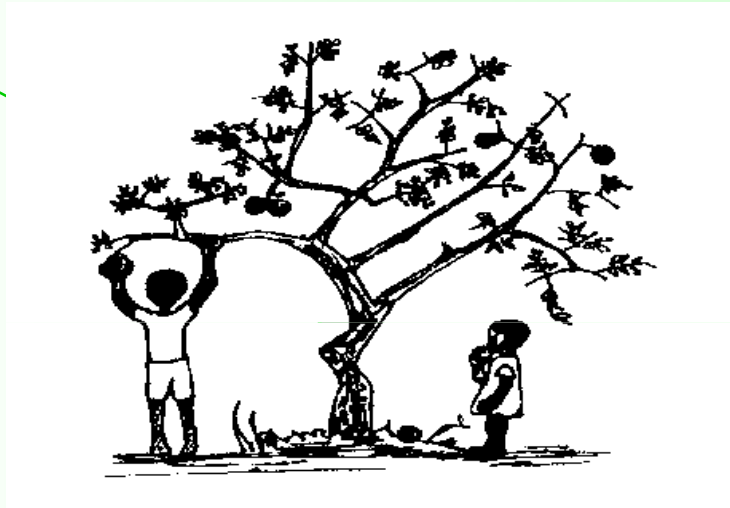


# HIV/AIDS And Children



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# FOST Vision

“All Orphans’ and Vulnerable Children’s  
rights Realised”



# Goal

To achieve sustainable care for orphaned and vulnerable children (OVC) in farm communities, through encouraging responses which emanate from the community.



# FOST Program

- The overall intention of the FOST programme is to proactively increase the capacities of the farming communities to respond to the impending orphan crisis.
- The programme is based on the belief that orphaned children have the best opportunity for development within a family setting
- FOST works with orphans and vulnerable children living in difficult circumstances in farm communities.



# HIV And AIDS in Farm Communities

- Worldwide, it is estimated that more than 15 million children under 18 have been orphaned as a result of AIDS.
- More than 12 million of these children live in Sub-Saharan Africa, where it is currently estimated that 9% of all children have lost at least one parent to AIDS.



# HIV and AIDS in Farm Communities

- By 2010, it is predicted that there will be around 15.7 million AIDS orphans in Sub-Saharan Africa.
- The AIDS situation in Farms is worse mainly due to the fact that people in farms live for today, they have no sense of planning for the future
- Orphans are more vulnerable due to lack of traditional structures, no chiefs and extended family ties.
- AIDS has increased the number of child headed households and elderly headed households in farm communities due to lack of extended families structures



# HIV and AIDS in Farm Communities

- Elderly caregivers, mostly grandparents are left with the burden of caring for the Children.
- The effects and impact of HIV and AIDS is especially felt by the very young children (0-8 years) who are dependent entirely on adults for their survival.



# Challenges faced by OVC

- Limited access to education- drop out
- Health
- Care for sick parent – esp girl child
- No clothes, stationery
- Food
- Mobility
- Social pressures- early marriages,  
employment

# Challenges - Education

- Late Enrolment at 8 yrs
- Poorly resourced schools- textbooks
- Inadequate teachers
- High mobility of teachers
- Poor infrastructure
- Quality of education
- Education for What?

# HIV and AIDS Interventions with Children

## Early Childhood HIV and AIDS



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# HIV and AIDS interventions with Children

Education  
Assistance



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# EDUCATION ASSISTANCE

- Block granting- for benefit of whole school
- Fees
- Provision of stationery, uniform
- Provision of learning resources to schools
- Provision of PSS to children

# HIV and AIDS interventions with Children

## Kids Clubs



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## Home Based Care



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# HIV and AIDS Interventions with Children

## Awareness Meetings



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# HIV&AIDS Awareness

- Done through clubs  
schools  
communities
- Life skills training

# HIV and AIDS Interventions with Children

## Psychosocial Support

- Psychosocial Support is mainstreamed in all of FOST programming.
- PSS is provided to the young people through peer support. The programme aims to raise awareness of the need and inculcate the skill of providing the desired PSS especially for younger children.
- They are trained to be a positive link between adults and children.



# Health & Nutrition

- Access to health facilities
- Education on primary health
- Education on nutrition for VYC and for family
- Nutrition Gardens at school and household levels
- School supplementary feeding

# Conclusion

The physical needs of orphans, such as nutrition and health care, can often appear to be the most urgent. But the emotional needs of children who have lost a parent should not be forgotten. Having a parent become sick and die is clearly a major trauma for any child, and may affect them for the rest of their life.



# Conclusion Cont'd

- Education assistance in isolation will not be effective
- Must therefore employ a holistic approach in interventions
- Build in measures that ensure sustainability

# Thank You



“Let Children Be Children”

A Decade of Support For Orphans  
And Vulnerable Children in  
Farm Communities

