



# Social Protection in the PEPFAR Program

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The HIV epidemic is

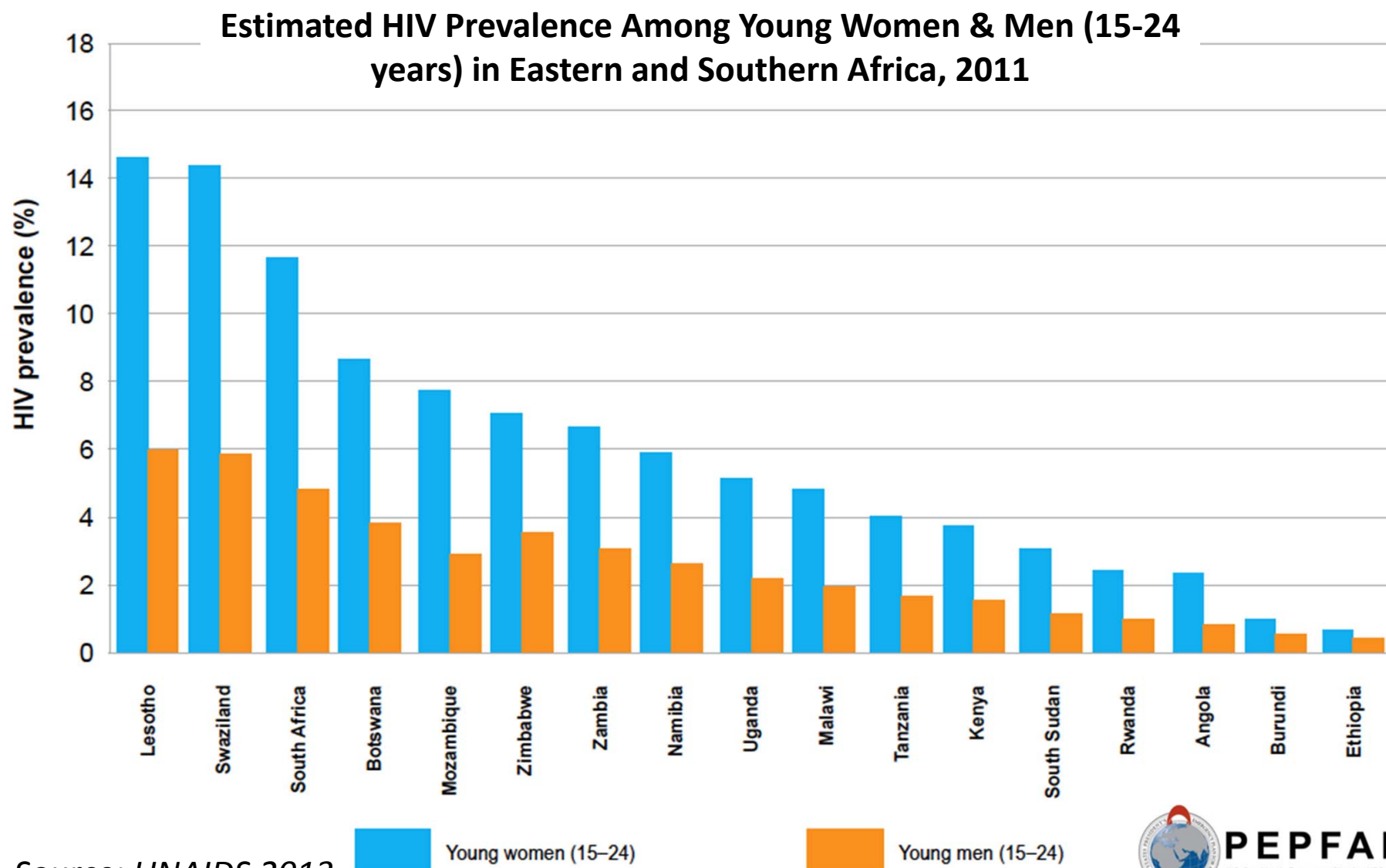
# fueled by inequalities

Poverty  
Gender Norms  
Stigma  
Discrimination

**PEPFAR embraces a range of social protection approaches with government and civil society partners to address the socioeconomic determinants and consequences of HIV:**

- Economic strengthening interventions, in particular savings groups
- Government-led cash transfer and other social welfare instruments
- Policies, laws, and regulations to protect the rights of marginalized populations

