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Acronyms

AB	Abstinence, Be faithful
ABC	Abstinence, Be faithful, and Condom use
AIDS	Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
ART	Antiretroviral therapy
ARV	Antiretroviral
CSI	Child Status Index
FY2009	Fiscal Year 2009
FY2010	Fiscal Year 2010
FY2011	Fiscal Year 2011
FXB	François-Xavier Bagnoud
HIV	Human Immunodeficiency virus
IGA	Income Generating Activities
OCA	Organizational Capacity Assessment
OVC	Orphans and Vulnerable Children
M&E	Monitoring and Evaluation
NPI	New Partners Initiative
NuPITA	New Partners Initiative Technical Assistance
PLWHA	People Living With HIV/AIDS
PMTCT	Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission
POC	Parish Orphan Committees
STD	Sexually Transmitted Diseases
STI	Sexually Transmitted Infection
USAID	United States Agency for International Development
VCT	Voluntary Counseling and Testing
VOC	Village Orphan Committees
WASH	Water Sanitation and Hygiene

1. Executive Summary

The FXB-Villages are community-based, holistic models of care and support that aim to improve the long-term well-being of more than 8,000 orphans and vulnerable children (OVC) by reinforcing the capacities of 1,920 families to meet their own needs, as well as the needs of OVC in their care. Each of the 24 FXB-Villages in this project supports 80 households affected by HIV/AIDS and extreme poverty, comprising children, caregivers, and adult dependants.

Objectives

The project meets the following PEPFAR strategic objectives:

Care of Orphans and Vulnerable Children:

- Provide comprehensive services and compassionate care so that orphans and other vulnerable children develop physically, socially, emotionally, and intellectually
- Strengthen family, community and government systems to help families, community members and groups to implement and monitor the delivery of high quality comprehensive services to a maximum number of children

HIV Prevention and HIV Counseling and Testing:

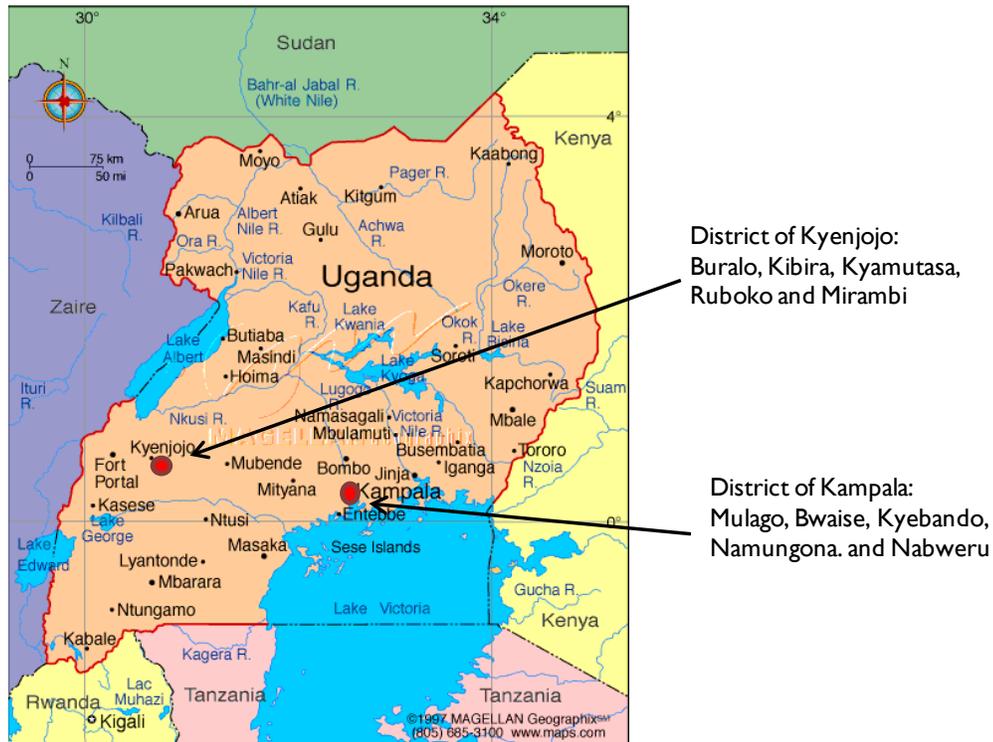
- Increase fidelity and reduce the number of sexual partners among beneficiaries; support and enable young people to choose abstinence and be faithful
- Increase recognition through prevention programs that rape, sexual coercion, sex trafficking, transactional sex, cross-generational sex, gender norms, and alcohol abuse increase vulnerability to HIV
- Increase recruitment and access to counseling and testing, especially for couples and families

