Monitoring Outcomes of PEPFAR Orphans and Vulnerable Children Programs in Kenya Comparison of 2016 and 2018 Findings from the Panel Study of the Walter Reed Program/ Henry Jackson Foundation Medical Research International Project

Purpose

This panel study was designed to assess changes in outcomes of programs for orphans and vulnerable children (OVC), using the standardized essential survey indicators (ESI) launched by the United States President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) in 2014, as part of its monitoring, evaluation, and reporting (MER) guidance. MEASURE Evaluation, funded by the United States Agency for International Development and PEPFAR, collected data from beneficiaries of the Walter Reed Program/Henry M. Jackson Foundation Medical Research International (WRP/HJFMRI) project. In Round 1 of this panel study, conducted in late 2016, 353 caregivers of OVC beneficiaries enrolled in WRP/HJFMRI OVC programs were interviewed. Of that group, 329 (93.2%) were interviewed again in Round 2, conducted in 2018. The caregivers were asked about themselves, their households, and all children under age 18 who were under their care (1,136 children in Round 1, and 1,026 in Round 2).

Project Description

The WRP/HJFMRI OVC program is part of a larger PEPFAR project led by WRP/ HJFMRI and funded through the United States Department of Defense. The OVC program began in 2004 and operates in Bomet, Kericho, and Narok Counties in the Rift Valley region. OVC programs and services focus on healthcare, nutrition, shelter, psychosocial support, child protection services, educational support, and household economic strengthening. After the first round of data collection, in 2016, the project added HIV prevention services.

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HEALTH



ROUND1	65.5%	67.1%	68.7%	62.2%
ROUND 2	61.5%	79.5%	76.6%	73.1%
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Children ages o-17 years, who were too sick to participate in daily activities



ECONOMIC WELL-BEING AND RESILIENCE

Percentage of households that were able to access money to pay for unexpected household expenses

8.4% ROUND1

57.9% ROUND 2

LEGAL PROTECTION

Percentage of all children who have a verified birth certificate

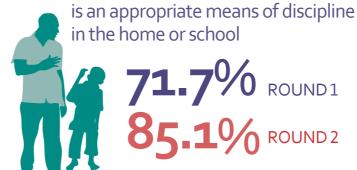


17.7% ROUND1

26.1% ROUND 2

CHILD PROTECTION

Percentage of caregivers who agree that harsh physical punishment



EDUCATION Children regularly attending school 74.1% ROUND1 81.2% **ROUND 2** Children who progressed to a more advanced level in school 90.3% 87.5% ROUND1 75.7% ROUND 2 92.1% 83.9% 83.2% 10-14 15-17 years years Percentage of children < 5 recently engaged in stimulating activities ROUND1 77.1% **ROUND 2**

73.1%

Sang

Counted

or drew

Played

59.1%

Read

books

Told