



STRIVE

***Support to Replicable, Innovative, Village/Community Level Efforts
for Children Affected by AIDS in Zimbabwe***

Annual Report to USAID Fiscal Year 2003



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Selected Performance Measures (for Fiscal Year 2003)

- ❑ Number of orphans and vulnerable children receiving care and support.
- ❑ Number of orphans and vulnerable children receiving education assistance.
- ❑ Number of community organizations receiving support to care for OVC.

Significant Achievements

- ❑ 105,240 children received care and support during the Fiscal Year (FY) 2003 through Catholic Relief Services (CRS/ZW) Project, Support To Replicable, Innovative, Village/Community Level Efforts (STRIVE) for Children Affected by HIV/ AIDS in Zimbabwe. This represents a 64% increase from baseline findings on the number of children who received care and support from partner organizations since the beginning of STRIVE Project implementation in December 2001. The children are being assisted under four major interventions: psychosocial support, food security, access to education assistance and economic strengthening. More than 60% of the total number of children served received care and support through more than one of these interventions.
- ❑ 66% (69,458) received care and support under education assistance with 54% of them being girls. Operations Research indicates that partners' use of the block grant intervention has been very effective in allowing more children to stay in school for longer periods of time and in reducing stigma among children.
- ❑ Sixteen local and international Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) and Community Based Organizations (CBOs) received grants from CRS/STRIVE by the end of FY2003.
- ❑ STRIVE partner organizations surpassed the FY2003 target of 83,000 children reached by more than 26%.

Significant Challenges

- ❑ Accounting for children receiving care and support without double counting was a challenge. CRS/STRIVE responded by developing a double counting elimination tool. As a result, current figures reported do not include double counting.
- ❑ Our partners have been faced with significant numbers of children dropping out of school or not attending school regularly due to food shortages and resulting hunger. Through the planned Nutrition Education Support Program (NESP), CRS/ZW will respond by integrating CRS/ZW's Humanitarian Assistance in STRIVE partners' catchment areas to ensure that children of school-going age participating in the STRIVE Project are also accessing food.
- ❑ Data collection by partners was minimal when the project started. STRIVE rigorously trained partners in data collection methods and assisted partners to develop quantitative data collection tools. Although quantitative data collection by partners has vastly improved, there is a gap in qualitative data collection and analysis. A tool to guide partners on how to document sound practices has been recently developed.

Significant Plans for FY2004

- ❑ The STRIVE Project will continue to build upon and strengthen existing community initiatives to care for and support children through an integrated, holistic, multi-sectored

approach, drawing upon lessons learned through CRS/STRIVE Operations Research (OR).

- ❑ CRS/STRIVE will carry out special studies to provide formative qualitative information directly related to the key research questions of the STRIVE Operations Research Unit strategy regarding the replicability, cost-effectiveness, quality of care, and impact of interventions designed to support children. Special studies planned for FY2004 include:
 - Coping Strategies of Children, focusing on Child-Headed Households
 - “Unpacking” Psychosocial Support
 - Reproductive Health Needs of Adolescents Orphaned by AIDS
- ❑ The Nutrition Education Support Program (NESP) will provide school supplementary feedings in schools so that children benefiting from the STRIVE Project also receive necessary nutritional support. This program is intended to increase enrollment and encourage better attendance rates among school children in STRIVE catchment areas.
- ❑ The STRIVE Project will increase its impact on child protection and policy issues by supporting partners’ linkages with child welfare structures and institutions at community, district, and national-levels.
- ❑ While STRIVE partners will likely continue to emphasize education assistance interventions, especially through block grants, CRS/STRIVE will increase its efforts to reach out to more out-of-school youth, particularly adolescents aged 14-18, that are in high-risk environments such as informal settlements, commercial areas and residential institutions.

