

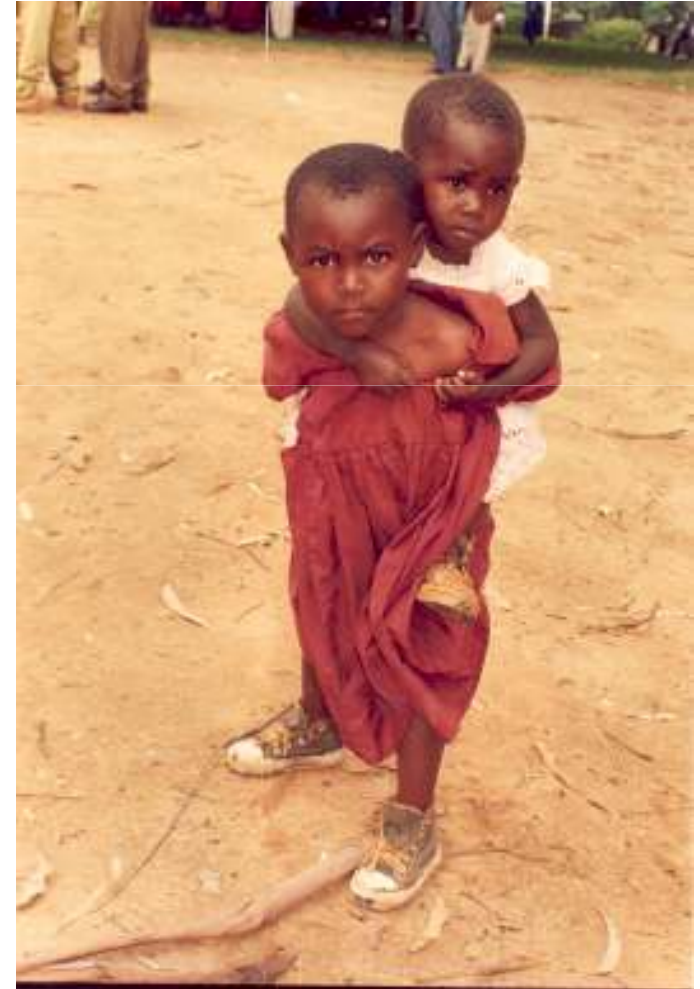
# Speak for the Child: Supporting Young Children Affected by HIV/AIDS

*Findings, efforts, impact,  
and cost*

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# Speak for the Child

- In Kenya since 2001
- Currently serving about 13,000 children
- 15,000 more by end of December
- Comprehensive programming
  - 7 PEPFAR areas and
  - HIV prevention and treatment support for children and caregivers

# Kenya



# AREAS

- **Nutrition**
- **Health**
- **Psychosocial**
- **Education**
- **Protection**
- **Livelihood**
- **Shelter**
- **HIV**

# Community Mentors

- Recruited from community
- Trained
- HH visits 3 x/mo
- Cg Support groups
- Organize commodity distributions
- Collect baseline and monthly data



# NUTRITION



# **What's on the ground?**

- **12% severely malnourished**
- **22% fed 4 times per day, even tea**
- **45% fed protein 4 times per week**
- **65% no breakfast before school**

# What are we doing about it?

- UNIMIX
- Counseling
- HH Deworming
- Seeds and training

# Nutrition Counseling

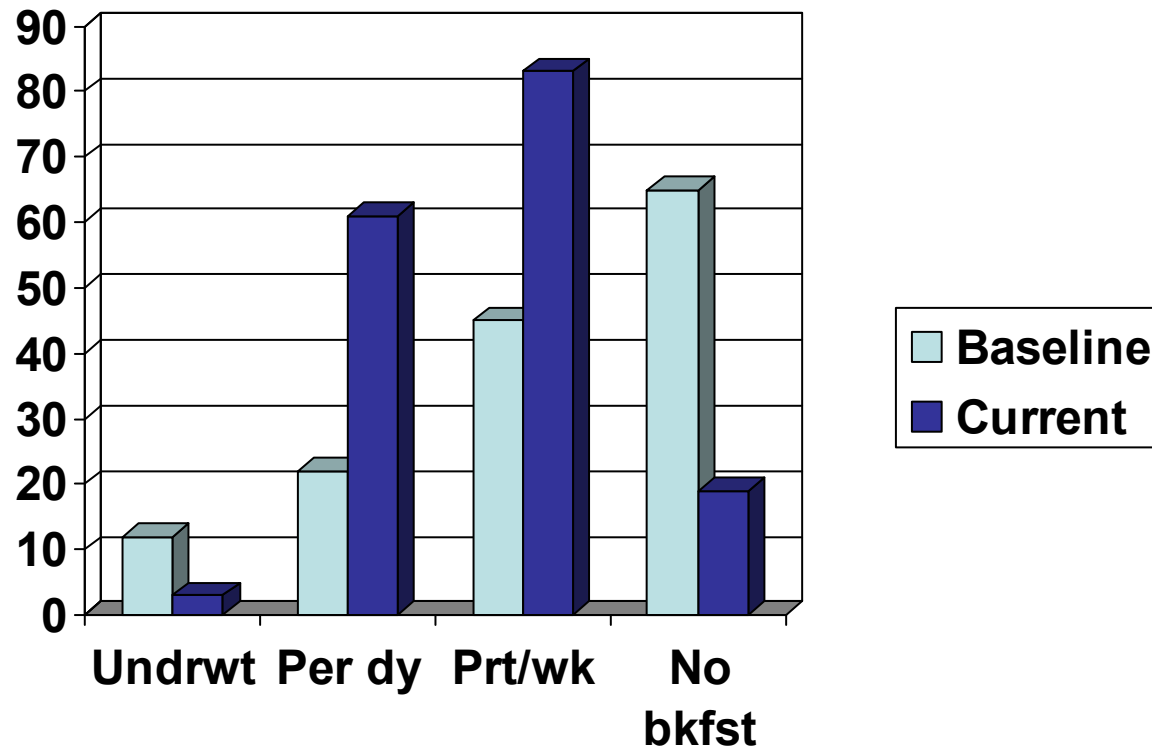
## Feeding Messages

- **Frequency of Feeding**
- **Reduce competition for food**
- **Boost nutrition with what you have**
  - **Variety**
  - **Combination**
  - **Enrichment**

