

**From**  
**Care and Support**  
**To**  
**Integral Human Development**

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# OVC Opportunity

**From :** OVC Care and Support

**Toward :** OVC Integral Human Development (IHD)



# OBJECTIVES

1. To review the 6 country OVC PEPFAR centrally funded program via the IHD lens
2. To share some of the key OVC program evaluation results
3. To describe innovative program activities and strategies .

# Program Background

- Centrally funded PEPFAR community-based program for 111,306 OVC
- Geographic sites : Botswana, Kenya , Tanzania, Rwanda , Zambia and Haiti
- Primary partner Catholic Church except Haiti
- Launched in 2004; 5-country evaluation 2007

# OVC Program Evaluation

- 3 Study populations: OVC 7-12 years, OVC 13-17 and their guardians
- 225 beneficiary interviews/age group/ country
- Control samples in Rwanda and Tanzania
- Random selection from households/institutions using the probability proportional to size approach.

# Vulnerability Study

Using 4 vulnerability variables we analyzed CRS program impact on OVC outcomes in 6 domains

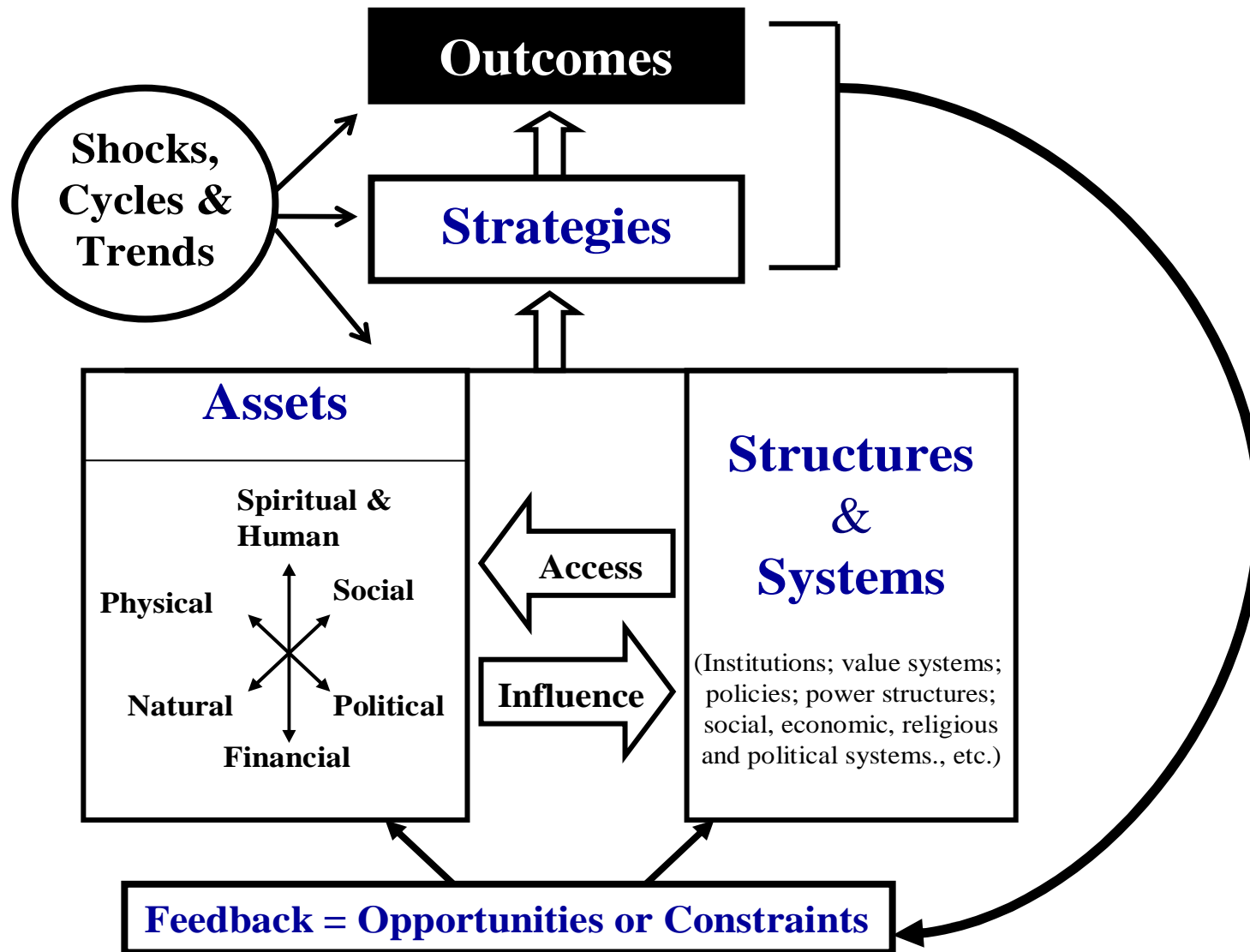
## Variable:

- gender,
- guardianship,
- orphan status (parental mortality), and
- household socioeconomic status

## Outcome:

- education,
- health,
- nutrition,
- HIV Prevention
- religiosity, and
- overall quality of life.

