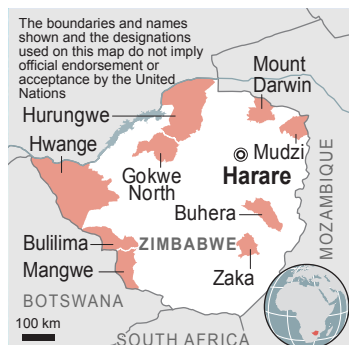


Promotion of HIV/AIDS prevention, care and support for children and adolescents affected by HIV/AIDS



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Fast Facts

Country: Zimbabwe

Duration: March 2004 to March 2006

Implementing UN Agencies: UNICEF

Budget: \$1,030,000

Key Words: HIV/AIDS; access to health care; access to education; children; youth

BACKGROUND

At the time of the project's inception, it was estimated that orphaned children made up a greater percentage of the population of Zimbabwe (more than 1 child in 6) than almost any other country in the world. Moreover, Zimbabwe was unique among countries with high numbers of orphans in that 77 percent of its orphans had lost one or both parents to HIV/AIDS. Most of these children were absorbed into families of

relatives who themselves were of very limited means. This project was created to support the needs of orphaned children and their adoptive families in districts of Zimbabwe with the most severe threats to human security such as wide spread poverty, limited access to basic social services and the highest incidents of HIV/AIDS and other STIs.

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

This project aimed to contribute to the physical, emotional and psycho-social needs of children and adolescents in the participating communities who were affected by the HIV/AIDS. Through the provision of comprehensive individual, family and group

counseling and access to basic social services such as education, health, hygiene and sanitation, the project improved overall human security of the participating communities.

BENEFICIARIES

1,700 children and youth benefited from psychological counseling as well as life and leadership skills, while over 1,200 adults were trained on counseling practices. Pre-school teachers were also trained in the promotion of health and hygiene and over 13,700

children benefited from new latrines and hand washing facilities. Meanwhile, as many as 11,000 people over 45 communities benefited from the construction of new wells and boreholes as well as outdoor playgrounds for children.