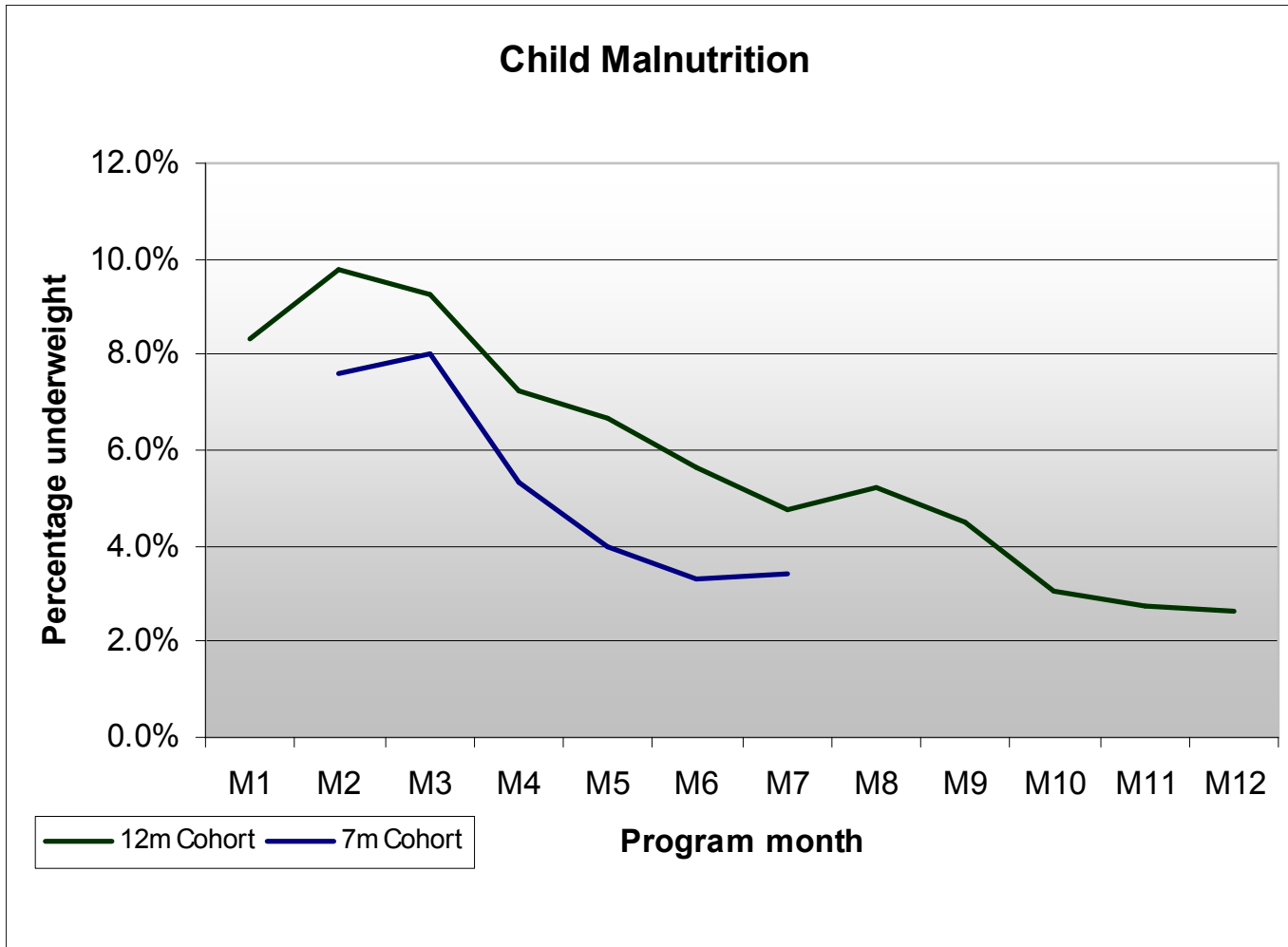
## Kitchen Gardens

- **Best plants for area**
- **Plant protein**
- **Traditional vegetables**

# How do we know there is impact?



# Malnutrition



# What are the costs?

<u>Intervention</u>	<u>Per child of 1250</u>
• UNIMIX	• \$ 0.94
• Counseling	• \$ 3.02
• Deworming	• \$ 0.10
• Seeds & training	• \$ 5.56

