

# Save the Children President's Emergency Plan OVC Programming



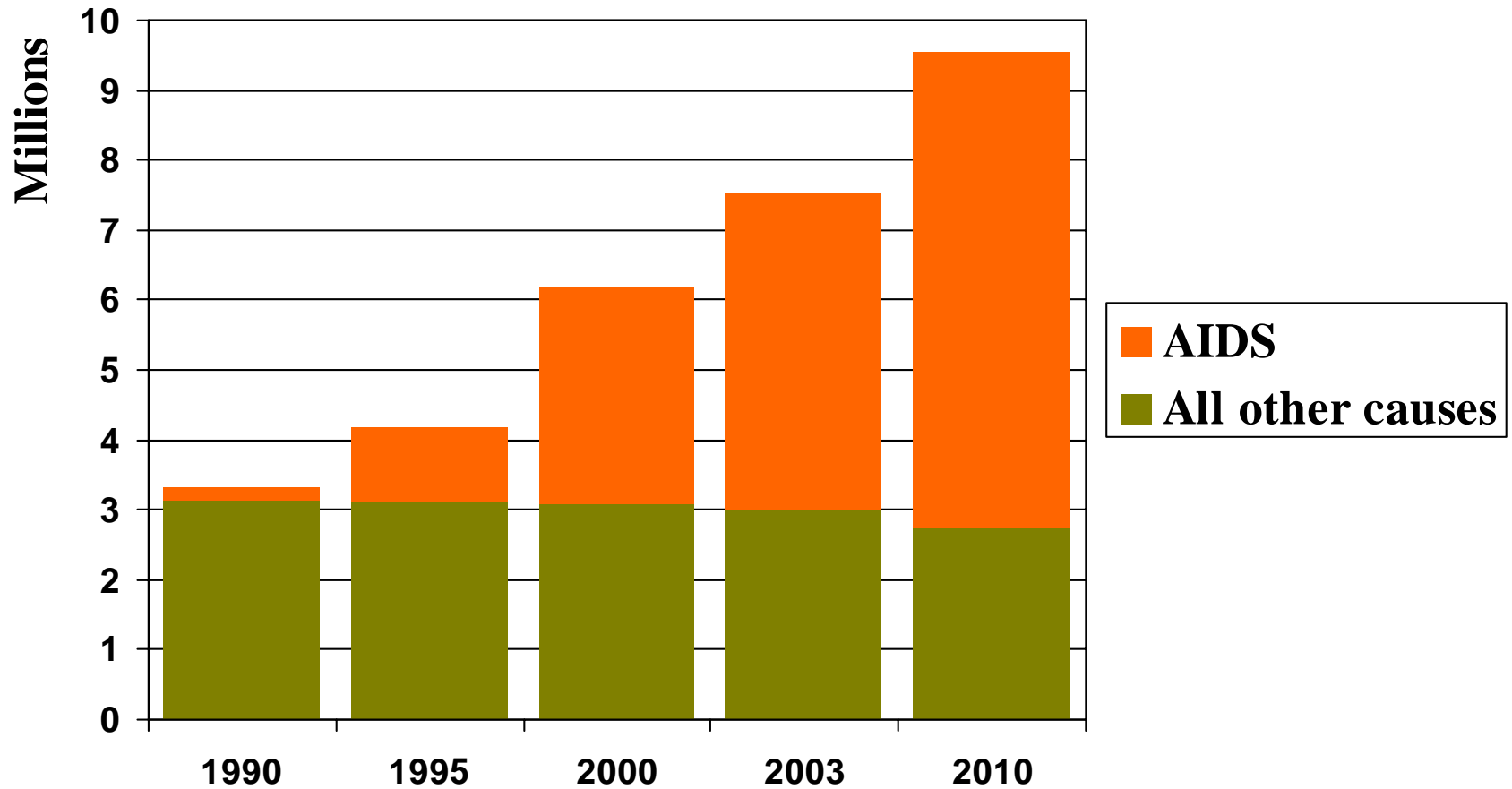
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# Presentation Overview

