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# Survive & Thrive

Strengthening Early Childhood  
Development in Zambia

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# Survive & Thrive Project Background

Survive & Thrive initiated in 2012 with support from the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation

Young children, ages 0 to 5 years, in two high-density, high-HIV prevalence areas of Lusaka are supported to adequately realize their full cognitive, social, emotional, and physical potential



#### PROJECT OBJECTIVE 1:

Parents, caregivers, and ECD teachers have the knowledge and skills to actively support the developmental needs of their children; especially children exposed to HIV in utero



#### PROJECT OBJECTIVE 2:

Two Lusaka-based clinics which serve vulnerable communities demonstrate increased capacity to assess and respond to the developmental needs of HIV-exposed, positive and/or vulnerable children



#### PROJECT OBJECTIVE 3:

EGPAF through its national profile will work to promote ECD knowledge and skills throughout Zambia

- ECD linkages with clinical services, such as PMTCT and pediatric HIV care and treatment, will allow for greater numbers of exposed and HIV-infected children to be tested for HIV and enrolled in life-saving and enriching programs
- Survive & Thrive Units are natural extensions of existing clinics, which provide a full complement of primary care services for children and families
- Volunteers from local communities go door-to-door to identify children with developmental delays and refer them to Survive & Thrive Units
- First project of its kind in Zambia to closely connect primary health care services and HIV care and support with ECD services

# Integration efforts

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- Co-located at Primary Health Care Clinics
- Developing referral networks and collaboration with MANY partners:
  - Relevant GRZ Ministries
  - University Teaching Hospital
    - Pediatric Centre of Excellence
  - Vision of Hope
  - Arise Africa
  - Neri Clinic and Immunizations 4 Life
  - Full Proof Mission
  - Beit Cure Hospital
  - Free Wheelchair Mission

# Challenges

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- Many stakeholders and relevant ministries
- Demand > Supply
- Unmet Basic Needs (Maslow's Hierarchy)
- Need for greater public private partnerships
- Need for high and medium level networks that follow the 3 C's.