# HEALTH



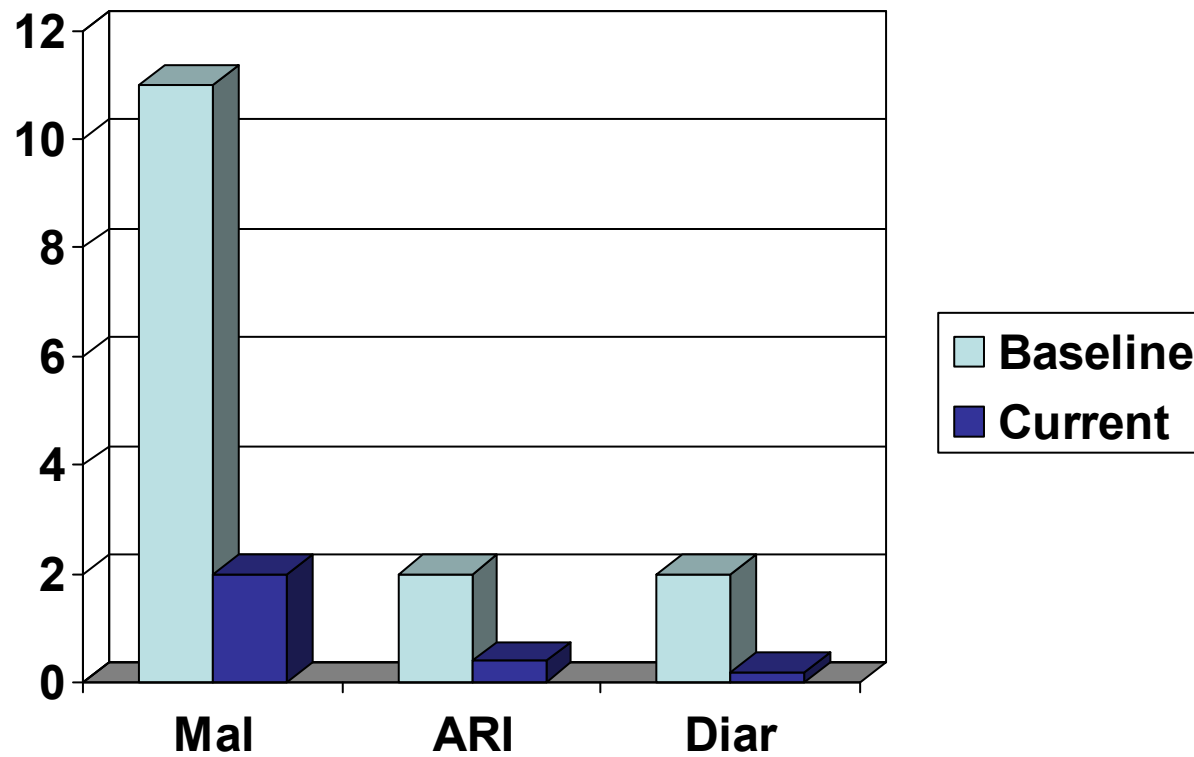
# What's on the ground?

- 23% with “serious medical problems”
- 11% with diagnosed malaria in past month
- 2% with ARI or frequent diarrhea
- 53% completed immunizations

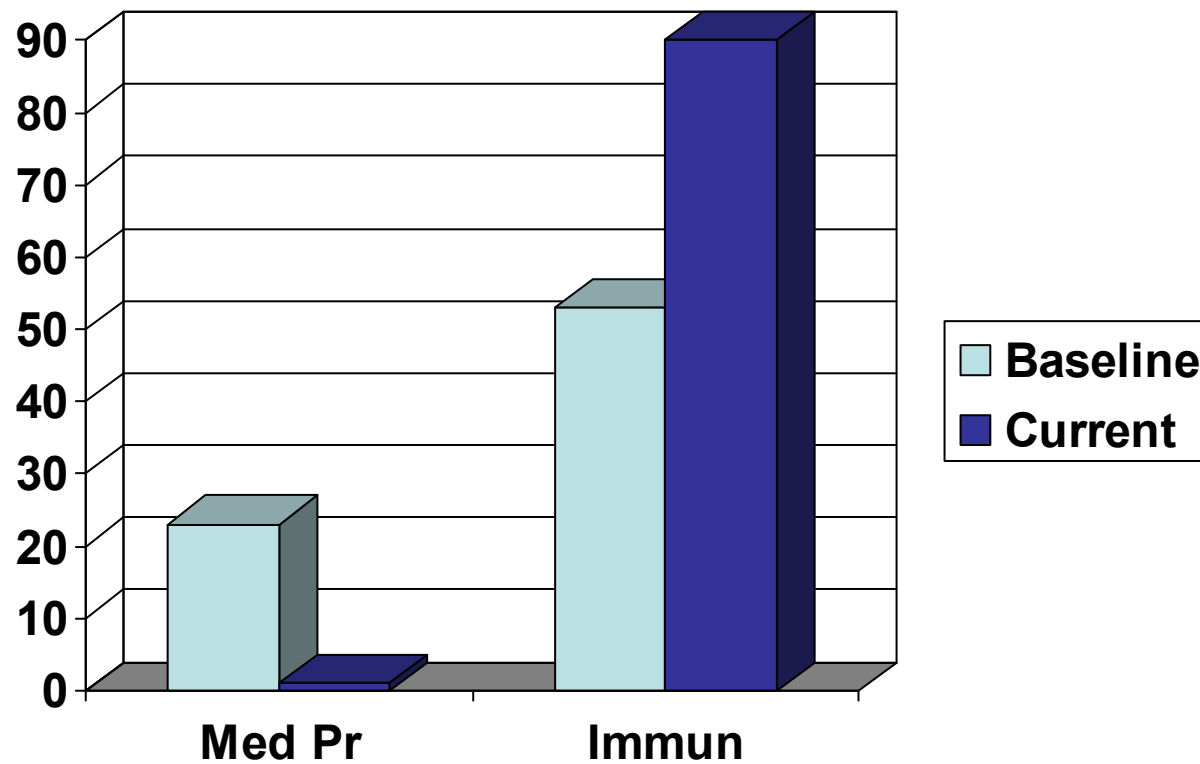
# What are we doing about it?

