Millions of children are out of the reach of HIV testing, treatment, and care services. They are too poor, too stigmatized, too emotionally or mentally distressed, or too far away to access or benefit from the HIV response. Social protection is an important tool for bridging this gap. However, there is little evidence on how it can be effectively combined with medical support to improve HIV outcomes in vulnerable children and adolescents.

In an effort to help gather much-needed evidence—and encourage investment in smart solutions—the Coalition for Children Affected by AIDS and ViiV Healthcare’s Positive Action launched the Reaching All Children Challenge. The Challenge asked respondents to show evidence-based interventions demonstrating how social protection improves HIV testing, treatment and care for children and adolescents in low and middle-income countries. The eight winners—highlighted in the following pages—provided compelling evidence of programs that work.
Winners of the
Reaching All Children Challenge

Africaid Zvandiri
Harare, Zimbabwe

Improving access to treatment amongst adolescents living with HIV by using peer supporters to provide counselling and referrals for broader social protection.

Brewin Foundation
Zigoti, Uganda

Helping children and adolescents to access and stay on treatment by combining medical and livelihoods support to their caregivers.

Supporting an HIV-positive child or adolescent can be very challenging for a family. The caregivers—who are mainly grandparents and women—not only need to ensure kids take their medications and attend medical appointments, but they are often dealing with stigma from the community as well.

-Nambaziira Winnie, Brewin Foundation

Catholic Diocese of Ngong
Ngong, Kenya

Using a household case management system to provide families affected by HIV with a tailored combination of health, social protection, livelihood, and education support.

Center for Development and Capacity Building
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Preventing mother-to-child transmission of HIV by providing mothers with a combination of HIV, psycho-social, and income generation support.
Winners of the Reaching All Children Challenge

Cheer Up
Kiambu, Central Kenya

Combining HIV treatment, care, and support for children with household economic strengthening.

University College London
London, UK

A scientific study assessing the impact of cash-plus-nutrition on early childhood development amongst HIV-affected children in South Africa and Malawi.

The (Turkana County) region is very food insecure, and the average walk to the nearest clinic is around 50 kilometers. We were providing ARVs [antiretroviral medication] for families, but some of them were going two to three days without meals, and they couldn’t take their medicine without food.

-Rogers Simiyu, EGPAF

Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation: Bread of Life Washington, DC

Improving HIV care and treatment for children and caregivers by combining HIV with livelihood support.

YLabs
Kigali, Rwanda

Improving treatment and care of adolescents by combining HIV support with financial literacy training and cash transfers.