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Children Made Vulnerable by HIV and AIDS

A Look Back from Where We've Come

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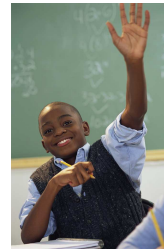
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Participation

1. If you were there, raise your hand.



2. If you read it, raise your hand.



3. Time permitting, we'll add items after the presentation.



STEPS	TRENDS and FIRSTS
<p><i>Mid to late 1970s</i> Previously unknown disease emerges in Africa and other continents.</p> <p><i>1981</i> CDC reports first cases in New York and Los Angeles.</p> <p><i>1982</i> CDC names the disease acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS).</p> <p><i>1984</i> Human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) is identified</p> <p><i>1987</i> Randy Shilts' book, <i>And the Band Played On</i></p>	<p>Awareness of the disease</p> <p>Overview of the politics and people related to HIV and AIDS</p>

Late 1980s

Programs for children orphaned by AIDS are developed in Rakai and Masaka Districts in Uganda and the Kagera Region of Tanzania.

Initial programming

1988

Six papers on orphans in Africa are presented at the Global AIDS Conference in London

Increasing scientific attention to orphaning

1989

First survey of orphan prevalence in Uganda (Save the Children UK and the Uganda Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs)

Clarifying the scale of orphaning due to AIDS

1990

The Uganda Community-Based Association for Child Welfare (UCOBAC), a consortium of organizations and government departments organized by UNICEF

Susan Hunter publishes “Orphans as a Window on the AIDS Epidemic in Sub-Saharan Africa: Initial Results and Implications of a Study in Uganda” published *Social Science and Medicine*

Elizabeth Preble publishes “Women, Children, and AIDS in Africa: An Impending Disaster,” *New York University Journal of International Law and Politics*, with a global estimate of orphaning.

Emphasis on information exchange, collaboration and capacity building

Increasing international attention

1991

The first international consultation on orphaning due to AIDS convened by UNICEF in Florence with representatives from Africa and the international community

USAID/DCOF sends a team in August and issues a report, “Managing Uganda’s Orphans Crisis,” endorsing the fundamental importance of strengthening family and community capacities to care for their orphaned children as a primary response

In the United States, representatives of NGOs, DCOF, and the World Bank form the AIDS Orphans Task Force – CRS representative, Sister Ann Duggan

International exchange on programming begins

First official response of the US Government

Increasing international recognition of grassroots community responses to orphans

Information exchange, collaboration, and advocacy among US NGOs

1992

A national conference on orphaning due to AIDS is held in Kampala, Uganda, sponsored by the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs and USAID

USAID/DCOF supports programming for orphans in Uganda

The Government of Malawi's Task Force on Orphans issues a policy statement on orphans.

Martha Ainsworth and A.A. Rwegarulira of the World Bank publish *Coping with the AIDS Epidemic in Tanzania: Survivor Assistance*

David Michaels and Carol Levine of the Orphan Project publish "Orphans of the HIV Epidemic: Unmet Needs in Six U.S. Cities," in *JAMA*

First national conference on the issue

First US Gov't funding

First national policy statement on the issue

First longitudinal findings on economic impacts on families

First estimate on orphaning due to AIDS in the US

1994

The Lusaka Declaration is adopted at an international workshop in Zambia, stressing the magnitude of the problem, the limited role of institutional care, the need for material and financial support for affected families, survival skills and vocational training and the right to basic education.

WHO and UNICEF jointly publish *Action for Children Affected by AIDS: Program Profiles and Lessons Learned*,

First major international review of the issue

1995

The Thai Red Cross Society and the East-West Center publish a situation analysis of the impact of HIV/AIDS on children in Thailand

First analysis of children affected by AIDS in Asia and the Pacific

1997

USAID publishes *Children on the Brink: Strategies to Support Children Isolated by HIV/AIDS* written by Susan Hunter and John Williamson.

USAID, UNICEF, and other donors begin to meet at the international level to exchange information and collaborate in response to orphaning.

1998

The CINDI network in KwaZulu-Natal organizes the conference, "Raising the Orphan Generation," in Pietermaritzburg

First multi-country (23) estimates of orphaning and the first version of strategies for intervention (eventually incorporated into *The Framework* 2004)

First African regional conference on orphans

Increasing attention to children made vulnerable by AIDS in addition to orphans

<p>President Bill Clinton announces an expanded initiative to address impacts of AIDS on children</p>	<p>Increasing US Gov't commitment</p>
<p>1999</p> <p>The first national situation analysis of orphans and vulnerable children in Africa is carried out in Zambia with support from UNICEF, USAID, the World Bank, and SIDA</p> <p>2000</p> <p>At the 13th International AIDS Conference in Durban a special track on orphans and vulnerable children is included</p> <p><i>Children on the Brink 2000</i>, with revised estimates of the number of orphans in 34 countries, is published by USAID.</p>	<p>Started a trend of country situation analyses in Africa</p>

2000 –2006

The Children Affected by AIDS (CABA) listserv linked practitioners globally

First listserv linking practitioners internationally and across agencies

2001

In June the UN General Assembly Special Session (UNGASS) establishes specific goals for children orphaned and made vulnerable by HIV/AIDS

First international goals

The Orphans and Vulnerable Children Task Force is initiated

Increasing attention to the psychosocial impacts on children affected by HIV and AIDS

2002

The Global Fund is established

USAID, UNICEF, and UNAIDS publish *Children on the Brink 2002* with estimates of orphaning in 88 countries and 12 Principles for Programming.

Western and central African regional workshop with delegations from 21 countries meets in Yamoussoukro, Côte d'Ivoire.

Eastern and southern African delegations from 20 countries meet in Windhoek, Namibia – assess progress toward meeting the UNGASS goals.

A situation analysis concerning orphans and vulnerable children carried out in Jamaica

International pooled funding for HIV/AIDS, TB, and malaria

Ended competing estimates of orphaning

First workshop on orphans and other vulnerable children in that region

Delegations at both workshops prepare country action plans

First in the Caribbean region

2003

President Bush announces the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), legislation passes, and the Office of the Global AIDS Coordinator established.

The Global Partners Forum for Orphaned and Other Children Made Vulnerable by HIV/AIDS is convened in Geneva and an initial draft of a global framework for action is endorsed

The Global Network for Better Care is initiated (in 2005 renamed the Better Care Network).

10% earmark for orphans and vulnerable children

Partly in response to the proliferation of institutional care

2004

The Framework for the Protection, Care, and Support of Orphans and Vulnerable Children Living in a World with HIV and AIDS is published with the endorsement of 23 international organizations and NGOs

The Rapid Assessment, Analysis and Action Planning (RAAAP) process is carried out in 17 countries in sub-Saharan Africa to produce national plans of action for orphans and vulnerable children.

2005

Orphans and Vulnerable Children Act (PL 109-95) passes

Global consensus document with five key strategies

Accelerated national planning

Mandates coordination among US Gov't agencies

2007

UNICEF publishes *Enhanced Protection for Children Affected by AIDS*

Increasing attention among European donors and African governments to cash transfers as a as a fundamental response to vulnerable children and families