- LLINs and blankets
- Clinic and pharmacy vouchers
- Soap and Waterguard
- Counseling

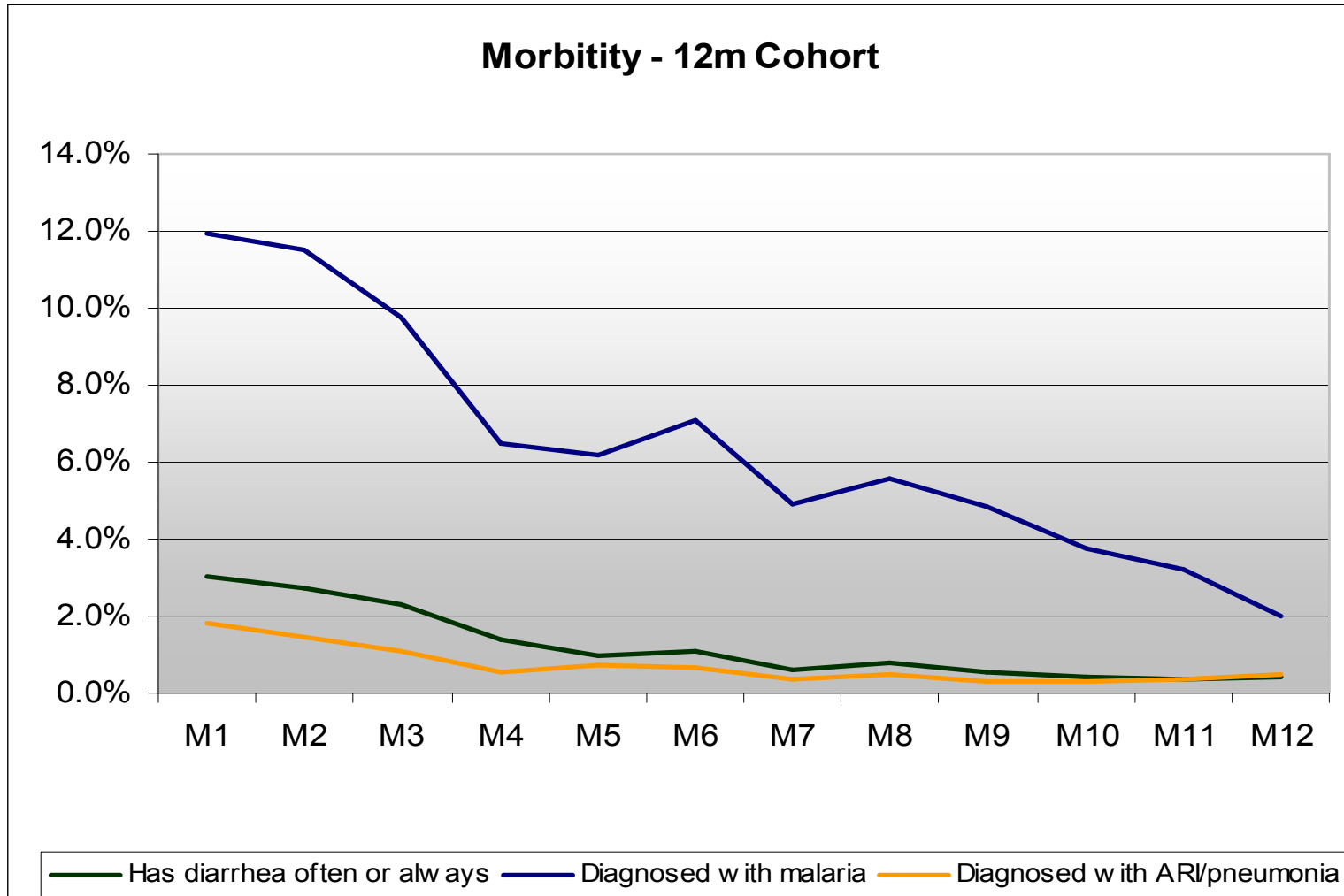
# How do we know there is impact?



# How do we know there is impact? continued



# Malaria, Pneumonia, and Diarrhea



# What are the costs?

<u>Intervention</u>	<u>Per child of 1250</u>
• <b>Clinic &amp; Pharm V</b>	• <b>\$ 5.02</b>
• <b>Counseling</b>	• <b>\$ 3.02</b>
• <b>LLINs</b>	• <b>\$ 8.00</b>
• <b>Blankets</b>	• <b>\$ 2.38</b>
• <b>Soap</b>	• <b>\$ 4.83</b>
• <b>WaterGuard</b>	• <b>\$ 1.80</b>