Project Areas

FXB is implementing 24 FXB-Villages, grouped into five units of four or five Villages each: one unit each in Muhanga, Nyamagabe, and Rubavu Districts in Rwanda and one unit in both Kampala and Kyenjojo Districts in Uganda.



Map 1: PEPFAR-funded FXB-Villages in Rwanda



Map 2: PEPFAR-funded FXB-Villages in Uganda

General Overview

The following key activities were undertaken during the reporting period:

- The project facilitated access to VCT for approximately 6,000 individuals and remaining project targets were completed.
- Preparation for the end-of-project transition was begun in partnership with 1,920 households; transition activities focused on counseling and emotional support, economic strengthening, group enterprises, and diversification, and on community referrals and resources.
- Comprehensive household data was collected from 1,600 households.
- Administrative close out activities were begun in project offices.

Challenges and Lessons Learned

In Uganda, seasonal flooding compromised hygiene and sanitation in the Kampala area. The government of Uganda began construction of a massive drainage channel to help ease flooding in Bwaise and Mulago communities. In Rwanda, rising costs of living, hidden education costs, and steep increases in the cost of basic health care were also challenges. During close out and transition meetings, households reflected on their progress over the project period. Participants suggested that FXB ensure progress and continued motivation by creating household plans at the project's start. These plans could identify goals, needs, and support required.

Budget

	Reporting Period Estimated Budget Expenditures	Reporting Period Actual Expenditures	Burnrate
Totals	\$90,997.97	\$90,997.97	n/a

The USAID budget for Q1 and Q2 2012 was just over USD 90,000. These funds were expensed in full by March 2012, as project services and data collection concluded. FXB has expensed the full award amount as of this reporting period and met its cost share requirement.

2. Summary Table of PEPFAR Indicators

FXB Rwanda

Program Area	ID Number and Definition of Next Generation Indicator	Target for this reporting period	Achieved this reporting period	Life of Project (LOP) Target for Indicator	Achieved to date
Prevention					
Prevention Sub Area 7 Prevention w/Positives	P7.1.D Number of People Living with HIV/AIDS (PLHIV) reached with a minimum package of Prevention with PLHIV (PwP) interventions	-	-	900	905
Prevention Sub Area 8: Sexual and other Risk Prevention	P8.1.D Number of the targeted population reached with individual and/or small group level preventive interventions that are based on evidence and/or meet the minimum standards required	-	1336	20700	31745
	H2.2.D Number of community health and para-social workers who successfully completed a pre-service training program				
	OVC care support services	-	-	250	337
	Sexual Prevention AB	-	-	250	337
	Sexual Prevention ABC	-	-	250	337
	Total	-	-	750	1011
	P8.2.D Number of the targeted population reached with individual and/or small group level preventive interventions that are primarily focused on abstinence and/or being faithful, and are based on evidence and/or meet the minimum standards required (<u>subset of P8.1.D</u>)	1100	1100	14400	14404
Care					
Care Sub Area 1: "Umbrella" Care Indicators	C1.1.D Number of eligible adults and children provided with a minimum of one care service				
	Male	-	-	3264	3495
	Female	-	-	3536	3786
	<18 years old	-	-	4000	4071
	18+ years old	-	-	2800	3210

