Sociocultural barriers to effective coverage

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Coverage of OTP in Kenya, 2015 vs 2017/18

- **Mandera North**
- **Tana River**
- **Baringo-Maratit**
- **Baringo-Mogotio**
- **Baringo-East Pokot**
- **Garissa**
- **Wajir North**
- **Turkana Central**
- **Turkana South**
- **Turkana East**
- **Turkana North**
- **Turkana West**

OTP-2015 | OTP-2018 | SPHERE Standard 50%
Tanahashi Model

Determinants from supply
- Commodities
- Human resources
- Geographic access

Determinants from demand
- Initial utilization
- Continuous utilization

Determinants from quality
- Quality / effective coverage

Coverage Gap
Factors influencing access to CMAM

CMN 2013: Access for all Vol 2
1. Lack of awareness about malnutrition

- Literacy level, specially women education
- Cultural misconceptions
  - diagnosis of malnutrition as resulting from evil eye, or other causes unrelated to nutrition
  - Cultural treatment that is unrelated to nutrition management
- Poor health seeking behavior
- Alcoholism
2. High opportunity costs

- Maternal workload
  - “The production from farmlands is declining while the teeth to chew it are inclining”
- Household level decision making on resources, feeding and caring behavior
Maternal workload and seasonality

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3. Distance

- Distance in pastoralist populations
- Cost of transport
- Insecurity
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