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Leila Mkere, 36 years old and mother of two, supports her family in central Tanzania by selling vegetable produce. Strengthening caregivers' household economic capacity to reduce HIV related economic vulnerability is one of the project's key goals.
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TANZANIA

KIZAZI KIPYA

USAID *Kizazi Kipya* (“New Generation”) is a five-year USAID/PEPFAR-funded project that enables Tanzanian orphans and vulnerable children (OVC), young people affected by HIV and their caregivers to utilize age-appropriate HIV-related and other services. Services will improve care, health, nutrition, education, protection, livelihoods, and psycho-social wellbeing of the household members.

Using a child-focused and family-centered approach, *Kizazi Kipya* contributes to HIV epidemic control in Tanzania to improve HIV prevention, care, and treatment outcomes through strong social service, community, and household entry points. The project maximizes opportunities to generate demand for HIV services, reduces barriers to access and uptake of HIV services, ensures tracking to address missed HIV appointments, and facilitates effective bi-directional HIV and OVC referrals to ensure completion.

Civil society organizations receive sub-grants to support families with intensive knowledge and skills-building for household economic strengthening; and evaluate family wellbeing, stability, social capital, income diversity, and linkages to local services and support. Our focus areas are designed to enable the following:

- **Household Economic Strengthening:** Parents and caregivers have the financial resources to meet the needs of vulnerable children and adolescents
- **Parenting Skills:** Parents and caregivers have the skills to meet the needs of HIV-infected and vulnerable children and adolescents
- **Case Management, Referrals and Service Delivery:** High-quality services are available to HIV-infected and vulnerable children and adolescents
- **Services for Children Living and Working on the Streets or in Artisanal Mining Communities:** High-quality services are available to “hard-to-reach” HIV-infected and vulnerable children and adolescents.

RESULTS

Kizazi Kipya reached 812,666 OVC, as well as their caregivers with at least one service between October 1, 2017 – September 30, 2018. Services aim to build self-sufficiency of households to provide for their children’s needs without the need for future donor support. Independence is measured when the entire household can be deemed healthy, safe, schooled and stable.

HEALTHY

- 92 percent of OVC enrolled in the project (over 444,000) have reported their HIV status to the project.
- 68 percent of OVC reported their status as HIV negative.
- 3 percent reported being HIV positive, and of those, 89% are on treatment. Those not on treatment were given escorted referrals to the nearest treatment facility.
- 29 percent reported no status. Of these, 7 percent had no risks of HIV while 22 percent at risk were referred for HIV testing and actively followed up.

SAFE

- 2,606 beneficiaries accessed Violence Against Children and Gender Based Violence services, with 280 new cases opened with District Social Welfare Officers, because of the increased ability of community volunteers to detect and respond to violence in OVC households.
- 10,936 OVC, together with their caregivers, participated in a parenting intervention designed to improve parent-child communication and reduce risk of violence in adolescent boys and girls. Following the intervention, adolescents reported a 33 percent decrease in experience of physical violence and a 59 percent increase in communication between OVC and their caregivers about the risks of having sexual relationships with older men or women.

SCHOOLED

- 5,777 adolescent girls ages 10-14 received educational subsidies, and 2,401 received reusable sanitary pad kits. This encourages school attendance and progression, a proven HIV prevention approach.
- 3,497 male and female out-of-school adolescents ages 15-19 years old received vocational scholarships and business startup kits to reduce their HIV-related economic vulnerability.

STABLE

- 96,074 (48 percent) of caregivers participated in 9,028 village savings and lending groups to increase their financial capacity to meet their household’s needs.
- 11,076 individual caregivers received business startup kits to enable them to improve their family income and meet their children’s needs. In addition, the project distributed group business startup kits to associations with 6,210 OVC caregivers as group members.

BUDGET

\$163.6 million

DURATION

July 2016 – July 2021

ACTIVITY LOCATIONS

81 councils across 25 regions of mainland Tanzania and Zanzibar

IMPLEMENTING PARTNER

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CONSORTIUM PARTNERS

- Aga Khan Foundation
- Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation
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