Care Sub Area 2: Clinical Care	C2.1.D Number of HIV-positive adults and children receiving a minimum of one clinical service				
	Male	1	-	250	249
	Female	-	-	270	407
	<18 years old	-	-	10	136
	18+ years old	20	-	510	490
101Care Sub Area 5: Support Care	C5.1.D Number of eligible clients who received food and/or other nutrition services				
	<18 years old	-	-	250	577
	18+ years old	-	-	450	211
	Pregnant/lactating women	-	-	50	101

FXB Uganda

Program Area	ID Number and definition of Next Generation Indicator	Target for this reporting period	Achieved this reporting period	Life of Project (LOP) Target for Indicator	Achieved to date
Prevention					
Prevention Sub Area 7: Prevention with Positives	P7.1.D Number of People Living with HIV/AIDS (PLHIV) reached with a minimum package of Prevention with PLHIV (PwP) interventions	-	-	500	1103
Prevention Sub Area 8: Sexual and other Risk Prevention	P8.1.D Number of the targeted population reached with individual and/or small group level preventive interventions that are based on evidence and/or meet the minimum standards required	3475	4449	13680	19770
Prevention Sub Area 8: Sexual and other Risk Prevention	H2.2D Number of community health and Para-social workers who successfully completed a pre-service training program				
	OVC care support services	-	-	80	184
	Sexual Prevention AB	-	-	80	184
	Sexual Prevention ABC	-	-	80	184
	Total	-	-	240	552
	P8.2.D Number of the targeted population reached with individual and/or small group level preventive interventions that are primarily focused on abstinence and/or being faithful, and are based on evidence and/or meet the minimum standards required (subset of P8.1.D)	2752	3162	9820	13059
Care Sub Area 1: "Umbrella" Care	C1.1.D Number of eligible adults and children provided with a minimum of one care service				
	Male	2016	2016	2793	5293
	Female	2259	2259	2907	6057

Indicators	<18 years old	982	952	4000	8212
	18+ years old	3293	3293	1700	3138
	C5.0D0 Number of eligible children (OVC) provided services in 3 or more OVC Core Programme Areas (CPAs) beyond psychosocial / spiritual support during the reporting period				
	Male	1810	1485	1987	3868
	Female	1878	1470	2153	3968
	<18 years old	3375	2675	3500	6721
	18+ years old	313	280	640	1113
101Care Sub Area 5: Support Care	C5.1.D Number of eligible clients who received food and/or other nutrition services				
	<18 years old	-	112	800	722
	18+ years old	-	322	200	390
	Pregnant/lactating women	15	23	23	78
Care Sub Area 1: "Umbrella" Care Indicators 1: "Umbrella" Care Indicators	C5.0.D1 Number of eligible children (OVC) provided services in 1 or 2 OVC Core Programme Areas (CPAs) during the reporting period				
	<5 years old	528	414	500	1280
	Male	243	185	240	604
	Female	285	229	260	676
	18+ years old	247	-	1080	833
	Male	109	-	509	400
	Female	138	-	571	433
	C.5.0.D2 Number of OVC caregivers trained in comprehensive HIV management	60	-	800	740
Care Sub Area 2: Clinical Care	C2.1.D Number of HIV-positive adults and children receiving a minimum of one clinical service				
	Male	19	26	240	380
	Female	109	124	260	729
	<18 years old	35	40	200	223
	18+ years old	93	110	300	886
	Pregnant/lactating women	15	23	23	91

Project Implementation

SO1: Comprehensive Services and Compassionate Care to OVC

a. Education

In the reporting period, FXB in Uganda monitored 2,286 primary, 354 secondary, and 253 vocational students. In FY2011 FXB Uganda had utilized block granting methodology in providing informal fees to the supported students. This meant continued student attendance throughout the year. During close out meetings with the students, basic financial and book-keeping tips were provided. Additionally, FXB integrated filial play coaching, as part of a new program to improve early child hood development.