# PSYCHOSOCIAL



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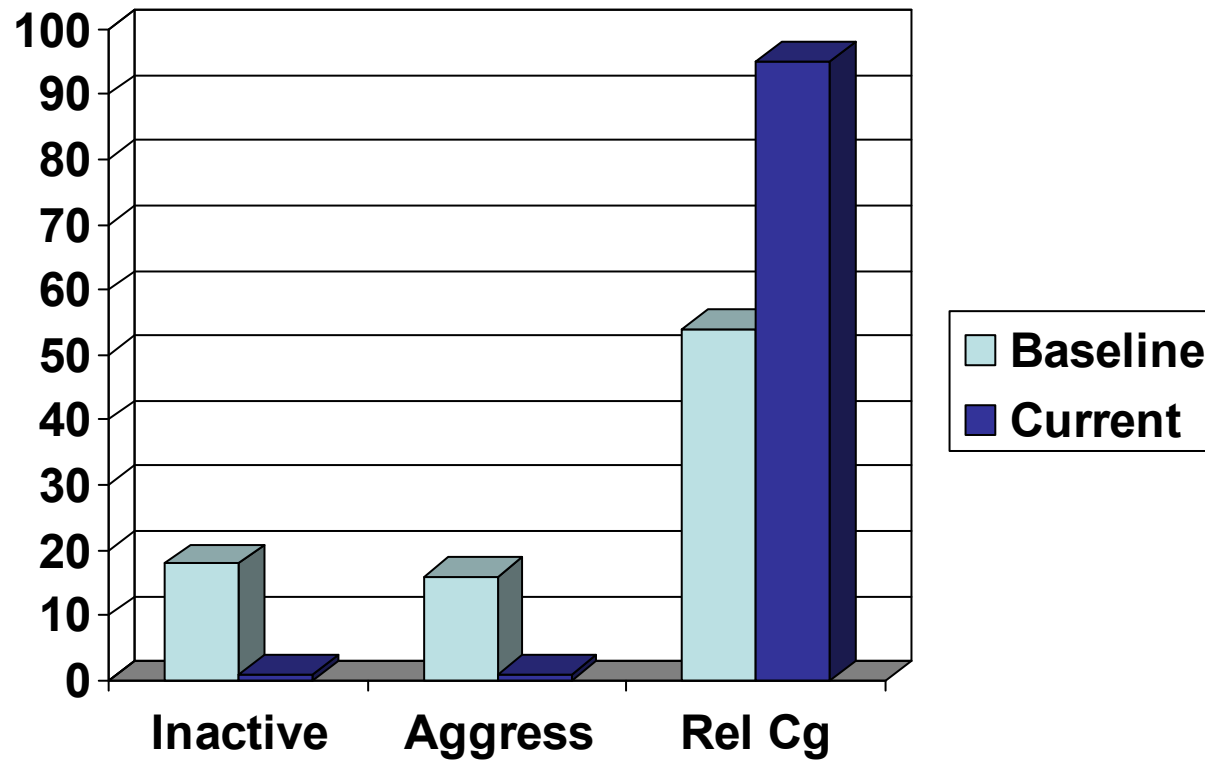
- 18% Inactive/Withdrawn
- 16% Disobedient/Aggressive
- 46% Caregiver-child relationship not usually positive

# What are we doing?

Counseling on the value of

- Talking, singing, stories, praise
- Teaching tasks and good behavior
- Positive discipline
- Telling the truth about illness and death

