Whole of Government Approach for International Assistance to Address Violence in Childhood

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Overview

• Process of developing the *U.S. Government Action Plan on Children in Adversity.*

• Place of early childhood and violence prevention/response within the plan.

• Engagement of diverse constituencies in the development of the plan.

• Conclusion
U.S. Government Action Plan on Children in Adversity

PROCESS OF DEVELOPING THE ACTION PLAN
Recognized Fragmented Assistance
International assistance to highly vulnerable children is comprehensive, coordinated and effective, and built on evidence-based practices.
Movement towards an Action Plan

- Evidence Summit on Children Outside of Family Care

- Ten senior USG leaders committed to:
  - Establishing guiding principles for assistance to vulnerable children outside the USA
Developing the Action Plan

• Inter-Agency Technical Working Group.

• Solicited feedback from external stakeholders.

• Developed an Inclusive Structure for the Plan.
  – Objectives
  – Outcomes
  – Actions
  – Accountability
Focus on Measurement

Activities
Outputs

Outcomes
CURRENTLY GOING THROUGH INTER-AGENCY CLEARANCE

A Framework for International Assistance: 2012–2017

U.S. GOVERNMENT ACTION PLAN ON CHILDREN IN ADVERSITY
Objectives

PRIORITY

Build Strong Beginnings

Put Family Care First

Protect Children from Violence, Exploitation, Abuse, and Neglect

SUPPORTING

Strengthen Systems

Promote Evidence-Base

Integration
Build Strong Beginnings

Promote sound development through the integration of health, nutrition, and family support.

Early Child Stimulation: Jamaica’s “Roving Caregivers program”

The percentage of children achieving appropriate growth and developmental milestones is increased.
Figure 1.2.2  Development Quotient (DQ) of Stunted Children Receiving Nutrition Supplement Only, Early Stimulation Only, or Both

Note: DQ at baseline age (between 9 to 24 months) and at 6-month intervals to 24 months.
Protect Children from Violence...

Facilitate the efforts of national governments and partners.

- Economic Strengthening “Plus”
- Bell Bajao! (Ring the Bell!)
- Safe Schools

Synergies between Objectives

The percentage of children who experience violence is reduced.
ENGAGEMENT OF DIVERSE CONSTITUENCIES IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PLAN
U.S. Government Partners

Assistance for Highly Vulnerable Children

DOD
OSD/HDM
DHAPP

USDA
FAS
NIFA

DOS
DRL
IO
PRM
AF
CA/OCI
G/TIP
A

PEPFAR
OGAC
Office of AIDS Relief
OSIRP

Peace Corps

USAID
OAPA
AFR
LAC
E&E
Asia
Middle East
OHA
HIDN
PRH
DCHA
DCOF
OFDA
FFP
OTI
GenDev
NRM
I&E

DOL
ILAB

HHS
NIH
CDC
HRSA
U.S. Government Partners

• **Challenge**
  – Legislative mandates
  – Funding and programs assist children according to their categories of vulnerability (silos)

• **Response**
  – Evidence Summit
  – Senior-level commitment
  – Collaborative effort
  – Action Plan structured for offices to “find a home”
Other Partners / Stakeholders

• Challenge
  – Diverse interests and priorities

• Response
  – Evidence Summit
  – Consultations and briefings
  – Feedback
  – Focus on collaboration and partnerships
Conclusion

• The Action Plan on Children in Adversity seeks to:
  
  – Align programs with the new science that tells us we must protect children from violence.
  
  – Promote a long term evidence building agenda.
  
  – In collaboration with other actors, support capacity to identify and report on violence reduction.
  
  – Engage in a global platform of action to address problems at scale.
THANK YOU!

Maya, age 11