# CRS Framework for Integral Human Development (IHD)



# Shock & Ripples

Infants w/o  
nurturing parents

Youth entering adult-  
hood w/o guidance

**HIV**

Grief

Hopelessness

Increase HIV  
vulnerability

Decrease manpower in

Increase  
poverty

Agriculture, Health,  
Education

# Structures & Systems



## Observations:

- Increase volunteer retention
- Resources and Advocacy
- OVC participation
- Sustainability via diocese integration

## Requirements & Challenges:

- Partner Training
- Requires coordination mechanism with dioceses
- Requires diocese that understands the meaning of being ‘light & life’ to their communities



# Parish Coordination Committee

## Strategy:

- Increase training and scale up

# Political Assets

## Key Observations:

- Collaboration with the district OVC committee
- Ineffective National OVC Plans
- Property inheritance.

## Evaluation results:

- 35% believe inheritance theft common.
- 21% personal experience
- 30%-8% OVC reported wills were written
- 93%-78% OVC reported wills were honored

# Political Assets

## Strategies :

- Increase community awareness
- Train guardians and OVC on rights and Will process
- Train paralegals that can assist with Will writing

# Social Assets

## Key Observations:

- Psychosocial support routine visits
- Grieving workshops
- 51% OVC receive life skills education

## Evaluation Results:

- Sexual activity less common in assisted compared with controls. EX: Rwanda 92% vs. 73%
- Correct knowledge on HIV prevention ranged from 2%-61%

# Social Assets

## Strategies:

- Expose all OVC to values-based life skills education with “B” messages.
- Create enabling communities with *In-Charge & We Stop AIDS*

# Human Asset : Health

## Key Observations:

- 29,000 OVC fully insured
- 2 Health Insurance Models:
  - Agreement with local health facility (Kenya & Zambia)
  - Enrollment in national insurance plan (Rwanda)

## Evaluation Results:

- Access to care Tanzania and Rwanda better than controls
- Ability to attain treatment: Kenya (92%), Zambia (88%) & Rwanda(53%)

## Strategies:

- Increasing access via patient education & beneficiary ID cards

# Spiritual Assets

## Key Observations:

- “spiritual aspects of people's lives is of essential importance and can affect their will and drive to act” (United Nations, Sustainable Livelihoods),
- Minimum to no spiritual discussion in many youth life skills curricula surveyed in Africa .

## Evaluation Results :

- Over 90% OVC and guardians stated that “faith in God helps me”.
- OVC that attended religious services regularly :
  - more likely to be enrolled in school\*, less likely to be absent, much more likely to pass their end of term exams\*.

# Spiritual Assets

## Strategy:

- Offer spiritual content in life skills curricula
- Monitor spiritual wellness via CRS Well Being tool
- Advocate for a spiritual wellness domain in the USAID **Child Status Index**



# Human Asset: Education

## Key Observations:

- 52,505 in schools or vocational training
- School grants
- Aging population of older OVC will require more costly higher education

## Evaluation Results:

- 92% OVC in schools are assisted
- Pass rates 75%
- Fees and household labor generally the most constraining factors
- No consistent vulnerability correlations

# Human Asset: Education

## Strategy:

- Analysis of community specific obstructions to education, coupled with community driven responses.
- PEPFAR 2 advocacy around more funding for secondary education

## Physical Assets : Nutrition

### Key Observations:

- Interventions:  
(Goat Fairs, Seed Markets,  
Youth Farmers  
,Emergency food,  
Economic strengthening )
- OVC will be become more vulnerable as global food crisis intensifies.

### Evaluation Results :

- Haiti targets all OVC and 96% reported having enough to eat.
- Zambia no food programs and 6% always had enough to eat.
- Strategic targeting OVC in Tanzania and Rwanda yield same results as blanketed food distribution in Kenya (32%)

## Strategies:

- Sharpen the targeting tools
- Closer collaboration with CRS Agriculture & Microfinance

# OUTCOMES

- 111,306 OVC with a sense of promise and purpose
- CRS Faith Partners with new vision and increased technical competence
- Transformed Communities
- National development enhanced through **integral human development** of the nation's Orphans and Vulnerable Children.