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## Kenya Civil Society Portal for Health

### *Features of the portal*

The portal includes:

1. A CSO database where CSOs register and provide information on their organisations
2. A service provider marketplace that connects CSOs with service providers to help strengthen their organisations on a variety of capacity building areas
3. A resource centre for institutional strengthening standards and materials
4. An online map enabling users to search for CSOs and service providers by county, name of organisation or technical area
5. Online forums facilitating dialogue on various issues relating to health, institutional strengthening and the CSO sector in Kenya
6. News and events relating to CSOs, institutional strengthening, and health issues in Kenya.

### *Benefits of the portal*

The portal is benefitting Kenya's health sector by:

1. Facilitating health and CSO stakeholders' engagement and dialogue on pertinent health issues leading to shared understanding, decision making and action
2. Providing easy, ready and direct access to institutional strengthening information, tools, standards and vendors/consultants leading to improved quality of institutional strengthening services and empowered CSOs in Kenya
3. Creating a forum for establishing and/or nurturing partnerships among the health and CSO stakeholders in Kenya leading to the provision of better health services for all Kenyans.

### *What is FANIKISHA?*

In recent years, the size and number of Kenyan Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) delivering community health services in Kenya has grown rapidly. Similarly, the willingness of the Government of Kenya and development partners to partner with CSO has increased exponentially. Yet, the capacity of the CSOs to effectively implement large scale community interventions has remained low. Only a handful of Kenyan organizations are counted among the top 25 that are capable of absorbing sufficient funds to implement a large-scale health programme in Kenya. Consequently, the bulk of large-scale health interventions are implemented by international nongovernmental organizations.

FANIKISHA Institutional Strengthening Project, a five-year cooperative agreement (2011-2016) funded by USAID/Kenya, aims to build the capacity of Kenyan CSOs to sustainably deliver large-scale community health programmes through technical assistance, mentored grants and stakeholder engagement. FANIKISHA is implemented by Management Sciences for Health (MSH), Pact Inc., Danya International, and Regional AIDS Training Network (RATN).

FANIKISHA is also facilitating the development, acceptance and use of CSO institutional strengthening standards in Kenya through stakeholder consultation and engagement. The quality of institutional strengthening and the level of institutional capacity achieved by CSOs will be measured against these standards to enable decision making by Government of Kenya, partners and CSOs on collaboration for funding and other purposes. The standards will also be used to design appropriate tools and approaches that meet the needs for quality institutional capacity development. They will also provide a target towards which CSOs will aspire.

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