# Disparately High HIV Prevalence among Young Women Compared to Young Men





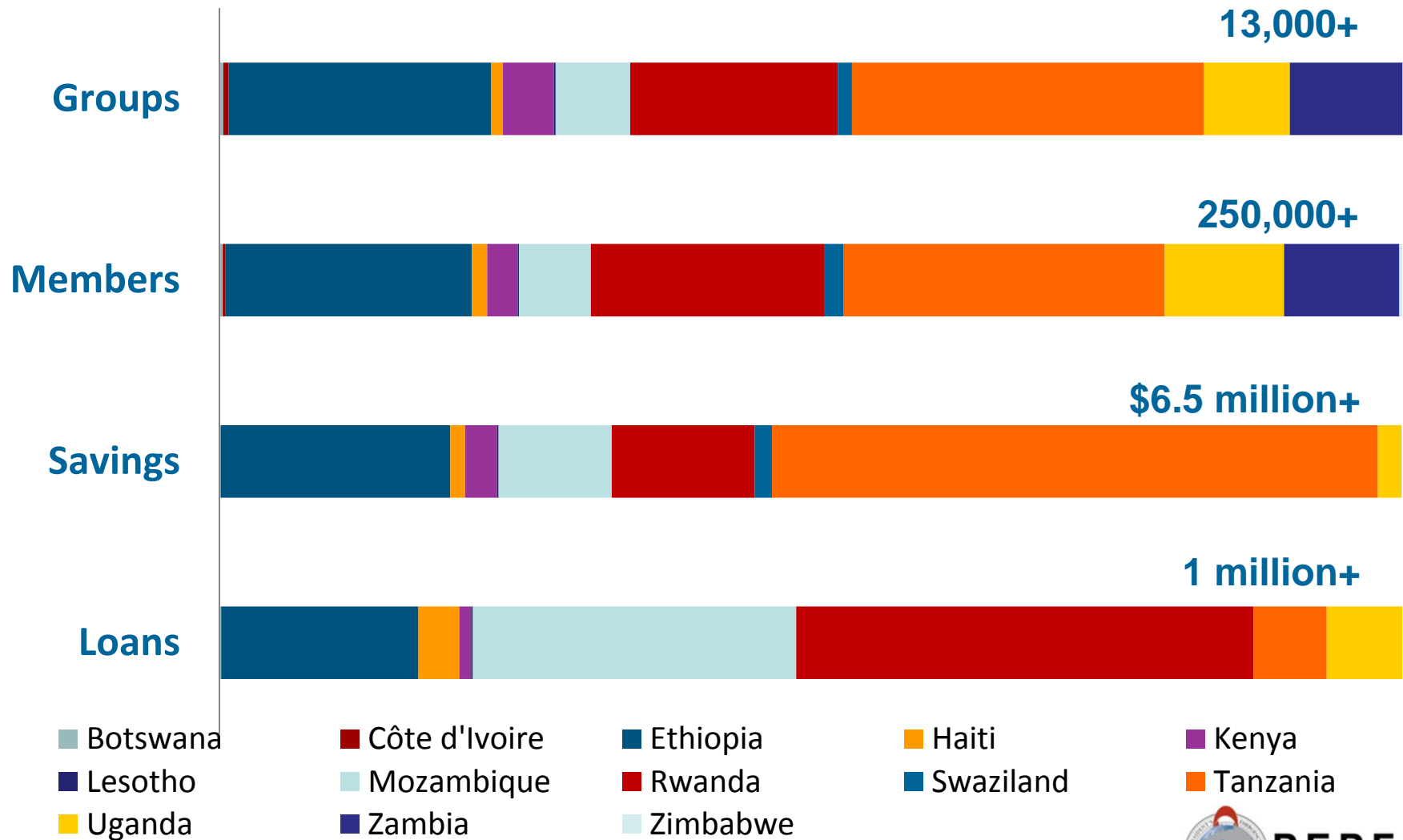
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## Savings Groups