In Rwanda, FXB continued to monitor progress and performance for 2,548 primary school students, 870 secondary school students, and 60 vocational students. FXB also regularly monitored school attendance and performance. During this reporting period, 50 students completed secondary school and 60 young people completed vocational trainings and received start up materials to conduct their businesses in sewing, masonry, and carpentry.

b. Medical Support

In Rwanda, FXB provided medical care for all existing ailments through the end of the year and ensured that beneficiaries had timely access to health care services through the Mutuelle de Santé. Simultaneously, FXB endeavored to facilitate water access. During the reporting period, one water source was constructed, providing water access to about 500 people in Muhanga District.

In Uganda, FXB continued to provide basic medical care to household participants. In the reporting period, there were 236 medical cases. While medical treatment was provided during home visits, referrals, in particular to government health centers, were emphasized. Sixty-seven referrals were made to local health centers in both Kampala and Kyenjojo. FXB in Uganda held close out meetings within FXB-Village groups; this provided a platform to encourage participant caregivers to continue practicing good hygiene and sanitation. In the reporting period, the supported PLHIV cases were formally handed over to their respective community treatment centers for continued case management. FXB staff visited treatment outlets to ensure all PLHIV were connected to the centers and could access continued free treatment.

c. Child Rights

FXB in Uganda held close out meetings with 48 child rights clubs. Within individual and small group meetings, 4449 children were also reached with child protection messages. FXB Uganda also followed up with 51 teachers trained in child protection, to offer encouragement to ensure continued dissemination of child protection messages. In the reporting period, five child neglect and abuse cases were handled in coordination with Kampala and Kyenjojo district officials. Following a structured learning visit to Health Alert–Gulu, FXB adapted child participation models for their protection work. The 48 child protection clubs were provided with an opportunity to visit others schools; this helped them provide knowledge on child protection to their peers. FXB in Uganda worked with closely the African Network for the Prevention and Protection against Child Abuse and Neglect (ANPPCAN) in responding to abuse and shared information about a free child abuse response hotline in project communities.

In Rwanda, to increase community protection networks and further reduce risk of HIV infection, FXB organized child protection awareness sessions focusing on the factors that increase vulnerability to HIV. During the reporting period, the project reached 1,120 heads of households, 751 children, and 120 community leaders with messages regarding Gender-Based Violence and how child protection violations can increase the

risk of HIV. Thanks to these sessions, one family legalized their marriage and their four children were formally registered.

SO1: Strengthen Family, Community and Government Systems

a. Income Generating Activity (IGA) and Livelihood Training for Caregivers of OVC

The reinforcement of capacities of caregivers and the reduction of household poverty through income generating activities is the foundation of the project. Sustainability of all household economic activities – in the short and long term – is the primary objective. Household and group IGA provide regular and sufficient income, help OVC and their caregivers escape poverty and ensuring their continued resiliency. Sustainability and diversification of IGA was emphasized during this reporting period. In Rwanda, all 1'120 supported caregivers have more than one income generating activities, having adequate income to cover education, medical, food for their family members.

FXB continued providing livelihood trainings and monitored the evolution of individual IGA, as well as banking and savings, responsible credit, and basic financial literacy and management. During this reporting period, with technical support from FXB to write small project loan proposal, 197 heads of households in Rwanda accessed micro-credit schemes and diversified their IGA.

Through ongoing trainings, technical support and advocacy, FXB reinforced the capacity of 111 participant groups. At the end of March 2012, 14 cooperatives were formed and operational: 6 in Muhanga District, 4 in Nyamagabe District, and 4 in Rubavu District. Those cooperatives are already registered at District level and still in process of being registered by Rwanda Cooperative Agency. In the long plan, those cooperatives will be eligible for credit and resources from different financial institutions and the Rwanda Board for Small and Medium Enterprises.

