Kenya’s Health Cabinet Secretary James Macharia visited the FHI 360-led USAID-WASHplus program stand at first national Sanitation Conference at KICC on April 1, 2014.

The cabinet Secretary was briefed by WASHplus Project Manager Evelyn Makena on activities by the national mechanism to optimize Kenya’s capacity to implement water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) interventions for disease prevention. Participants are from donors, national government and all 47 counties. Included in the agenda of the conference was launch of a national behavior change communication campaign to promote good sanitation and a commitment by counties to support efforts to achieve universal sanitation.

The conference comes just before the Cabinet Secretary travels to Washington to sign international commitment on sanitation goals.

WASHplus Project Manager Evelyn briefs Cabinet Secretary James Macharia on the concept of small doable actions to promote wash practices in communities. (Note: Factsheets on these interventions available from WASHplus)

Cabinet Secretary James Macharia reads a banner on inclusive sanitation.
Mr. Macharia admires low-cost toilet seat designed to make latrines friendlier, especially for disability, the elderly and chronically ill.

At right, he receives an information pack on the program.

Some of the visitors who visited the stand, and one of the posters on display.

Communications intern Elisha Ratemo with Elisha Ratemo with Dennis Langat and Mary Siameto of WASHplus. RIGHT: The conference banner acknowledging USAID and FHI 360 as co-sponsors.