

SESSION DESCRIPTIONS



PREVENT, FIND, LINK & RETAIN:

THE ESSENTIAL ROLE OF ORPHANS AND VULNERABLE
CHILDREN PROGRAMMING IN HIV EPIDEMIC CONTROL

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Dear OVC Conference Participants,

We are delighted you are joining us to learn, share and celebrate the valuable contributions OVC programs are making to HIV epidemic control. OVC programming is essential to ensuring the wellbeing of children and families living with HIV. It is also a key part of making HIV testing and treatment programs a success. For all of us here today, it is important we commit to sharing our best practices and learn from the data and experiences we have generated. That is one of our primary goals over the next two days.

We are pleased to include panelists who hail from around the world who will share their experiences and expertise. We also hope you will take the opportunity to network and learn from one another over the course of the conference. We all have so much to offer and share.

We hope you enjoy the conference!

Sincerely,

The Orphans & Vulnerable Children Task Force Co-Chairs



KEYNOTE ADDRESS

9:05 am

Ambassador Deborah L. Birx, M.D.

*U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator & U.S. Special Representative
for Global Health Diplomacy*

Ambassador-at-Large, Deborah L. Birx, M.D., is the Coordinator of U.S. Government Activities to Combat HIV/AIDS and U.S. Special Representative for Global Health Diplomacy. Ambassador Birx is a world-renowned medical expert and leader in the field of HIV/AIDS. Her three-decade-long career has focused on HIV/AIDS immunology, vaccine research, and global health. As the U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator, Ambassador Birx oversees the implementation of the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), as well as all U.S. Government engagement with the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria. Serving as the U.S. Special Representative for Global Health Diplomacy, she aligns the U.S. Government's diplomacy with foreign assistance programs that address global health challenges and accelerate progress toward: achieving an AIDS-free generation; ending preventable child and maternal deaths; and preventing, detecting, and responding to infectious disease threats.

OVC Programming Successes

9:35 am

This session will feature the enormous impacts that OVC programs have made on preventing HIV as well as on contributing to global 95-95-95 HIV targets. We will hear from various stakeholders engaged in OVC programming, including representatives from the donor, host country government, and international aid communities, as well as a DREAMS Ambassador.

Moderator: Nurith Aizenman, Correspondent, Global Health and Development, National Public Radio, USA

Speaker: Shannon Senefeld, PsyD, Senior Vice President, Overseas Operations, Catholic Relief Services, USA

Speaker: Ambassador Deborah L. Birx, MD, U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator & U.S. Special Representative for Global Health Diplomacy, USA

Speaker: Rebecca Acio, DREAMS Ambassador, Uganda

Speaker: Francis Kyateka Mondo, MBA, Acting Commissioner for Children and Youth Affairs, Ministry of Gender, Labour and Social Development, Uganda

Evolving the OVC Response— Focus on Targeting

10:45 am

As the HIV epidemic evolves, targeting practices for inclusion in OVC programs also need to be adapted. This session will highlight HIV epidemic developments and the direction of PEPFAR OVC targeting priorities, provide an update on the Household Vulnerability Prioritization Tool, and show successful targeting methods for reaching children living with HIV within OVC programming.

Moderator: Caroline Cooney, Orphans and Vulnerable Children Policy Advisor, Office of the U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator and Health Diplomacy, USA

Speaker: Diana Chamrad, PhD, Improvement Director, Vulnerable Children and Families, Mental Health, University Research Co., LLC, USA

Speaker: Gretchen Bachman, MBA, Senior Advisor for Orphans and Vulnerable Children, Office of HIV/AIDS at USAID and the State Department's Office of the U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator, USA

Speaker: Emilia (Molly) Rivadeneira, MD, Lead, Pediatric and Adolescent HIV Team, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, USA

Speaker: Molly Cannon, MPH, Director, Measurement and Evaluation, Palladium, USA

Innovations in Case Management

11:45 am

This session highlights several innovative modalities through which OVC programs deliver strengths-based family-centered case management, and how this contributes to reaching the 95-95-95 targets and increasing the resilience of vulnerable children and their households.

Moderator: Saul Chirume, MA,
Case Management Advisor,
World Education/Bantwana,
Eswatini

Speaker: Dorcas Amolo, MA,
Chief of Party, Catholic Relief
Services, Kenya

Speaker: Suzanne Reier, MPH,
Technical Advisor, Education
Development Center,
Democratic Republic of Congo
and Mali

Speaker: Neckvilleus
Kamwesigye, MMS, Case
Management Sector Head,
World Education/Bantwana,
Uganda

Speaker: Janet du Preez,
Senior Associate, Maestral,
South Africa

Evidence and Info Expo

12:30 pm

In this interactive session, participants share and discuss evidence-informed and emerging tools that will improve OVC programming. Organizations, global OVC projects, and donor agencies will host market stalls where their materials are on display and experts are available to discuss strategies and successes.

Preventing Violence and HIV

2:00 pm

Gender-based violence and violence against children contribute to HIV risk and vulnerability, especially among adolescent girls and young women. OVC and DREAMS (Determined, Resilient, Empowered, AIDS-free, Mentored, and Safe) programs are out front implementing community-based programs that address the root causes of violence. This session will highlight interventions that reduce and prevent violence at three levels—individual, household and community—contributing to reduced HIV risk and vulnerability.

