In 2013 the MoH, KPA and KWTRP collaborated on three new systematic reviews for guideline topics where there was a considerable body of new evidence. Over 45 experts from Kenya were involved in these revisions that were observed by expert partners from Uganda, Tanzania and Rwanda.

In 2015 the MoH, KPA and KWTRP again convened pneumonia guideline panels to update recommendations in major areas of care for sick newborns. Systematic reviews were undertaken by KWTRP and MoH partners and the evidence formed the basis of discussions for 3 panels each of between 16 and 20 experts.

The Basic Paediatric Protocols (BPP) were first published in 2006 as a collaboration between the Ministry of Health, The Kenya Paediatric Association (KPA) and the KEMRI-Wellcome Trust Research Programme (KWTRP).

The first edition was produced after work to summarise available evidence on key treatment approaches that was presented and discussed in a Child Health Evidence Week attended by 40 Kenyan paediatric and neonatal experts. The work leading to the production of the BPP in 2006 also contributed to the publication of the World Health Organisation’s Pocketbook of Hospital Care for Children (first edition published in 2006).

The BPP were also developed as a central part of an in-service training package called the Emergency Triage, Assessment and Treatment plus Admission Care (ETAT+) course. The ETAT+ course has also been used in Kenya since 2006 and helps health workers implement the most up to date, evidence based care for severely ill children and newborns.

In 2010 the MoH, KPA and KWTRP collaborated again to undertake new systematic reviews that followed international best practice methods to update 11 guideline topics.

Over 60 experts from Kenya spanning MOH, universities, medical training colleges and the professional association reviewed this evidence and helped develop the 2010 consensus guidelines adopting the GRADE approach before this was firmly established in WHO.

The Ministry of Health will this year in May 2016, print 15,000 copies of the Basic Paediatric Protocols for countrywide dissemination.