# How do we know there is impact?

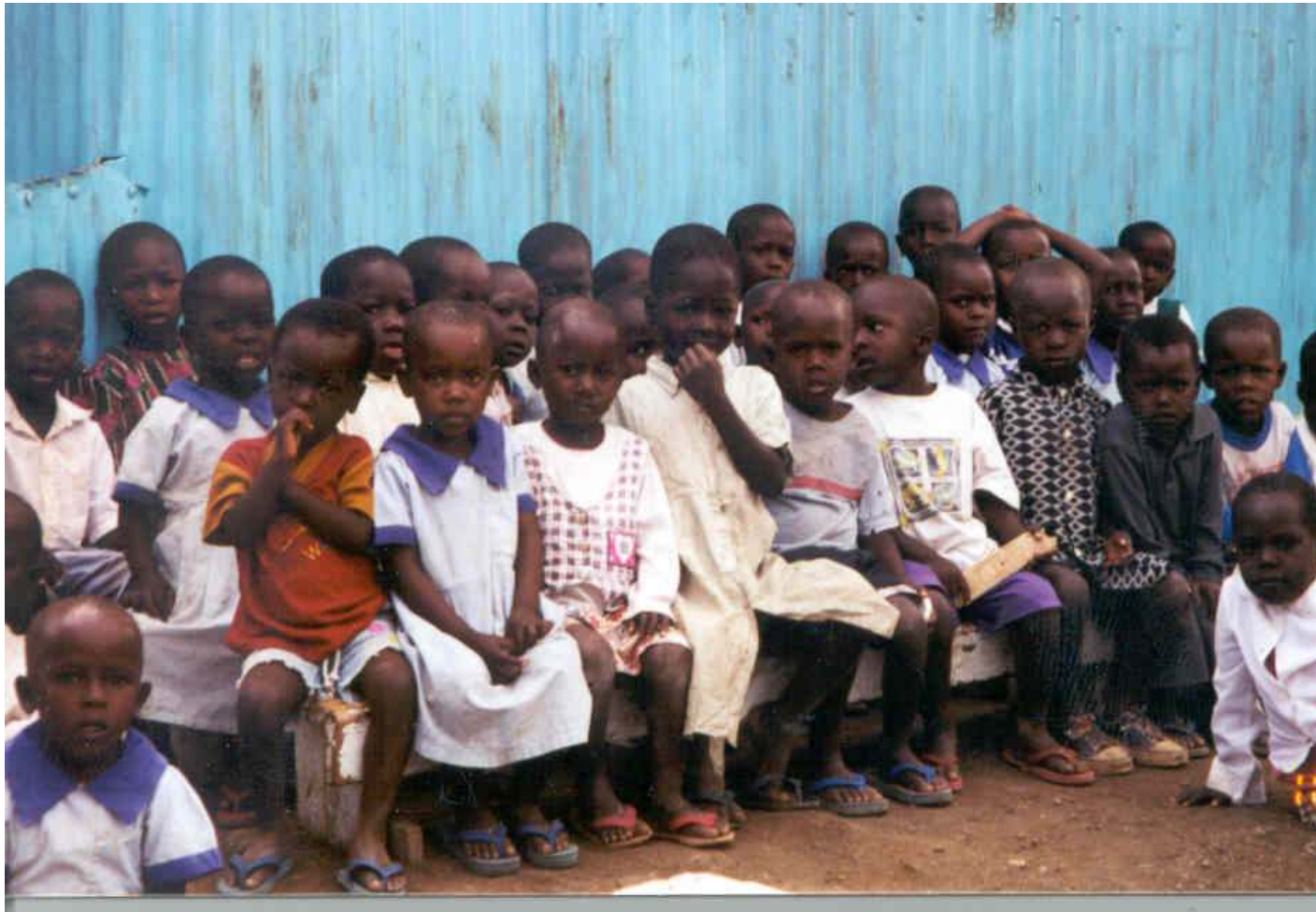


# What are the costs?

Counseling: \$3.02

Training: 0.22

# EDUCATION



# What's on the ground?

Most children are officially “enrolled”--  
83% PS; 97% school--but actually  
attending at least 3 times a week:

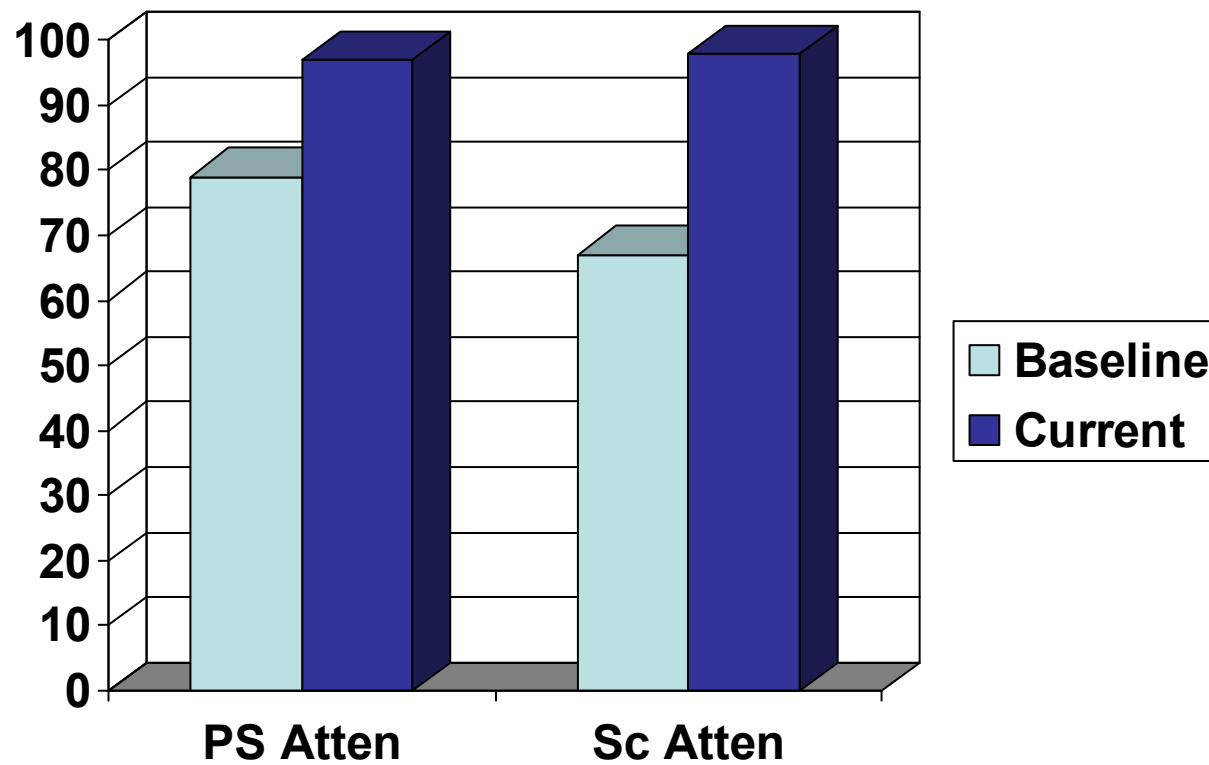
Preschool: 79%

Primary school: 67%

# What are we doing?

- Counseling on value of education and importance of breakfast before school
- Health and nutrition interventions
- Preschool fees, including snack fee

# How do we know there is impact?



# What are the costs?

<b>Counseling</b>	<b>\$ 5.71</b>
<b>Preschool fees</b>	<b>\$ 3.02</b>

# PROTECTION



# What's on the ground?

- Theft of land, housing, deeds, goods
- Caregivers evicted
- Judges bribed
- Pleas ignored

# What are we doing?

## Participatory training by specialists

- First with mentors to
  - Get local stories
  - Describe the law and
  - Develop the options
- Then with local administrators to
  - Tell the stories
  - Describe the law and require a response

# **How do we know there is impact?**

- Stories of land and housing restored
- Public confessions and vows of fair judgment