Moderator: Damilola Walker, MHS, Senior HIV Advisor & Team Lead, Adolescent HIV, UNICEF, USA

Speaker: Janet Saul, PhD, Senior Gender Advisor, Office of the U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator, and Behavioral Scientist, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, USA

Speaker: Rita Laura Lulua, MMS, Chief of Party, World Vision, Uganda

Speaker: Molarisi Mehale, Chief of Party, Catholic Relief Services, Lesotho

Find, Link and Retain

2:45 pm and 4:00 pm

Proven strategies that find, link and retain children and adolescents living with HIV in care and treatment need to be scaled up. Successful programs require coordination between clinic and community partners. This session highlights how the community-based OVC platform is contributing to “find, link and retain” efforts. Also showcased are promising models of collaboration between OVC programs and clinical partners that improve HIV-related outcomes for children and adolescents.

Moderator: Meena Srivastava, DO, MPH, Medical Officer, USAID, USA

Speaker: Rickie Malaba, MBChB, Health Advisor, World Education/Bantwana, Zimbabwe

Speaker: Molarisi Mehale, Chief of Party, Catholic Relief Services, Lesotho

Speaker: Jennifer Macias, MPH, Senior Regional Director, Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation, USA

Speaker: Phyllis Mavushe, Zvandiri Mentor, Africaid, Zimbabwe

Speaker: Lisa Dulli, PhD, MHS, Scientist II, FHI 360, USA

Transitioning to Local Primes

9:05 am

USAID will share its vision for localization. International and local NGOs will reflect on lessons learned across key phases of capacity development, including 'post-transition' experience and support. Insights into future capacity development and transitioning efforts will also be shared.

Moderator: Deborah Kaniel, Branch Chief for Capacity Building and Partnerships in the Office of HIV/AIDS, USAID, USA

Speaker: Ebele Achor, MSc, Global Director Capacity Development, Pact, USA

Speaker: Moise Mutabazi, MDS, Director of Program Management, Global Communities, Rwanda

Speaker: Emmanuel Habyarimana, MSc, Executive Director, FXB Rwanda, Rwanda

Speaker: Gertrude Shumba, MD, Executive Director, Family AIDS Caring Trust, Zimbabwe

Speaker: Alton Mpungu, MDP, Capacity Building Manager, World Education/Bantwana, USA

Supporting Graduation and Sustainable Outcomes

9:50 am

This session will provide an overview of the PEPFAR graduation benchmarks for OVC programs. Panelists will present findings that demonstrate how well households fare post-graduation and assess sustainability. They will also discuss best practices for incorporating benchmarks within case management, and ways data can be used to improve programming. Recommendations will be offered for how to collect this information and assess data quality.

Moderator/Speaker: Lisa Parker, PhD, Senior Technical Advisor, Measurement and Learning, Palladium, USA

Speaker: Dorcas Amolo, MA, Chief of Party, Catholic Relief Services, Kenya

Speaker: Meg Langley, MPH, Technical Advisor, Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning, Catholic Relief Services, USA

Speaker: Rita Larok, MPH, Chief of Party, AVSI Foundation, Uganda

Speaker: Whitney Moret, Msc, Technical Director, FHI 360, USA

Measuring Progress: Collecting and Using OVC Data

11:05 am

This session will discuss the importance of data in improving OVC programs. We will discuss methods of measuring progress and impact in OVC programs. Panelists will describe an evolving approach that ensures the most vulnerable youth are linked to HIV testing, and common data pitfalls. An example will be given of how to use Quality Improvement data to improve results across the OVC testing cascade. Results from Essential Survey Indicator surveys will be shared that show OVC programs across 17 countries that produced data that can support program planning, targeting, resource allocation, and implementation.

Moderator: S. Joshua Volle, DrPH, MEd, Senior Orphans and Vulnerable Children Evaluation Advisor, Office of HIV/AIDS at USAID, USA

Speaker: Lisa Parker, PhD, Senior Technical Advisor, Measurement and Learning, Palladium, USA

Speaker: Jenny Mwanza, MPH, Senior Technical Advisor, Measurement and Learning, Palladium, USA

Speaker: Kesetebirhan Delele Yirdaw, MD, MPH, HIV/AIDS and Health Technical Director, FHI 360, Ethiopia

PEPFAR Chiefs of Party Panel

11:55 am

Chiefs of Party for large OVC grants will reflect on what they learned in the conference and discuss their practical and aspirational visions for the OVC community's next steps. There will be an opportunity for questions and answers (Q & A) between panelists and participants.

Moderator: Brenda Schuster, MA, MSc, Senior Technical Advisor, Catholic Relief Services, USA

Speaker: Gisèle Abla Semde, MD, MPH, MSc, Chief of Party, Save the Children, Côte d'Ivoire

Speaker: Thomas Fenn, MA, Chief of Party, Catholic Relief Services, USA

Speaker: Rita Laura Lulua, MMS, Chief of Party, World Vision, Uganda

Speaker: Hayley Bryant, Chief of Party, FHI 360, Mozambique

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