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


Source: UNAIDS 2013
Savings Groups
Community-based intervention to strengthen social safety nets
PEPFAR OVC Investments in Savings Groups

Groups: 13,000+
Members: 250,000+
Savings: $6.5 million+
Loans: 1 million+

- Botswana
- Côte d'Ivoire
- Ethiopia
- Haiti
- Kenya
- Lesotho
- Mozambique
- Rwanda
- Swaziland
- Uganda
- Zambia
- Zimbabwe
- Tanzania
Diverse Participation Leads to Diverse Outcomes

COMPOSITION OF PEPFAR-SUPPORTED SAVINGS GROUPS IN MOZAMBIQUE

- People Living with HIV
- Community Volunteers
- OVC Parents & Guardians
- Peers in the Community
- Pre & Post-Partum Women
Understanding Long-Term Outcomes

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

- **87% drop**
- **10-fold increase**

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**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

- 36% reduction in Severe Hunger
- 3-fold increase in No Hunger

**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

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**PEPFAR**

U.S. President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief
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