# What are the costs?

- Special Protection Training: \$2.88
- Mentor counseling: \$3.02

# LIVELIHOOD



# What are we doing?

- Caregiver support groups
  - Rotating savings schemes (MGR)
  - Help prepare and plant fields as a group
  - Plan and train for group IGA
- Seeds
- Start up IGA commodities, e.g. goats

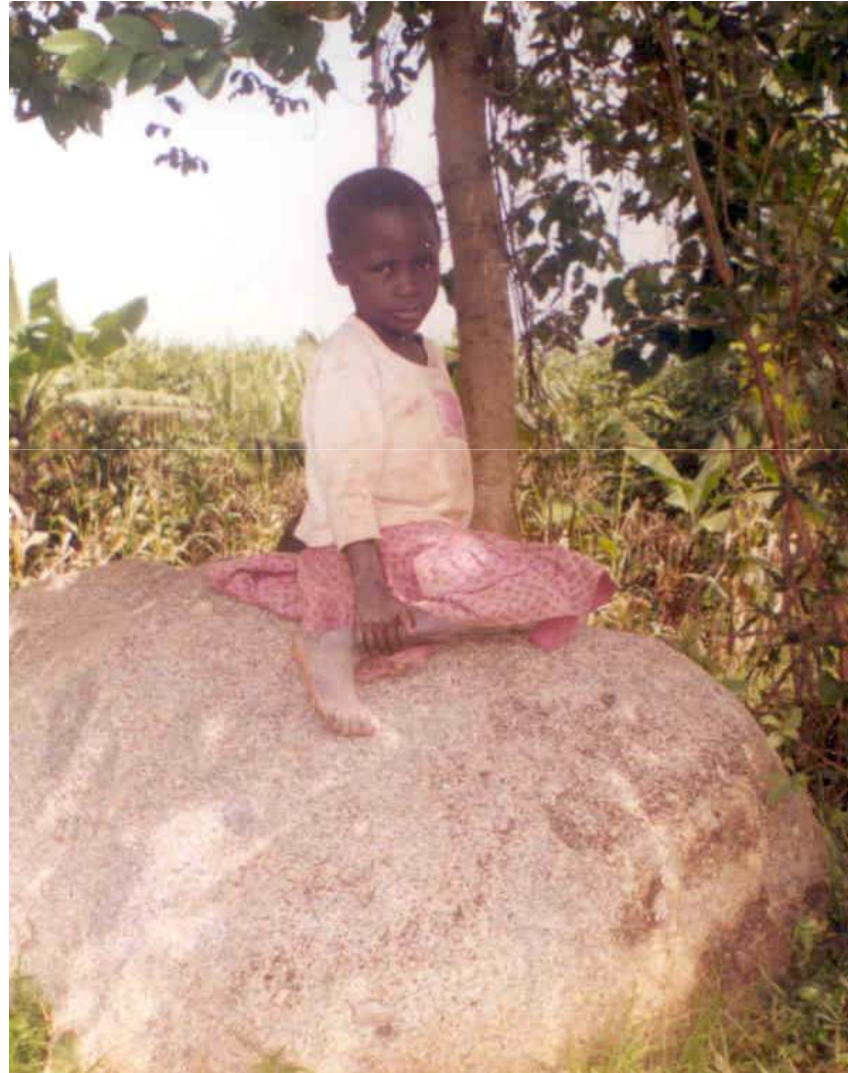
# **How do we know there is impact?**

- **Start up goat herds doubled**
- **Income from 168 cg groups supplied**
  - **Clothing or school fees for 2,600 children**
  - **Medicines for nearly 9,400 children and**
  - **Food for about 6,200 children**

# What are the costs?

- Seeds \$ 5.56
- Special training \$ 0.33
- Counseling \$ 3.02
- IGA start up \$ 3.26

# SHELTER



# What are we doing?

- Whole program is about this:  
Supporting caregivers so they can manage to keep children with them
- Specifically: Encourage caregiver groups to assist each other with shelter issues

# How do we know there is impact?

From previous 168 smaller groups:

