's policy and implementation landscape.

These interconnected platforms enable a unified approach to complex challenges in PHC, RMNCAHN, and immunization financing, fostering resilience, innovation, and sustained progress toward Universal Health Coverage (UHC).

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i. Multi-Level Coalition Building

HENNET actively facilitated the expansion and operationalization of key coalitions across health thematic areas, ensuring diverse representation and shared ownership:

- **Primary Health Care (PHC) Coalition:** Convened the 2nd annual PHC Coalition meeting, drawing over 50 stakeholders from 21 counties, government, partners, and civil society. The forum galvanized consensus around joint advocacy priorities for 2025, including PCN functionality, sustainable financing, and community accountability.
- **RMNCAH National Accountability Coalition:** Coordinated a network of 138 organizations to harmonize efforts in monitoring commitments and strengthening legislative influence, such as through collective submissions on the Quality of Healthcare Bill.
- **Immunization Advocacy Network:** Mobilized a 109-member CSO coalition, fostering cross-sector collaboration with parliamentary caucuses like KEWOPA and media partners, which collectively influenced timely release of Gavi co-financing funds.

ii. Strengthening Cross-Sector Partnerships

HENNET deepened engagement with a broad spectrum of actors, including:

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- Government Agencies: Strengthened strategic partnerships with the Ministry of Health (MoH), Council of Governors, and County Health Management Teams (CHMTs) to align civil society advocacy with policy priorities and implementation frameworks.
- Parliamentary Caucuses and Committees: Collaborated with legislative bodies such as KEWOPA and Parliamentary Health Committees to facilitate evidence-informed dialogue and oversight on budgetary and policy issues.

iii. Facilitating Inclusive Stakeholder Engagement

HENNET prioritized broad-based inclusion, ensuring marginalized voices and grassroots organizations are integral to advocacy platforms:

- Supported civil society participation in the Public Participation Bill (No. 52 of 2023) consultations across all 47 counties, empowering members to lead local dialogues and policy submissions that reflected community priorities.
- County-Level Consultations and CSO Sensitization: In eight focus counties, HENNET convened targeted community consultative meetings aimed at raising awareness among local CSOs on health sector participation. These sessions strengthened the capacity of grassroots actors to engage in public policy dialogues, particularly around budgeting, service delivery, and primary health care (PHC) reforms. As a result, CSOs in these counties have become more visible, organized, and proactive in contributing to County Technical Working Groups and forums.



Strategic Priority 3: Capacity Development and Sustainability

In line with its commitment to strengthening the capabilities of health civil society organizations (CSOs), HENNET made significant strides in capacity development between January and August 2025. This work was guided by the understanding that a well-equipped, data-literate, and locally grounded CSO ecosystem is critical to achieving meaningful health policy reform, effective service delivery monitoring, and long-term sustainability of Universal Health Coverage (UHC) efforts.

HENNET's approach to capacity development in this period focused on four pillars: technical training, sub-granting and mentorship, coalition strengthening, and strategic use of digital platforms.



i. SMART and budget Advocacy Training

HENNET in collaboration with Bajeti Hub, conducted structured SMART and Budget Advocacy trainings across eight counties: Kisumu, Kakamega, Kitui, Kilifi, Isiolo, Baringo, Laikipia, and Nairobi. These sessions were tailored to empower CSOs and community-based organizations to effectively:



- Navigate the Public Finance Management (PFM) process
- Identify and influence entry points in the budget and policy cycle
- Develop evidence-based advocacy strategies aligned to county health priorities

The trainings equipped over 60 CSO representatives and local champions with tools for engagement in County Budget and Economic Forums (CBEFs), public participation hearings, and health sector planning meetings. Emphasis was placed on integrating community voices, especially around PHC, RMNCAH, and immunization financing.

Continuations:

ii. Sub-Granting and Technical Mentorship

To catalyze localized advocacy and deepen county-level ownership, Henet is engaging 3 NGOs in the PHC advocacy project and 5 Grassroot organisations in the immunization advocacy project.

The sub-granted CSOs were instrumental in driving budget advocacy, coordinating coalition meetings, and submitting evidence-informed memoranda to County Assemblies on key legislation and health financing priorities.

iii. RMNCAHN Champion Development

14 champions were trained on SMART Advocacy, budget tracking, and accountability tools. This effort was aimed at building a technically sound, decentralized RMNCAHN accountability movement.