Significant Inputs/Outputs/Activities

- ❑ CRS/STRIVE will intensify its technical assistance by seconding more CRS/STRIVE staff to partner organizations. STRIVE partners will also receive enhanced technical support that will be built upon the sound practices and lessons learned from first phase of the STRIVE Project.
- ❑ STRIVE partners have experienced significant levels of capacity building during the Project’s pilot phase. With current levels of funding, CRS/STRIVE would anticipate reaching a target of 150,000 children, a steady but modest increase in the number of children served. Increased funding at the level of \$1.2 million during FY2004 would allow the STRIVE Project to exceed this target by at least 50,000 children. An increased level of funding would also allow for the inclusion of four additional local partners in the STRIVE Project.
- ❑ Funding at the level of \$1.6 million during FY2005 would allow the STRIVE Project to reach a target of 300,000 children. CRS/STRIVE could also support an additional four local organizations, bringing the number of partners to twenty-four. STRIVE partner organizations could also be able to enhance their role in child protection and advocacy within and outside of Zimbabwe.

Selected Performance Measures - Zimbabwe

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Indicator (all data should pertain to FY or CY 02)	OU Response	Significant Result: Description of the significant result for a strategic objective	Data Quality Factors: Information relevant to the collection of this indicator data, e.g. "this data was not collected last year because it is only collected every five years."
Pillar I: Global Development Alliance			
Did your operating unit achieve a significant result working in alliance with the private sector or NGOs?			
613-008 Enhanced citizens' participation in economic and political decision making			
613-009 HIV/AIDS Crisis Mitigated			
613-010 Access to Economic Opportunities for Disadvantaged Groups Expanded			
a. How many alliances did you implement in 2002? (list partners)			
b. How many alliances do you plan to implement in FY 2003?			
What amount of funds has been leveraged by the alliances in relationship to USAID's contribution?			
Pillar II: Economic Growth, Agriculture and Trade			
USAID Objective 1: Critical, private markets expanded and strengthened			
Did your program achieve a significant result in the past year that is likely to contribute to this objective?			
613-010 Access to Economic Opportunities for Disadvantaged Groups Expanded		36 grants/contracts linking rural disadvantaged groups with commercial companies and NGOs established benefiting approximately 40,436 households	Data quality assessment to be carried out in 2003
USAID Objective 2: More rapid and enhanced agricultural development and food security encouraged			
Did your program achieve a significant result in the past year that is likely to contribute to this objective?			
613-010 Access to Economic Opportunities for Disadvantaged Groups Expanded		36 grants/contracts linking rural disadvantaged groups with commercial companies and NGOs established and benefited 40,436 households	Data quality assessment to be carried out in 2003

USAID Objective 3: Access to economic opportunity for the rural and urban poor expanded and made more equitable

Did your program achieve a significant result in the past year that is likely to contribute to this objective?

613-010 Access to Economic Opportunities for Disadvantaged Groups Expanded				36 grants/contracts linking rural disadvantaged groups and commercial companies and NGOs established and benefited 40,436 households	Data quality assessment to be carried out in 2003
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USAID Objective 4: Access to quality basic education for under-served populations, especially for girls and women, expanded

Did your program achieve a significant result in the past year that is likely to contribute to this objective?

a. Number of children enrolled in primary schools affected by USAID basic education programs (2002 actual)	Male	Female	Total	
b. Number of children enrolled in primary schools affected by USAID basic education programs (2003 target)	Male	Female	Total	

USAID Objective 5: World's environment protected by emphasizing policies and practices ensuring environmentally sound and efficient energy use, sustainable urbanization, conservation of biological diversity, sustainable management of natural resources

Did your program achieve a significant result in the past year that is likely to contribute to this objective?

a. Hectares under Approved Management Plans (2002 actual)				
b. Hectares under Approved Management Plans (2003 target)				

Pillar III: Global Health

USAID Objective 1: Reducing the number of unintended pregnancies

Did your program achieve a significant result in the past year that is likely to contribute to this objective?

613-009 HIV/AIDS Crisis Mitigated				
Percentage of in-union women age 15-49 using, or whose partner is using, a modern method of contraception at the time of the survey. (DHS/RHS)	%			

USAID Objective 2: Reducing infant and child mortality

Did your program achieve a significant result in the past year that is likely to contribute to this objective?

613-009 HIV/AIDS Crisis Mitigated				
Percentage of children age 12 months or less who have received their third dose of DPT (DHS/RHS)	Male	Female	Total	

Percentage of children age 6-59 months who had a case of diarrhea in the last two weeks and received ORT (DHS/RHS)	Male	Female	Total	
Percentage of children age 6-59 months receiving a vitamin A supplement during the last six months (DHS/RHS)	Male	Female	Total	
Were there any confirmed cases of wild-strain polio transmission in your country?				