Community-based intervention to strengthen social safety nets

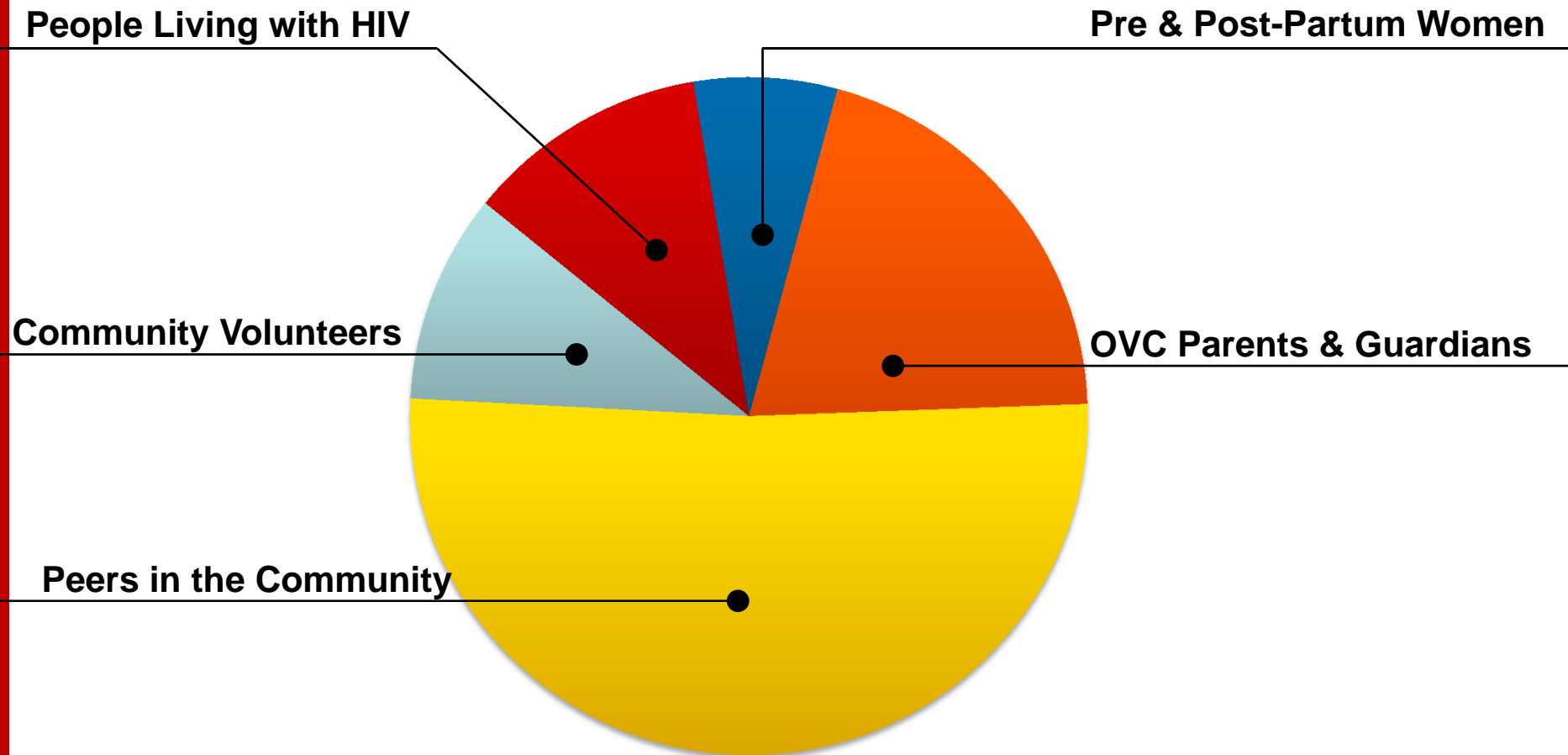


# PEPFAR OVC Investments in Savings Groups



# Diverse Participation Leads to Diverse Outcomes

## COMPOSITION OF PEPFAR-SUPPORTED SAVINGS GROUPS IN MOZAMBIQUE



# Understanding Long-Term Outcomes

PEPFAR commissioned modeling for

## Predicting Long-Term Outcomes for Children Affected by AIDS

Engaged experts using the best available science and evidence from multiple disciplines:

- Child development
- HIV and health
- Poverty and socioeconomic conditions

Will include modeled predictions by age and sex across multiple domains:

- Years of schooling lost
- Exposure to abuse
- Mental health (depression)
- Early sexual debut
- Condom use

Background papers will be published in peer-reviewed journals in the coming months