Trained champions were equipped to engage with county health departments, monitor budget execution, and contribute to policy consultations. Their work supported localized advocacy on reproductive health commodities, adolescent-friendly services, and maternal health financing.

iv. Strengthening the CSO Capacity through ODSS and Social accountability

With support from Amref, Community Systems Strengthening Project, 8 Henet members and champions participated in the Organizational Development and Systems Strengthening (ODSS) training. A total of 138 Henet community champions were appointed as Community-Led Monitoring (CLM) peer mentors, with the aim of engaging them to enhance social accountability and community engagement.





Strategic Priority 4: Research and Knowledge Management

Through strategic research, real-time learning platforms, and digital resource dissemination, HENNET has embedded knowledge management into its advocacy ecosystem. Its webinar series, knowledge hub, and evidence-based tools are strengthening the voice and influence of CSOs in policy-making, service delivery monitoring, and fiscal governance

i. Evidence Generation to Inform Policy and Practice

Research and evidence generation remained central to HENNET's strategic advocacy. The organization commissioned and disseminated multiple technical analyses aimed at influencing national and county-level health priorities:

- **Immunization Landscape and Financing Analysis (2024):** Provided the foundation for sub-national financing advocacy.
- **Gavi Co-financing Case Study:** Showcased Kenya's transition readiness and fiscal risks, used in engagements with Treasury and Parliament.
- **Motion Tracker Reports:** Captured real-time progress on RMNCAHN and FP/MNCH commitments, highlighting accountability gaps and informing CSO-led advocacy at both national and county levels.

These studies were not only disseminated but actively used to inform legislative submissions, budget tracking efforts, and technical working group contributions.

ii. Webinars as Platforms for Collective Learning and Knowledge Dissemination

To amplify reach and foster continuous engagement, HENNET hosted a series of technical webinars targeting its member CSOs, policymakers, and stakeholders from the health and governance sectors. These webinars provided real-time platforms for knowledge dissemination, peer learning, and policy dialogue.

Key Webinar Highlights:

- **Understanding the Social Health Insurance Act (2023):** Focused on implications for RMNCAHN services, civil society engagement, and equity safeguards.
- In collaboration with IPF hosted a 3-series webinar on health financing.

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iii. Knowledge Translation and Advocacy Tool Development

HENNET converted complex research findings into accessible, actionable advocacy products tailored to various audiences:

- Policy briefs and memos to Parliament and county assemblies on key legislation such as the MNCH Bill and Quality of Healthcare Bill.
- Advocacy briefs contextualizing global health resolutions, such as WHA 77, for the Kenyan context.
- Digital toolkits for social media advocacy campaigns, guided members on narrative framing and evidence use.

These resources were widely disseminated through email lists, WhatsApp groups, social media, and the Digital RMNCAHN Hub.

