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CHILD PROTECTION IN AFRICA

THEME
From Vulnerability to Resilience, Innovation and Evidence

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The evidence is here – multi-sectoral program approaches can significantly reduce protection risks among vulnerable children - AVSI Uganda

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AVSI Foundation: Origin, Vision and Mission

AVSI Foundation is an NGO born in 1972

AVSI works for a world where every person, aware of her value and dignity, is the main protagonist of her own integral development and that of her community, even in crisis and emergency contexts.

AVSI implements cooperation projects in various sectors with a preferential focus on education, meaning that the person is accompanied towards self-discovery and recognition that the other person is a good for me. Each project is conceived of as an instrument to promote this awareness in all persons involved, carries in itself a need for communicating and sharing, and creates an impact capable of generating positive change.
Sectors
- Education+ ECD
- Food security and Nutrition
- Agriculture
- Health
- Protection
- Psychosocial care
- Family strengthening
- Economic strengthening
- WASH
- Energy and environment
- Urban development
- Emergency
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<th>LEAD AGENCY</th>
<th>AVSI Foundation – CARE, FHI360 and TPO Uganda</th>
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<td>PARTNERS</td>
<td>66 Local Implementers</td>
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<td>DURATION</td>
<td>7 Years (Apr 2011 – Apr 2018)</td>
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<td>TARGET</td>
<td>25,000 HHs, 125,000 people</td>
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<td>REACH</td>
<td>*34,779 HHs and 208,674 people</td>
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<td>COVERAGE</td>
<td>35 districts</td>
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<td>BUDGET</td>
<td>$40,041,414 ($36,045,184 USAID and $3,996,230 cost share)</td>
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SCORE goal, objectives and Approaches

Goal: To decrease the vulnerability of moderately and critically vulnerable children (VC) and their households.

- Objective 1: Economic strengthening
- Objective 2: Food security and Nutrition
- Objective 3: Child protection and legal services
- Objective 4: Family strengthening & access to critical services

— DREAMS: Reducing HIV incidence among AGYW 10-24

Approach

- Multi-sectoral
- Family-centered approach.
- Commitment to “fit the project to the people”.
- Use of evidence and robust M&E System
- capacity building and “Graduation model”
# Innovations: Wide Intervention menu

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<td>Village Savings and Loans Associations</td>
<td>Farmer field school,</td>
<td>Child friendly school model</td>
<td>Referrals to access critical services,</td>
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<td>Market oriented skills Community skills training, Financial Literacy</td>
<td>Junior farmer field schools,</td>
<td>Home visits</td>
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<td>Apprenticeship training,</td>
<td>Urban horticulture and kitchen gardens,</td>
<td>interactive learning sessions,</td>
<td>Life skills training,</td>
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<td>Market intelligence and linkages</td>
<td>Cooking demonstrations,</td>
<td>Legal clinics</td>
<td>Community dialogues,</td>
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<td>Value Chain Development</td>
<td>Radio spot messages,</td>
<td>Identification and referral of protection cases</td>
<td>Psychosocial support</td>
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<td>nutrition learning sessions,</td>
<td>Birth registration</td>
<td>Early childhood development,</td>
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<td>Identification and referral of children with malnutrition</td>
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<td>Mental health (community assessment, care</td>
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AVSI People for development
Multi-sectoral Interventions
Benefits Correlate Across Result Areas

Pathway examples

Pathway example #1
- VSLA
- NEW ECONOMIC ACTIVITY
- FINANCIAL LITERACY
- BUSSINESS SKILLS
- ↓ INCOME
- ↓ CHILD LABOR
- HOUSE REPAIRS
- PURCHASE OF ASSETS
- SCHOOL ENROLMENT AND REGULAR ATTENDANCE
- YOUTH EMPLOYED
- ↓ HIV INFECTION AMONG ADOLESCENT GIRLS

Pathway example #2
- PARENTING SKILLS TRAINING
- REDUCTION OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
- ↑ LIFE SKILLS
- ↑ TECHNICAL SKILLS
- INCREASED YOUTH ESTEEM AND DECISION SKILLS

Pathway example #3
- APPRENTICESHIP
- ↑ SKILLS
- Each household is “special” and unique, therefore their path toward reduced vulnerability and increased resilience is so.
Absenteeism and Food Security

Number of Meals Vs Absenteeism (1 month in a term)

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<td>5%</td>
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<td>27%</td>
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Not every day

Improvements in one aspect of the life of the families (say, food security) are shown to be linked to improvement in another aspect, possibly in an entirely different technical area, say schooling. A strong argument in favor of multi-sectoral interventions, such as the SCORE Project.
Total ever enrolled **34,779** Households

Vulnerability

- Pre-graduation
  - Retrogressed: 1,628 (11%)
  - 1,075 (11%) households
  - Not graduated

Graduation

- 13,311 (89%) out of 14,876 enrolled
- Vatted/active households “graduated”

Resilience

- 75% of the graduated households “Resilient”
### Significant changes:
#### Protection indicators at baseline VS end line

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<td>Child labor</td>
<td>26%</td>
<td>4%</td>
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<td>School Absenteeism</td>
<td>44%</td>
<td>9.2%</td>
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<td>School Enrollment</td>
<td>78%</td>
<td>86%</td>
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<td>Legal knowledge</td>
<td>77%</td>
<td>99%</td>
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<td>Substance abuse</td>
<td>7%</td>
<td>2%</td>
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Replicability

- Implemented in 35 districts with 208,000 individuals
- Presence of Programing guides, manuals and standard operating procedures that can be replicated
- Integrating legal clinics into existing interventions and activities
Scalability

• Implemented in 35 districts with 208,000 individuals

• Components of the multi-sectoral approach scaled up in other AVSI projects in Uganda and other countries
Lessons Learnt

• People however vulnerable, when engaged meaningfully can make great contributions to their own development
• Design and tailor interventions to needs and resources
• Improvements in one aspect of the life of the families (say, food security) are shown to be linked to improvement in another aspect, possibly in an entirely different technical area like protection
• Multi-sectoral programs can deliver great changes
Further Research

Determining the cost of a multi sectoral program
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