470 Shelters built or repaired

365 Latrines built or repaired

# HIV



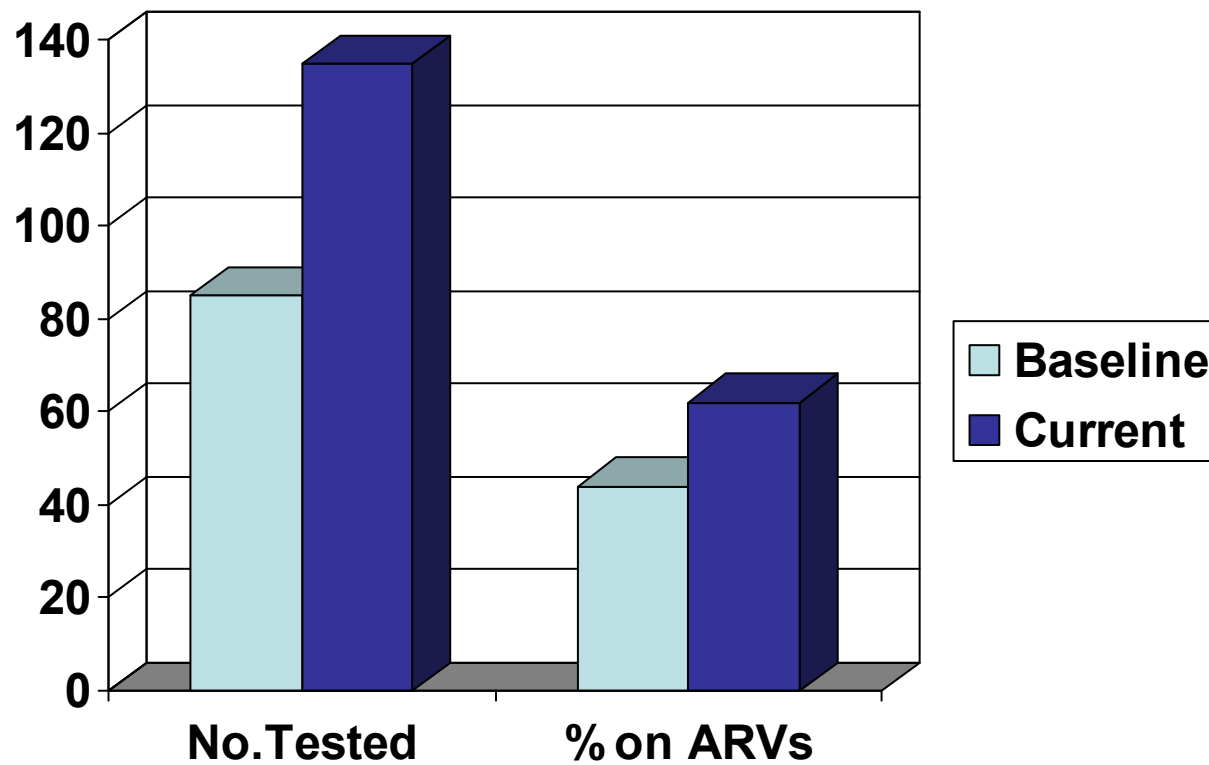
# What's on the ground?

- Belief that children cannot be infected
- 0.1% children tested
- 44% of those tested HIV+ on ARVs
- 5% caregivers tested and HIV+
- 2% HIV+ caregivers on ARVs

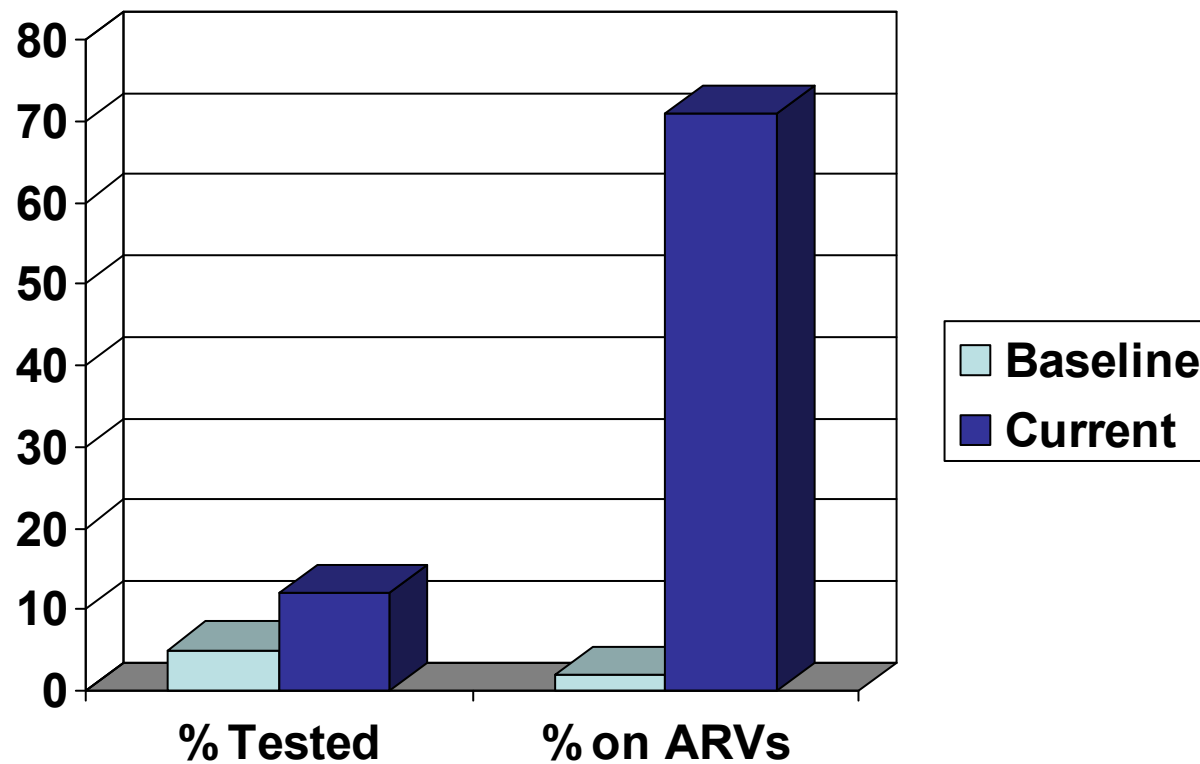
# What are we doing?

- Transport funds to treatment for children and caregivers
- Counseling
  - Prevention: PMTCT, protection and decontamination of HBC materials, safety
  - Testing and Treatment: Information about local health services access and quality
- Training

# How do we know there is impact? Children



# How do we know there is impact? Caregivers



# What are the costs?

- Transport funds to treatment \$ 2.26
- Counseling \$ 3.02
- Training prevention, testing,  
and treatment \$ 0.54

## Other costs

- Blankets: \$2.38
- Weighing scales: \$0.51
- Bicycles: \$3.13 (\$0.39 per child/area)
- Staff, vehicles/travel, office costs, etc

## For further info

- Training materials at AED booth
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