

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



U.S. Congress Created Public Law 109-95



The Assistance for Orphans and Other Vulnerable Children
in Developing Countries Act of 2005

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International assistance to
highly vulnerable children is
*comprehensive, coordinated
and effective*, and built on
evidence-based practices.

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- # The Lancet, December 12, 2011

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For more on the Evidence Summit on Protecting Children Outside of Family Care see <http://www.hvassistance.org/summit.cfm>

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.



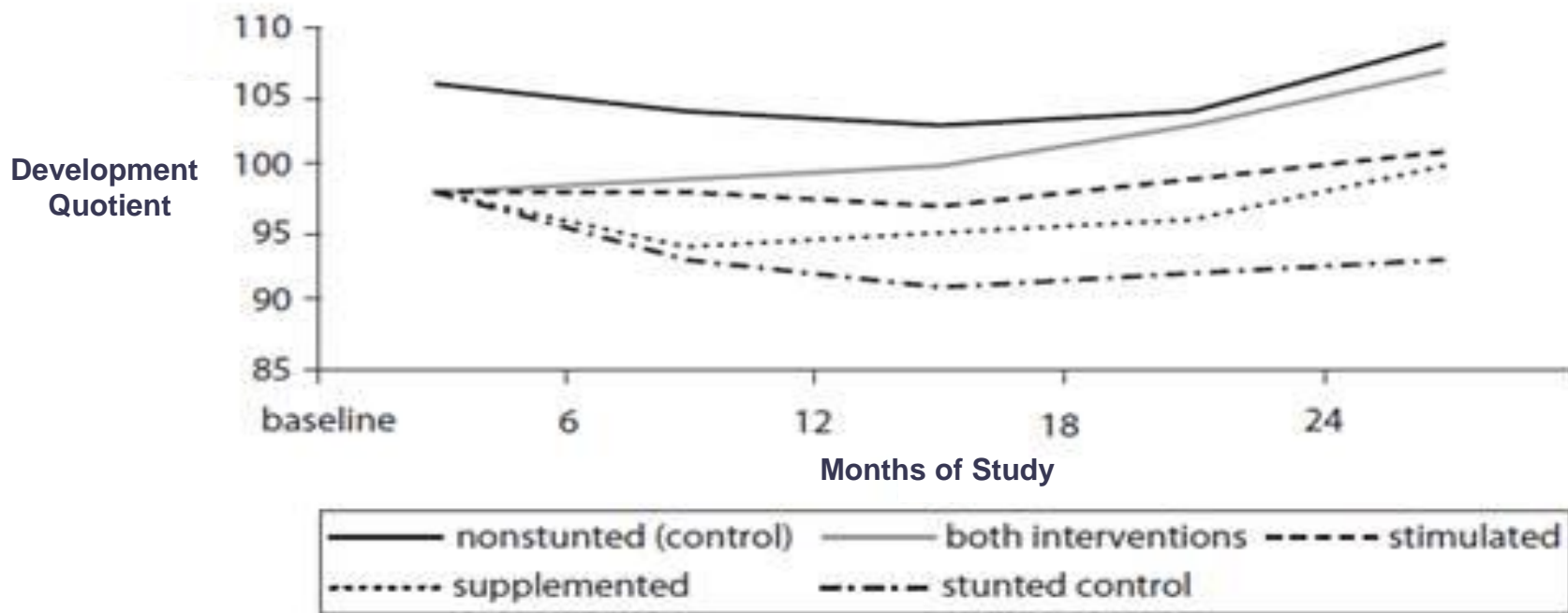
Early Child Stimulation: Jamaica's "Roving Caregivers program"
appropriate growth and developmental milestones is increased



Jamaica's Roving Caregivers Program



Figure 1.2.2 Development Quotient (DQ) of Stunted Children Receiving Nutrition Supplement Only, Early Stimulation Only, or Both



Source: Grantham-McGregor et al. 1997.

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”

Children who experience

Bell Bajao! (Ring the Bell!)

Safe Schools

Synergies between Objectives





ENGAGEMENT OF DIVERSE CONSTITUENCIES IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PLAN

U.S. Government Partners



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

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- **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.**

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