



# Harnessing Social Protection to Reach All Children



**Poverty, stigmatisation, emotional and mental distress and far distances continue to hinder access to HIV testing, treatment and care services for millions of children.**

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.



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*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.



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## **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**



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## **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.

## **Y Labs** *Kigali, Rwanda*

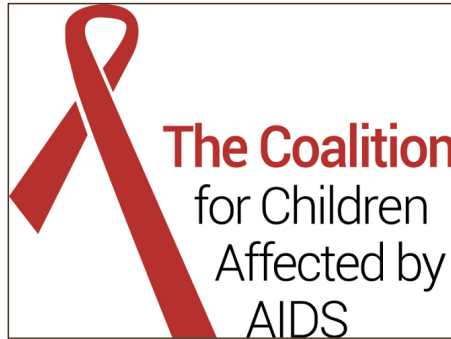
Improving treatment and care of adolescents by combining HIV support with financial literacy training and cash transfers.





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