**Formal launch in September 2014  
in Washington, DC**



# Improving OVC Outcomes in Rwanda

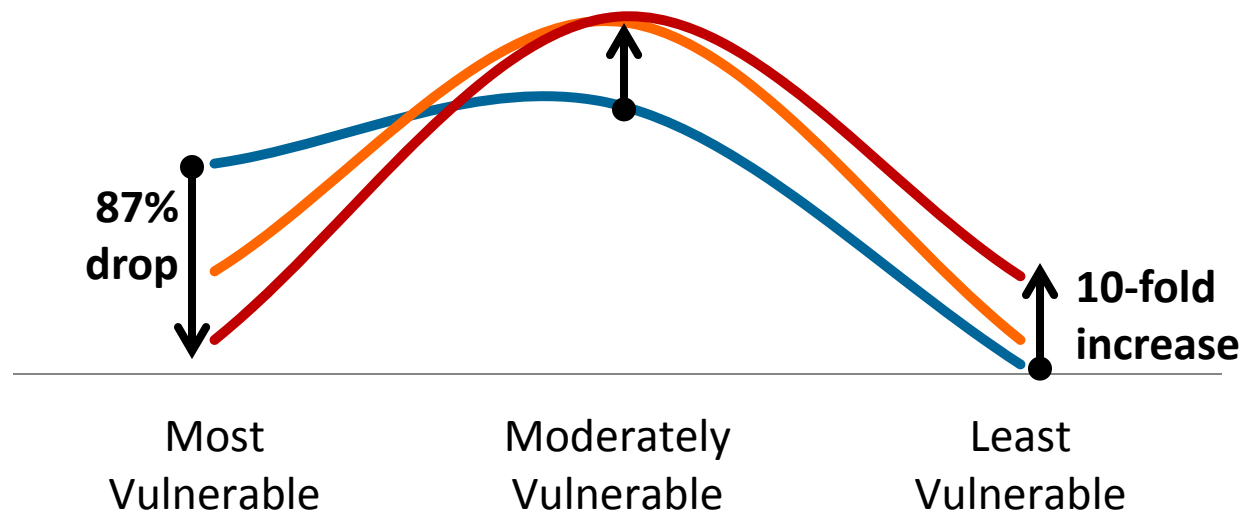
## Intervention Package

Partnership with NGOs, communities & civil society

Sequenced package of family-based interventions

- Declining education and material support
- Savings groups
- Positive parenting discussion groups

## Results for Families | Reduced socioeconomic vulnerability



## Results for Children | Improved and sustained wellbeing

- 97% enrolled in school
- 88% with health insurance
- 85% reporting increased self-confidence and self-efficacy



# Enhancing PLHIV Care and Treatment in Ethiopia

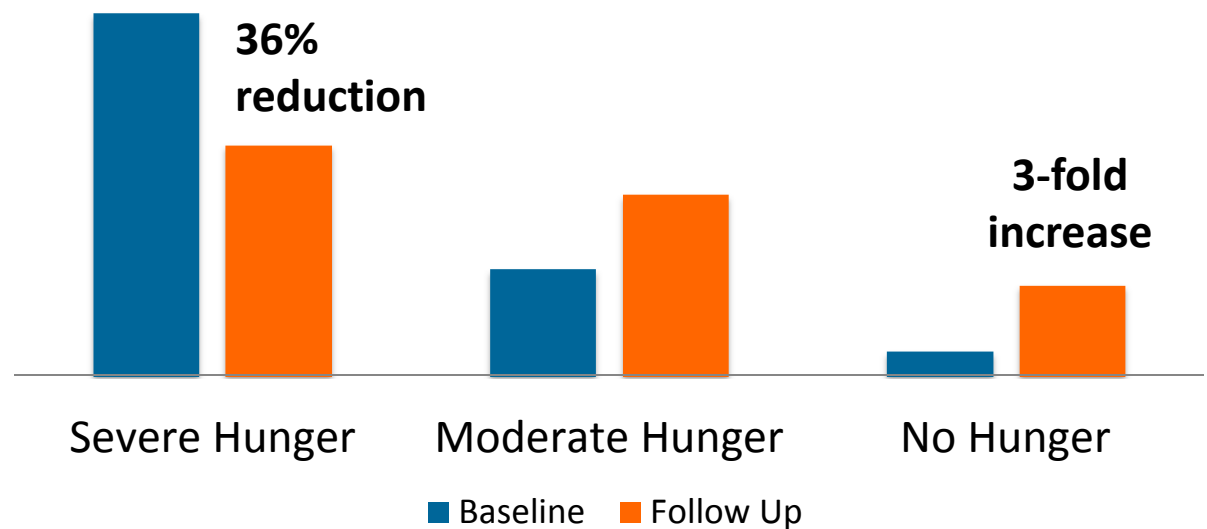
## Intervention Package

Partnership with WFP, Government of Ethiopia, and civil society

Sequenced package of interventions:

- Nutritional assessment, counseling, and support
- Savings groups
- Mentoring and peer support

## Proximal Results | Enhanced food security



## Distal Results | Improved ART adherence

- **97%** adherence among participants
- **84%** adherence among control

# Reducing Risk for Women in Côte d'Ivoire

## Intervention Package

Partnership with NGOs,  
communities & civil society

Combined package of  
economic and social  
empowerment

- Savings groups
- Couples discussion groups

4 months of exposure  
to intervention package

## Results | Large and significant reductions in risk



## Results | Large but not significant reductions in risk



## Results | Positive trends in risk reduction but not significant





A black and white photograph of a rural landscape. In the foreground, a person is seen from behind, walking along a rocky path. They are carrying a large, woven basket on their head, which is covered with a white cloth. The person is wearing a dark shirt and light-colored pants. In the background, there is a river or stream, a small building with a corrugated metal roof, and a line of trees. The sky is clear. A large, stylized number '2' is overlaid on the left side of the image.

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## Cash Transfers

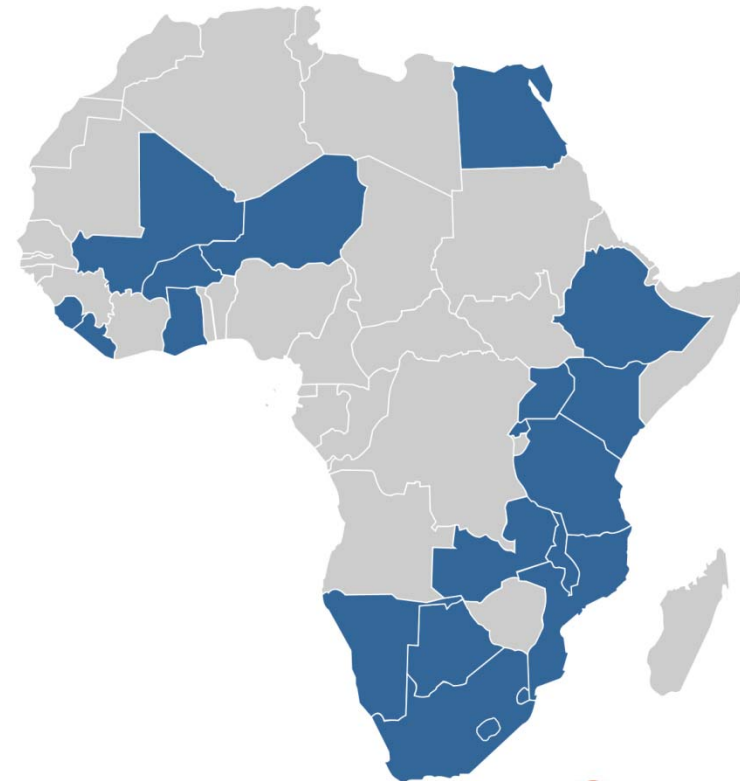
Sustaining positive outcomes for families & children



# PEPFAR Support for Cash Transfers

- Government-led programs are expanding rapidly, targeting a range of populations and outcomes
- The potential for OVC outcomes from cash transfers targeting children and the elderly are well documented
  - ➔ PEPFAR is ramping up support
- The promise of cash transfers to contribute to outcomes on care, treatment, and prevention is emerging
  - ➔ PEPFAR is watching with interest

Scaled Up Cash Transfer Programs in Africa  
Global Savings and Social Protection Database  
New America Foundation • 2012





# Scaling and Sustaining Outcomes for Children and Adolescents with Cash Transfers

## Global

- OVC Programs helping beneficiaries to enroll in cash transfers for which they are eligible
- Supporting training for PEPFAR staff and their government counterparts to improve collaboration and coordination on HIV-sensitive social protection in their respective countries

## Mozambique

- OVC Programs providing specialized training on social protection to government officials from multiple ministries, including Ministry of Finance, to improve efficiency, financing, and effectiveness of cash transfers
- Rapidly expanding the Basic Social Subsidy for waitlisted OVC families, transitioning to full government financing over 3 years

## Tanzania and Kenya

- Assisting the Productive Social Safety Net (Tanzania) and OVC Cash Transfer (Kenya) to integrate “livelihoods enhancement” and other complementary interventions from PEPFAR’s experience to support OVC and other families on a “graduation” pathway

## South Africa

- Piloting, evaluating, and scaling up evidence-based interventions to facilitate adolescent transition from the Child Support Grant to adulthood



# THANK YOU