In Uganda, FXB supported 53 participant groups in collective IGA and access to micro-credit facilities. FXB also worked with 48 village orphan committees chairpersons to monitor groups' activities. Towards the final weeks of the project, FXB reinforced groups' registration with the districts community based services coordination office; 33 village groups were registered within Kampala and Kyenjojo districts as community support groups. Registration at districts also increased chances of support groups' access to government services and poverty alleviation funds. All group members were provided with leadership training within the three years period. In the reporting period, 67 households accessed micro-credit within Kampala and Kyenjojo districts.

SO2: Increase Fidelity, Enable Abstinence and Be Faithful; Increase Recognition of Factors Increasing Vulnerability to HIV; Increase Recruitment and Access to Counseling and Testing

During this reporting period, FXB in Rwanda held HIV prevention and awareness sessions to equip children with the skills and information needed to avoid transmission

and promote healthy and risk-free behavior. As a result, HIV prevention sessions were organized for 1,100 children and youth on AB messages. These sessions promoted messages of dignity and self-worth, individual rights, the importance of abstinence and delaying sexual debut, and the development of skills to practice abstinence and healthy behaviors. In addition, 236 adults (108 men and 128 women) participated in HIV prevention sessions on ABC messages.

In Uganda, FXB also organized individual and small group meetings focused on abstinence, being faithful and condom use. During the 6 month period, 4,449 individuals were reached with HIV/AIDS messages. Of these, 3,162 were primarily reached with abstinence and be faithful messages. FXB in Uganda exceeded its overall project target for this indicator because it integrated home to home individual awareness specifically targeting out of school youth. FXB continued to encourage community members including discordant couples to embrace consistent condom use. FXB maintained close working relationships with JCRC, the AIDS Information Centre, Baylor College of Medicine and The AIDS Support Organization (TASO). Finally, in the reporting period, 150 individuals were reached with clinical services including STI management, and 23 pregnant/lactating mothers were provided with follow up on PMTCT.

In partnership with Namungoona Orthodox Mission hospital and Nurture Africa, FXB reached 263 individuals with VCT. FXB in Uganda also initiated partnership with Nurture Africa, to identify 400 HIV positive children within the USAID villages for treatment at Nurture Africa paediatric clinic. FXB in Uganda worked closely with Baylor College of Medicine/Mulago, Joint Clinic Research Center (JCRC), The AIDS Support Organization (TASO), the Infectious Disease Institute - Mulago, Namungoona Orthodox Mission hospital, and Kyenjojo Health Center IV to ensure sustained access to ART.

4. Monitoring and Evaluation

FXB began collection of final household survey data in Q1 2012, focusing on reaching 1,600 households with a comprehensive questionnaire to assess well-being of children and other family members. This final data will be compared against similar baseline measures collected in 2009. In addition, FXB has begun preparations for community focus group discussions with select project participants, including caregivers, PLHIV, OVC and young people, and partners, community leaders, and government representatives. In addition, FXB in Uganda conducted transition meetings with stakeholders to gather feedback on household sustainability and plans for the future. This quantitative and qualitative data will be summarized in FXB's forthcoming final project report.

FXB continued work on the development of a management information system (MIS) database to improve data collection, analysis, and program decision making in current and subsequent OVC projects. Finally, final Child Status Index data was collected from all OVC currently in the project to gauge individual needs at end of the project.

5. Program Management

As project implementation and direct service provision came to a close, FXB scaled down staffing and closed certain community offices. Before the end of their contracts, the staff participated in the collection and compilation of final household survey data. During the reporting period, both FXB Rwanda and FXB Uganda initiated the process to become local, independent non-profit entities in their respective countries. They will continue to work closely with other FXB offices and be affiliated with FXB International.

