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Content	<p>This paper analyses innovative ways used by the ministry of health in Kenya to mobilize the stakeholders to respond towards covid-19 pandemic. In April, 2020, the ministry of health formed a national COVID-19 pandemic response committee. The committee was composed of; ministry of health officials , corporate organizations (including banks and other financial institutions), Associations of frontline health workers (physicians, clinical officers, nurses, laboratory technologists, epidemiologists and public health officers) and the community including; local community including ;politicians, administrators, security agents , volunteers among others. The broad objective of the initiative was to raise funds to respond to for COVID-19 pandemic .The specific objectives of were to; purchase enough quality PPEs, distribute adequate PPEs, build capacity of the frontline care providers; educate the community on containment measures and provide psychosocial support to healthcare providers and patients. The project involved a technical working group and liaison teams made up of professional association members and stakeholders representatives. Results indicate that this intervention had significant positive impacts, the cost of production came down, the distribution of quality PPEs to all the 62 centers was achieved , 1545 healthcare care workers were trained , psychosocial support was offered to 295 healthcare providers. the intervention highly motivated the frontline workers leading to the current flattening of the curve. This paper discusses other multiplier effects and lessons learnt from this multi-tiered intervention and offers very pertinent suggestions on sustainability, expansion and replication of this interventional approach in other countries.</p>