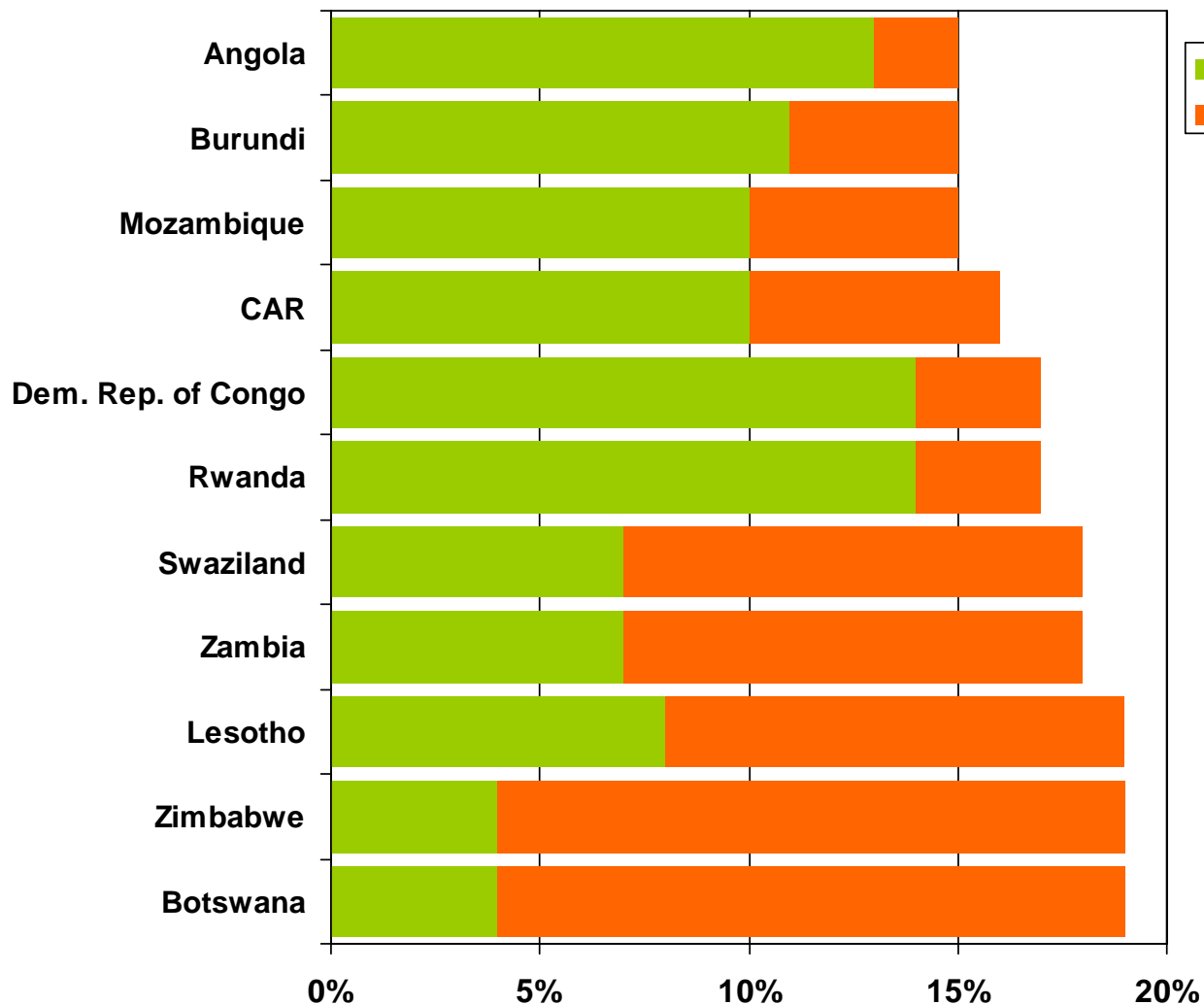
- **OVC Situation**
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# The number of double orphans in sub-Saharan Africa is increasing due to AIDS



Source: Children on the Brink 2004

# In 11 countries in sub-Saharan Africa, more than 15% of all children were orphans in 2003



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# Save the Children HIV/AIDS Office Program Priorities

1. Orphans & Children Affected by HIV/AIDS (OVC) - **Africa**
2. Youth-at-Risk (Prevention) - **Asia, Africa and Haiti**
3. Mother's Hope (PMTCT) - **Africa, Asia**
4. Community & Home Based Care - **Africa**