FXB participated in several staff development and organizational capacity-building opportunities during the reporting period. Specifically, staff participated in workshops on MIS development, early childhood development, change management, household conflict management, and financial sustainability. FXB representatives from Rwanda, Uganda, Geneva, and New York also participated in the end of project meeting organized by USAID in Kampala.

FXB is also pursuing two new partnership opportunities with USAID. In Uganda, FXB is a sub-grantee under the USAID-funded SCORE project. Through SCORE, staff were recently trained in the management of Farmer Field Schools (FFS) and urban horticulture/backyard gardening, as well as Village Saving and Loans Associations. This helped enrich project implementation within other on-going OVC projects. In Rwanda, FXB was invited to a partners meeting hosted by USAID Rwanda to discuss upcoming funding opportunities.

6. Other Issues

During the reporting period FXB held numerous transition meetings with project stakeholders. Through FXB-Village groups the participant caregivers were met to discuss issues of sustainability after project implementation. In Uganda, in order to ensure access to treatment (ART) among supported PLHIV, beneficiary lists were submitted to various service outlets including Namungoona Orthodox Mission hospital, Baylor college of Medicine, Kyenjojo health center IV among others. As part of the transition plan, FXB in Uganda held close out meetings with Kyenjojo District Chief Administrative Officer, Kawempe and Rubaga Division Chief Administrative officers, Community Based Services Coordinators, probation officers, District Education Officers and District Agricultural Officers.

FXB in Uganda continued to participate in activities organized by the Uganda National AIDS Services Organization (UNASO), which coordinates civil society organizations servicing persons infected and affected by HIV/AIDS. FXB worked closely with the USAID mission in activities to commemorate World AIDS Day; the village projects were acknowledged by USAID, a good practice in responding to the needs of households with children orphaned by AIDS. As the program focused on close out activities, FXB in Uganda held meetings with Reproductive Health –Uganda , Baylor college of medicine, Kyenjojo health center IV among others to ensure registered beneficiaries sustainably access services. FXB also participated in national OVC coordination meetings organized by the Ugandan Ministry of Gender, Labor and Community Development; of

great importance was the child protection working group meeting focused at nationally mapping child protection systems with support from Maestral International.

In Rwanda, FXB starts the transition process on the first date of the program when it informs participants about the project's timeframe, activities, and budget. One best practice to keep motivation high and smooth the transition to autonomy for project households has been the celebration each year of "Participants' Day." Each Participants day celebrates achievements and plans for the following year. FXB also provides a small award, such as new gift for the home or for a caregiver's IGA, to the person selected by his/her peers and by other stakeholders as the Abahizi,. In November 2011, the same celebration and festivity was done in all units in presence of District leaders, community leaders, partner NGO and other stakeholders. It became also a great opportunity to announce the upcoming project close out to all participants and stakeholders.

7. Budget

Actual expenditures for the period (about \$90,000) were identical to the remaining budget, as the full award amount (\$3,279,472) was expended by the end of Q2 2012. A project no-cost extension was granted to FXB in November 2011, so FXB's burn rate for the subsequent months of this reporting period decreased as program funds were stretched to accommodate final close out and evaluation expenses. FXB also met (and slightly exceeded) its cost share portion (\$1,020,000) during the reporting period. No further financial funds requests will be made to USAID.

8. Graduation Celebration for USAID/PEPFAR Families



In December 2011, FXB Rwanda officially celebrated the end of the PEPFAR NPI project in Muhanga (4 FXB Villages), Nyamagabe (4 FXB Villages) and Rubavu (4 FXB Villages). In the presence of all participants, Government of Rwanda officials and partners, FXB closed out the PEPFAR program and celebrated household 'graduates'. Participants and other program

stakeholders in their respective communities prepared the day, invited FXB and government officials to come and participate in the celebrations. The speeches and poems recognized FXB and USAID/PEPFAR for helping make families' achievements within three years possible.

