



The Road to Melbourne

**Promising and Successful Approaches to Meeting the Holistic Needs of Young Children Born Into Families Affected by HIV and AIDS**

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**SHOFCO’s Impact through Early Intervention Programming**

**Metrics Overview**

**1. Education via the Kibera School for Girls (KSG)**

Early intervention programming is integrated within KSG through its focus on Early Child Development (ECD) early learning and stimulation through our day care facility, pre-school programs, home-visiting programs working with vulnerable families, parenting programs, and child protection services.

The Kibera School for Girls (KSG) provides high-quality education targeting the brightest yet most vulnerable girls in the urban slum of Kibera. Currently, we serve 137 girls from pre-K through 4<sup>th</sup> grade, ages 4 to 9. At KSG, roughly one-fifth of our students ages 4-9 have been raped, a statistic that spurred the creation of Margaret’s Safe Place (MSP) in 2010. The facility provides a safe environment for students experiencing situations at home that comprise their personal safety. Such situations may include excessive abuse, defilement, abandonment, and other forms of social harassment.

<i>Outputs</i>	<b>2013</b>
% of HIV-positive KSG students out of total KSG population	7%
% of HIV-positive KSG students (ages 4-6) out of total KSG population	2%
No. of KSG students living in Margaret’s Safe Place	10
% of HIV-positive KSG students (ages 4-6) living in Margaret’s Safe Place	20%
# of mothers of HIV-positive KSG students (ages 4-6) participating in SWEP and/or GS&L	33%

**2. Health via the Johanna Justin-Jinich Community Health Clinic**

Early intervention in SHOFCO’s health programming towards HIV-affected children starts before the child is born through the diagnosis and treatment of HIV-affected parents at the Comprehensive Care Center, maternal and child health services, and child nutrition, alongside other various healthcare services that SHOFCO provides to the community.

<b>HIV CCC</b>	
<i>Outputs</i>	<b>2013 YTD</b>
# of children ages 0-6 tested for HIV	41
% of new HIV+ children ages 0-6 that begin post-exposure prophylaxis after testing positive	68%
# of children ages 0-6 receiving post-exposure prophylaxis	28
# HIV+ mothers attending PMTCT support groups (who are either pregnant or have children ages 0-6)	41 (since 2012) 21 new
<i>Outcomes</i>	<b>2013 YTD</b>
% of defaulters in PMTCT support groups	<1%

### 3. Economic Development via Community Programs

Early intervention programming through economic development is less direct in the sense that it does not directly target children ages 0-5. However, by supporting HIV-affected families through economic strengthening & social savings schemes, SHOFCO enables these families to provide basic necessities for their growing vulnerable children. Through the SHOFCO Women’s Empowerment Program (SWEP), SHOFCO assists HIV-affected women earn income through the production and sale of bags and jewelry. The Group Savings and Loans (GS&L) in partnership with KivaZip teaches financial literacy skills to women and provide them with access to capital to support their small business ventures.

<b>SWEP and GS&amp;L</b>	
<i>Outputs</i>	<b>2013 YTD</b>
# of SWEP Mothers	24
% of SWEP Mothers (with children ages 0-6)	80%
% of SWEP Mothers (with children ages 0-6) who participated in GS&L	100%
<i>Outcomes</i>	<b>2013 YTD</b>
% of SWEP Mothers (with children ages 0-6) that have received business loans through KivaZip	74%
% of SWEP Mothers (with children ages 0-6) that have started their own businesses via a KivaZip loan	100%

#### Our Impact



Helen Atieno  
*Community member & Mentor Mother*

*When did you first learn about SHOFCO?*

It was last year when I was pregnant with my last kid – she is now 1 year, 6 months. That was when I first learned about SHOFCO, when I came for ANC (antenatal care) clinic. At that time I started when I was 7 months pregnant.

*And now what do you do with SHOFCO?*

I’m here as a Mentor Mother, working with PMTCT mothers, especially those who have turned positive. I mentor them so that they can be educated and know the benefits of going to the clinic when they are pregnant and then taking their kids for immunizations.

*What do you like about working with these mothers?*

It’s good because after what I went through that’s what motivated me most. When we come together we talk about HIV and people can gain encouragement and then know more about HIV and how to prevent their kids from being infected.

*Do you feel you feel like you’ve changed their lives?*

Yeah, I do feel so. I know with time they’ll change and in the coming generation we want to eliminate kids being infected with HIV. If I work with someone who is going through the same thing, I can make them feel better.