# Save the Children Strategy

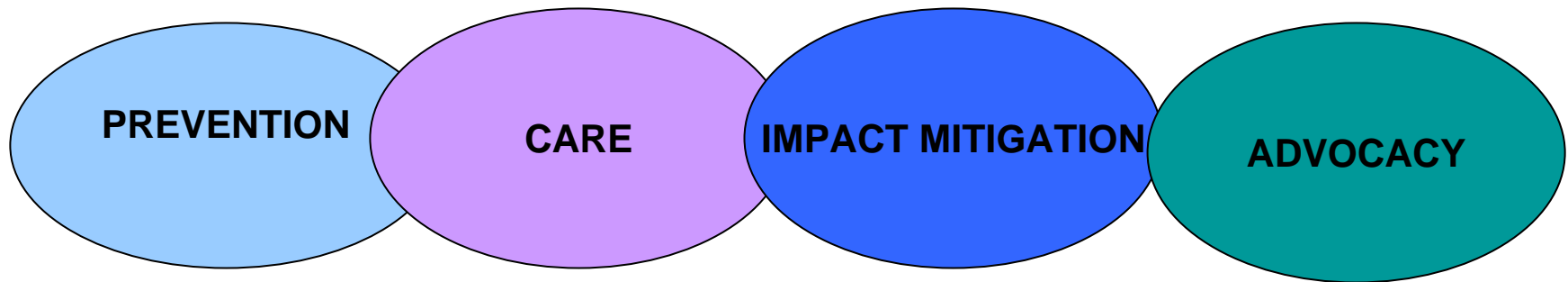
**Save the Children works in partnerships with communities to bring about *community-driven* behavior change.**

**Save the Children helps develop and supports community based responses.**

**All SC programs are implemented through building the capacity of local NGOs/CBOs/FBOs.**

# Save the Children HIV/AIDS Program Framework

*Save the Children USA is fighting HIV/AIDS on four fronts...*



**Intensifying efforts in HIV/AIDS prevention focusing particularly on youth and expectant mothers**

**Providing psychosocial support and basic health services for OVC**

**Developing multi-sectoral approaches and strengthening community safety nets to support OVC and their families**

**Lobbying at the national, regional and international levels to ensure an enabling policy environment**

# Scale-Up Hope

**Countries:** Ethiopia and Mozambique

**Life of Project:** “Track 1, Round 1”, 2/04 - 2/07

**Funding Amount:** \$5,877,000

**Implementing Organizations:** 2 partnerships

- Save the Children Alliance (SC/A)
- Hope for African Children Initiative (HACI)

**This summary covers only the first six months  
(March-September, 2004)**

# Scale-Up Hope

**Strategic Objective: Expanded support for community responses** to provide care, support and protection of children most affected by HIV/AIDS. Work to mitigate the impact of the epidemic on orphans, vulnerable children, their caregivers and families.

**Reach:** The project is designed to benefit almost **50,000** children in **Ethiopia** and more than **40,000** in **Mozambique** through a partnership network.

# Scale-Up Hope Partners

## ETHIOPIA

SC/US; SC/UK;  
SC/Norway

### Hope for African Children Initiative:

CARE; Mary Joy;  
World Vision

## MOZAMBIQUE

SC/US; SC/UK;  
SC/Norway

CARE; SWAA; World Vision;  
Inter-religious Council  
of Mozambique

A growing number of local civil society partners in both countries, including indigenous NGOs, smaller CBOs and a number of religious organizations

# Scale-Up Hope 6 Month Key Outputs

February-September 2004

<b>Emergency Plan OVC Indicators (Highest level)</b>	<b>Ethiopia</b>	<b>Mozambique</b>	<b>Total</b>
Programs initiated	27	57	<b>84</b>
OVC reached	440	4467	<b>4907</b>
Persons trained and retrained	293	1195	<b>1488</b>

# Scale-Up Hope Successes: Ethiopia

- **OVC Care and Support:** TA provided to 27 village-level community groups. Sub-grants distributed to 2 community groups and 3 HACI partners.
- **Community Mobilization:** Community Action Cycle methodology used with partners, sub-grantees, and Community Core Groups.
- **Training:** Provided to select program and partner staff, and community members in project planning, CM skills, needs assessments, action plan development, and OVC interventions.
- **Advocacy:** Alliances being developed at national, regional and local levels; events held at local levels on OVC issues.

# Scale-Up Hope Challenges: Ethiopia

- **Emergency Plan Program Priorities:** Donor most interested in numbers reached - does not encourage investment in systems building for long-term response.
- **Maturity of Ethiopian Response:** No consensus yet on exact definition for “vulnerable children”; some policies and implementation guidelines for OVC programming remain unclear; and lack of reliable OVC data.
- **Volunteer Burn-out:** Difficult to maintain momentum w/o material or financial incentives for volunteer staff of CBOs.
- **Partnership Development:** Time consuming and challenging process due to poorly developed communication and transport infrastructure in Ethiopia.

# Scale-Up Hope Successes: Mozambique

- **Funding Level:** Emergency Plan funds are the largest allocated to OVC programs in Mozambique - enabled quick program development and response.
- **Rapid Scale Up of Community Response:** 85 OVC committees established, mobilized or strengthened in a relatively short amount of time.
- **Data Collection:** Scale-Up Hope baseline situational analysis on OVC was the first in Mozambique - contributes to establishment of national OVC database to inform policy and program development.