iv. Digital RMNCAHN CAAP Hub: A National Knowledge Repository

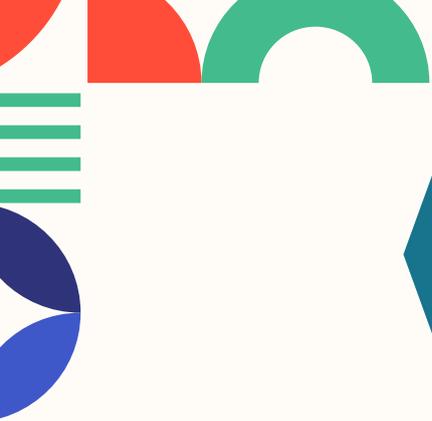
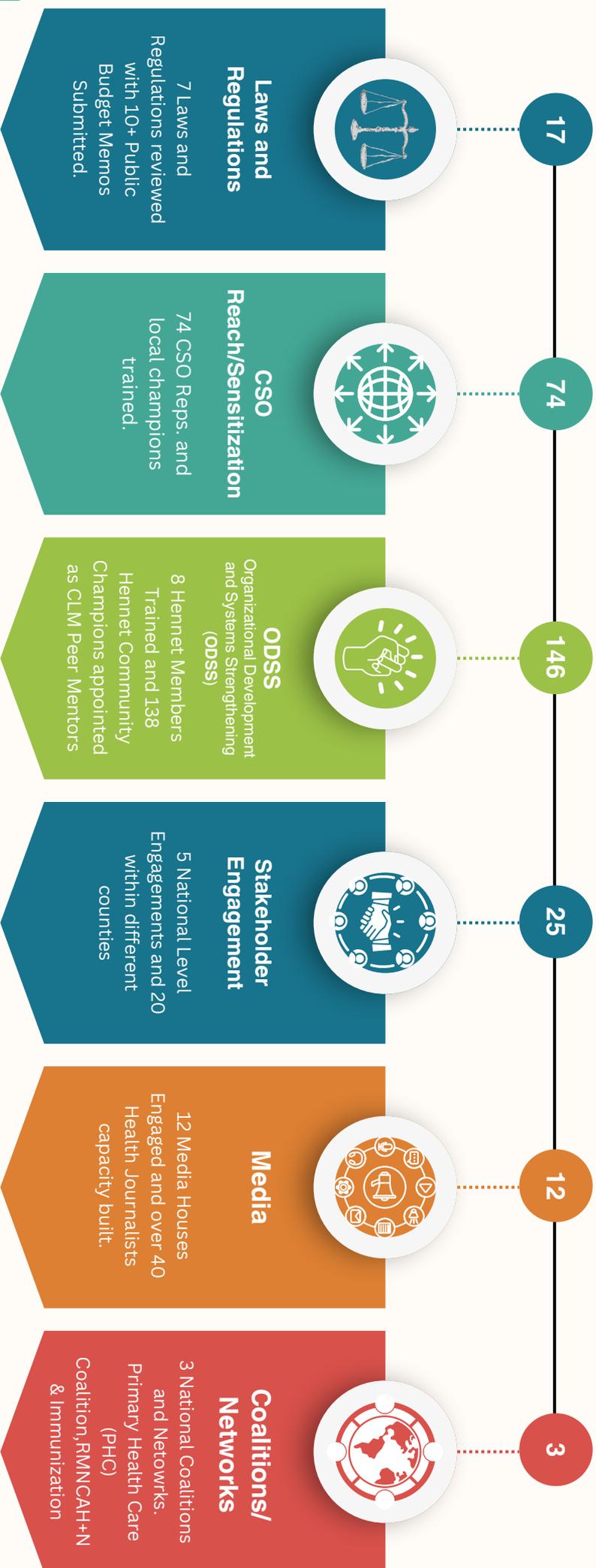
Hennet is the host of the PMNCH Digital RMNCAHN Hub continued to function as a centralized platform for storing and sharing technical content, tools, and learning materials. By August 2025:

- Membership grew to 180 active users, exceeding the initial target by 80%.
- The platform hosted over 40 resources, including trackers, budget briefs, legislation analysis, and toolkits.
- Hub analytics revealed increasing use by county CSOs for sub-national planning and advocacy.

The hub is a key infrastructure supporting continuous knowledge access and peer-to-peer learning, especially for county-based organizations operating in resource-constrained settings.



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Conclusion:

Between January and August 2025, HENNET demonstrated its strategic leadership and technical capacity in advancing health sector reforms through coordinated advocacy, capacity development, evidence generation, and inclusive stakeholder engagement. The organization's achievements across its strategic priorities, advocacy and policy influence, coalition building, capacity development, research and knowledge management, and institutional sustainability, highlight its growing relevance as a national convener and accountability hub for health in Kenya.

From spearheading civil society engagement in key policy processes like the Social Health Authority reforms, PHC regulation, and the Public Participation Bill, to enhancing county-level advocacy through SMART training, sub-granting, and coalition mobilization, HENNET has played a pivotal role in translating community priorities into policy influence and action. The organization's research outputs, digital knowledge platforms, and thematic webinars have further strengthened the capacity of member organizations to engage in evidence-based advocacy and service delivery monitoring.

HENNET's work in RMNCAHN, immunization, and PHC continues to contribute meaningfully to Kenya's Universal Health Coverage (UHC) agenda by anchoring civil society as a key player in health system accountability, equity, and financing sustainability.

Looking ahead, HENNET will deepen its investment in institutional learning, expand its partnerships, and strengthen localized advocacy to ensure sustained impact at both national and county levels. The organization remains committed to championing inclusive, data-driven, and collaborative approaches that build resilient health systems and improve health outcomes for all Kenyans.

As we enter the next phase of implementation, HENNET calls on all stakeholders, government, development partners, civil society, and communities, to continue working together to advance a common vision: a healthier, more equitable Kenya where no one is left behind

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Our work is made possible through the unwavering support of our donors and the strategic guidance of our board partner organizations. Their belief in our mission enables us to scale our impact, advance innovation, and respond to the needs of the communities we serve with excellence and integrity. These partners provide more than resources; they offer expertise, collaboration and leadership that strengthen our capacity to deliver meaningful and sustainable change. We deeply value the trust they place in us and the shared vision that anchors our work together. By recognizing their contributions, we highlight the power of partnership, accountability and collective action in driving lasting transformation.



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