

Supporting Graduation and Sustainable Outcomes

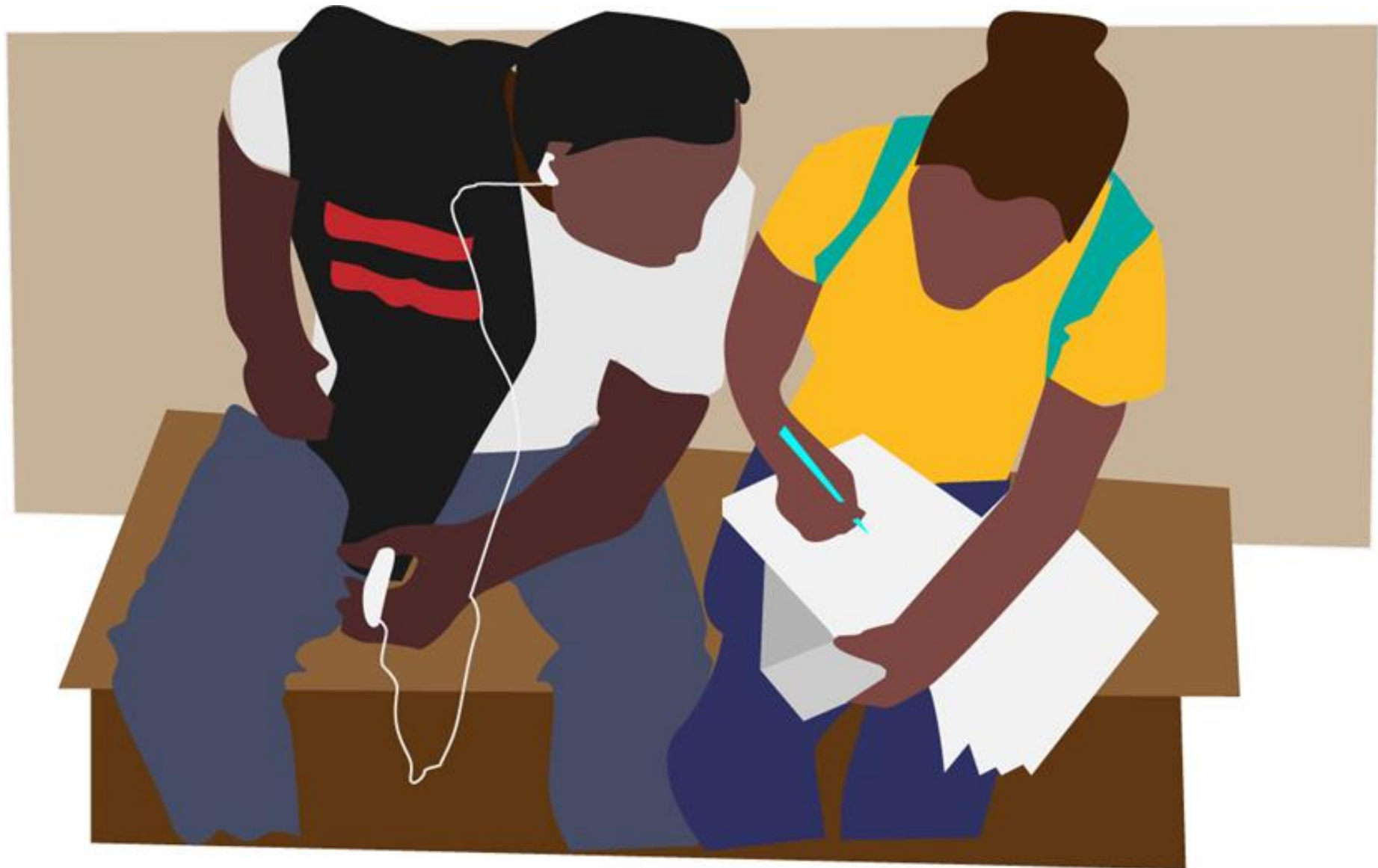


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1. Background and purpose



Development of graduation benchmarks

OVC benchmarks first developed by PEPFAR-funded **4Children Project** in 2015 (with Government of Nigeria and implementing partners).

Many iterations since, including country-specific benchmarks (supported by 4Children) in:

- Kenya
- Democratic Republic of the Congo
- Malawi
- Uganda
- Zimbabwe

PEPFAR OVC benchmarks

- Minimum graduation benchmarks established to ensure PEPFAR programs have aligned objectives for progressing children and their primary caregivers to a **minimum level of stability**
- Benchmarks released in late 2018 as part of the **MER v2.3**, for use in all PEPFAR OVC programs beginning in FY2019
- Graduation benchmarks purposely **set a high standard** for children and primary caregivers to graduate from the program in a stable situation
- IPs may include **additional benchmarks** based on local criteria for achieving stability

Eight graduation benchmarks grouped in four domains

Healthy



Known HIV status (or
test not required)
Virally suppressed
Knowledgeable
about HIV prevention
Not malnourished

Stable



Improved
financial
stability

Safe



No violence
Not in a child-
headed household

Schooled



Children in
school

Background and purpose

Graduation benchmarks

The benchmarks serve as guideposts for frontline OVC providers, helping them to track progress and answer such questions as these:

- What types of assistance does this child and family need?
- Is the assistance they are getting from PEPFAR helping them?
- Are they ready to “graduate” from PEPFAR assistance or should we keep them in the program longer?

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The benchmarks for each child and family are NOT meant to:

- Be entered in a central database and reported in DATIM
- Be used only once or twice a year



Presentations

- 1) Adaptations in the USAID SCORE Project Using the Graduation Study Results (AVSI)
- 2) Results from Nigeria and Kenya Tracer Studies (4Children)
- 3) What is the Role of Economic Strengthening in OVC Program Sustainability? (ASPIRES)
- 4) MWENDO Case Management Approach Piloting of Benchmarks (Mwendo)
- 5) Assessing the PEPFAR Global OVC Graduation Benchmarks (MEASURE Evaluation)

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