In Uganda, FXB organized graduation meetings within 53 village groups, and the chief administration officers within Kampala and Kyenjojo with official closure project letters and lists of supported participants. To celebrate the achievements of the FXB/USAID NPI project, FXB Uganda hosted the President of Uganda's representative in Kyenjojo. This provided the Resident District Commissioner (RDC) an opportunity to visit graduate households and groups; he commended FXB/USAID NPI for the support and promised to mobilize support for similar OVC projects. FXB also plans, as part of the final project

achievements dissemination workshops, to offer high-achieving project participants a forum to serve as role models and share their stories with partner stakeholders and, if possible, future participants.

Success Stories

John, Kyenjojo District, Uganda

John is 17 years old. He lives with his grandmother and five cousins in Kigugu village –Ruhoko Parish. His father died when he was 10 years old and his mother abandoned the family shortly after. John and his siblings had not where else to go, so their aging grandmother, herself 85 years old, took them in.

Unfortunately, John's grandmother could not afford to provide for all her grandchildren's needs. John was forced to drop out of school in primary five. To help fend for the family, he started digging gardens in the neighborhood in exchange for food. But often the family would go a day without a meal.

In 2009, John's family was enrolled into the FXB USAID/PEPFAR NPI project, and John was given a second chance into education. After thorough counseling, he was provided with the opportunity to study vehicle repair and mechanics, while his cousins were supported in primary education. Once John completed his training; FXB provided him with a certificate and tools. Given John's exemplary performance, the trainer at the school retained him. John now earns between USD 1.20 and 2.40 daily. *"At the moment, it is not the earnings that matter a lot, even though I save a little: being able to perfect my trade and become independently employed will earn me more",* said John.



John training with peers (Photo; FXB Staff)

Thanks to the NPI project, John currently can save at least USD 0.40 daily. He is now sure where the next meal will come from, and is able to meet most of his family's basic needs. The family also practices agriculture, from which they get an added income. *"I am happy at work, as life has changed and am ready to face the future",* added John.

FERDINAND, Rubavu District, Rwanda

A person living with HIV/AIDS used to be considered a curse in many families of Rwanda, especially in the rural areas. Some families used to hide an infected person so that the others could not see him. The HIV+ person was subject to neglect and abuse, loneliness and hopelessness. FXB strives to advocate for and empower these people and provide comprehensive support to children and families whose lives are affected by HIV/AIDS.

With the support of USAID and PEPFAR, FXB Rwandahas supported thousands of vulnerable people in Rwanda by strengthening their capacity economically, socially and emotionally. Ferdinand is one such beneficiary of the FXB NPI project; he is 33 years old and lives with his wife and four children.

“Before the intervention of FXB, I lived in misery. In order to survive, my wife and I used to work for others. We earned less than USD 1.00 per a day, which was not enough to cover the family’s needs,” Ferdinand said.

“In addition, I used to be sick often. I went to the traditional “doctors” for treatment, where I spent much money. Unfortunately, they treated me without knowing the real disease...In 2009, during the meeting organized by FXB in collaboration with local leaders, they selected my household [for participation in the NPI project]. FXB provided various support – including food, hygienic materials, scholastic materials for my children, medical fees and mostly the good ideas to run my own income generating activity.

“Later on, thanks to the project’s HIV/AIDS prevention training, counseling and testing sessions, all my family members received an HIV test. Unfortunately, the results revealed that I am HIV+. Various counseling from the FXB nurse counselor helped me to live positively and I learnt the importance of condoms,” Ferdinand noted.

He explained, “As an income generating activity, we are cultivating beans and maize. We are also breeding pigs. As a result I have bought a plot, now I am building my own house! I have earned over 395,000 RFW (USD 660). I am able to save 30,000 RFW (USD) per month.

“I am thanking FXB and USAID for their support to my family, and I am happy that very soon I will have my own new house. The support was important not only for me but also for all the beneficiaries in particular and the community in general,” he concluded.