# Scale-Up Hope Challenges: Mozambique

- **Emergency Plan Program Priorities:** Community mobilization and partnership require time and investment. Donor did not take this into account and desired quick results in terms of key indicators.
- **Role of USAID Country Mission:** Confusion re: the initial role of the Mission re: Track 1 funding implementation. Different reporting timelines for Mission and OGAC - creating additional work and challenges in collecting progress reports from partners.
- **Livelihood development:** Great need in the communities for IGAs, agricultural/job skills (including for the community volunteers); need for family income in a low labor situation.
- **Civil Society Organization Capacity:** Weak institutional and technical capacity in local organizations.
- **PSS Needs Overshadowed by Material Needs:** Communities prioritized food, school fees, etc...

# Common Findings from Both Countries

## Challenges:

- Quality community based interventions vs. need to deliver quick results; there is a clear trade off
- Endemic poverty makes virtually every child “vulnerable,” difficult to target beneficiaries

## Success:

- Community Action Cycle mobilization process - a proven entry point for true partnerships with communities

# Scale-Up Hope M&E System

- Baseline study will be used to set appropriate program targets
- Emphasis on community collection and analysis of information to assess program performance
- Data flow up from communities (quarterly) → sub-grantees (semi-annually) → partners → SC/US → OGAC
- M&E data used for program management, decision making, and reporting of results

# Positive Change: Children, Care and Communities (OVC)

**Country:** Ethiopia (USAID field Mission)

**Life of project:** 10/04 - 10/09

**Funding Amount:** \$20,000,000

**Reach:** 500,000 children through 5 major international partners and numerous local organizations

**Other Implementing Organizations:** CARE; FHI; the Hope for African Children Initiative (HACI); World Learning; World Vision

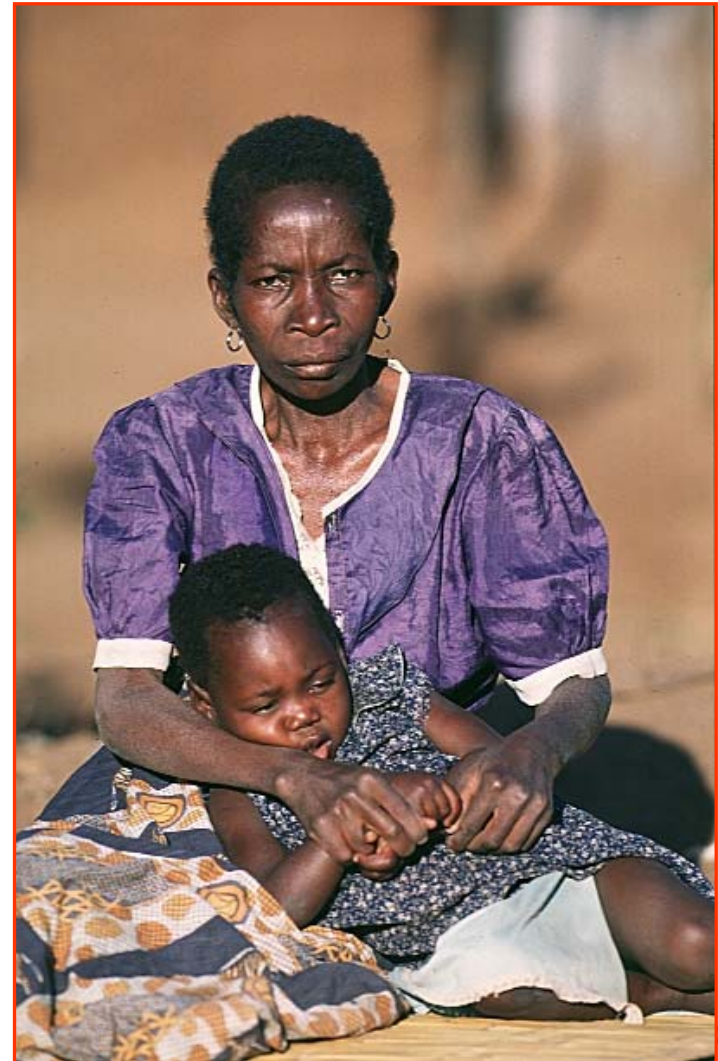
**Grantees:** Ethiopian NGOs and CBOs

# Positive Change: Children, Care and Communities (OVC)

- Improve the well-being of 500,000 orphans and other vulnerable children
- Increased use of community based care and support services for OVC, caregivers and families
- Strengthen the capacity of Ethiopian civil society organizations engaged in community based OVC response

# Our Vision on HIV/AIDS

**We envision a world where children, youth, and their families can live free from HIV infection, and those affected can live positively and productively without stigma and discrimination.**



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