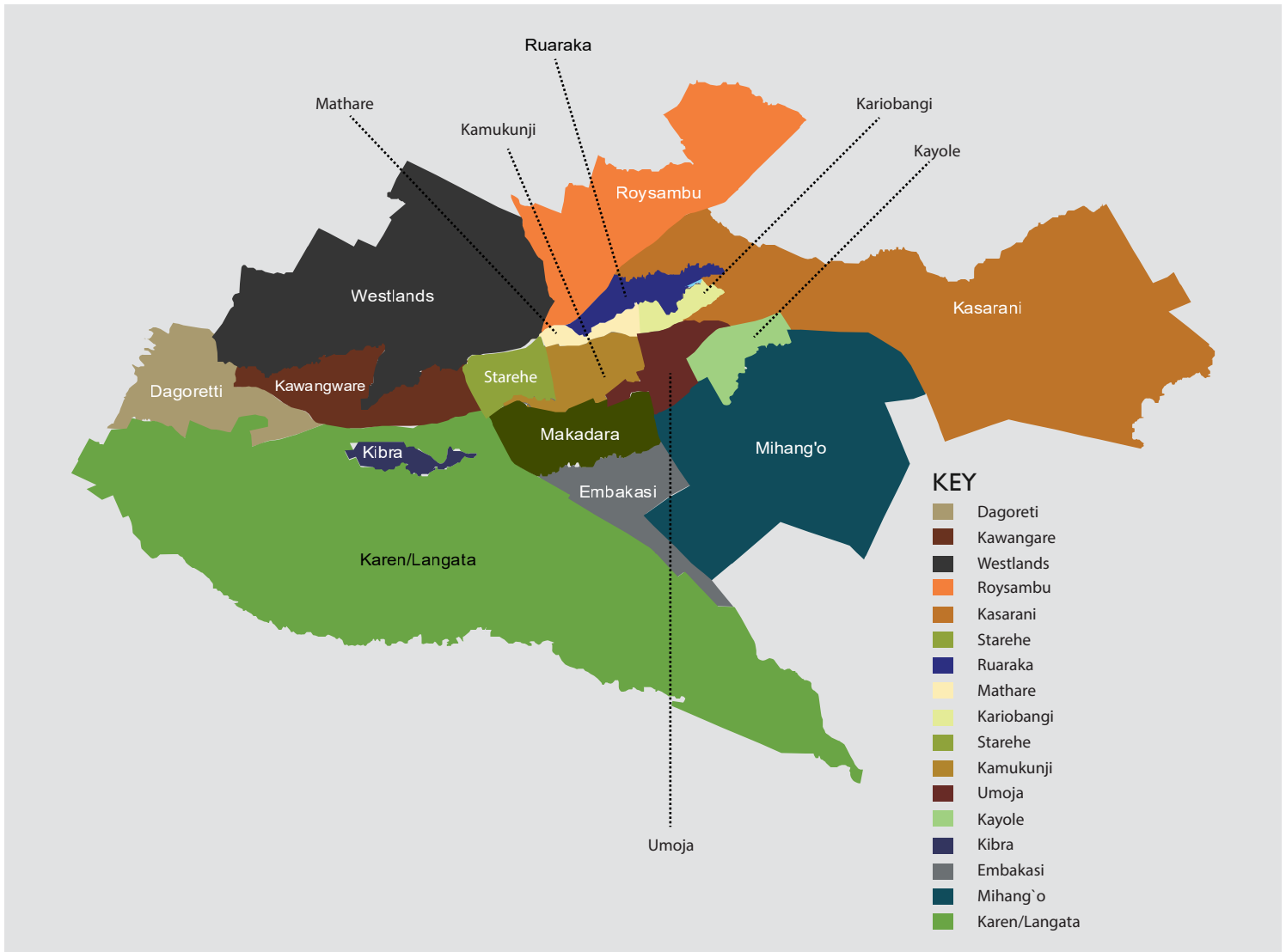




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NAIROBI COUNTY PROFILE

USAID PRIVATE SECTOR ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM

Kenya's vibrant capital and largest city, was established in 1899 as a rail depot. With over 4 million inhabitants, Nairobi is a cosmopolitan melting pot, contributing significantly to Kenya's economic landscape. The city's diverse population engages in various economic activities, including finance, commerce, manufacturing, and services, making it a key driver of the country's economy.

HEALTH STATUS

There have been notable improvements in child health and immunization coverage. The prevalence of underweight children under 5 years reduced from 7% in 2018 to 3% in 2022, and the proportion of infants 0-6 months on exclusive breastfeeding increased from 50% to 70%. Immunization coverage among children aged 12-25 months increased significantly, and delivery at health facilities also saw a notable rise. However, challenges such as irregular supply of diagnostic commodities and the impact of COVID-19 on healthcare access were observed.



CHALLENGES FACING THE PRIVATE HEALTH SECTOR

- Lack of proper coordination and engagement mechanisms between public and private facilities.
- Human resource management and retention issues.
- Inadequate financing leads to frequent shortages and mismatches of commodities.
- Nonadherence to standard reporting indicators and use of tools.
- Lack of financial support for printing reporting tools.
- Noncompliance with standard operating procedures, policies, and guidelines.
- Knowledge gaps in commodity management.
- There are uncertainties regarding Universal Health Coverage (UHC) and its implementation.

KEY AREAS OF FOCUS

- Mapping supply chain outlets and service delivery areas within the private sector, including community pharmacies and specialized clinics.
- Strengthening branding and identification codes for private pharmacies and laboratories.
- Conducting a comprehensive baseline assessment to identify gaps in private sector service provision.
- Enhancing diagnostic capacity within the Primary Care Network system.
- Building and strengthening linkages between private pharmacies/facilities and the primary care network system for service delivery and feedback mechanisms.

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