USAID Objective 3: Reducing deaths and adverse health outcomes to women as a result of pregnancy and childbirth

Did your program achieve a significant result in the past year that is likely to contribute to this objective?

Percentage of births attended by medically-trained personnel (DHS/RHS)	%			
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USAID Objective 4: Reducing the HIV transmission rate and the impact of HIV/AIDS pandemic in developing countries

Did your program achieve a significant result in the past year that is likely to contribute to this objective?

613-009 HIV/AIDS Crisis Mitigated	Yes			There is significant impact at the IR level.
a. Total condom sales (2002 actual)				
b. Total condom sales (2003 target)				This data is collected annually on a calendar year basis by PSI/Zimbabwe. This represents socially marketed condom sales only.
National HIV Seroprevalence Rates reported annually (Source: National Sentinel Surveillance System)				UNAIDS, 2001
Number of sex partners in past year (Source: national survey/conducted every 3-5 years) per DHS or other survey)				48% of young people (age 15-24) had multiple sex partners in the last 12 months. Knowledge Attitude & Practices (KAP) survey (PSI, August 2001). Survey is conducted every 2 years.
Median age at first sex among young men and women (age of sexual debut) ages 15 - 24 (Source: national survey/conducted every 3-5 years) per DHS or other survey)				KAP survey (PSI, August 2001). Survey conducted every 2 years.

Condom use with last non-regular partner (Source: national survey/conducted every 3-5 years) per DHS or other survey)					KAP Survey (PSI, August 2001) Conducted every 2 years.
Number of Clients provided services at STI clinics					
Number of STI clinics with USAID assistance					
Number of orphans and other vulnerable children receiving care/support	46,306 males	58,934 females	105,240 total	Data collected quarterly. 46% male, 54% females	CABA Care and Support form, STRIVE Program Analysis tool (for double counting elimination) Monthly reports Quarterly reports
Number of Orphans and Vulnerable Children programs with USAID assistance			16 local & international NGOs	16 grants given to STRIVE partners. STRIVE is a USAID supported project.	
Number of community initiatives or community organizations receiving support to care for orphans and other vulnerable children					
Number of USAID-supported health facilities offering PMTCT services					
Number of women who attended PMTCT sites for a new pregnancy in the past 12 months					
Number of women with known HIV infection among those seen at PMTCT sites within the past year.					
Number of HIV-positive women attending antenatal clinics receiving a complete course of ARV therapy to prevent MTCT (UNGASS National Programme & Behavior Indicator #4)					
Number of individuals reached by community and home-based care programs in the past 12 months					
Number of USAID-assisted community and home-based care programs					
Number of clients seen at Voluntary Counseling and Testing (VCT) centers					This is 2002 calendar year data from USAID funded PSI "New Start" VCT Centers.

Number of VCT centers with USAID assistance				
Number of HIV-infected persons receiving Anti-Retroviral (ARV) treatment				
Number of USAID-assisted ARV treatment program				
a. Number of individuals treated in STI programs (2002 actual)	Male	Female	Total	
b. Number of individuals treated in STI programs (2003 target)	Male	Female	Total	
a. Is your operating unit supporting an MTCT program?				
b. Will your operating unit start an MTCT program in 2003?				
a. Number of individuals reached by community and home based care programs (2002 actual)	Male	Female	Total	
b. Number of individuals reached by community and home based care programs (2003 target)	Male	Female	Total	
a. Number of orphans and vulnerable children reached (2002 actual)	Male	Female	Total 139,131	A total of 139,131 children were reached since 2002 through major OVC organizations namely CRS/STRIVE, UNICEF, RED CROSS, SAT, REPSSI.
b. Number of orphans and vulnerable children reached (2003 target)	Male	Female	Total target 83,000	STRIVE's target for FY2003 was 83,000.
a. Number of individuals reached by antiretroviral (ARV) treatment programs (2002 actual)	Male	Female	Total	
b. Number of individuals reached by antiretroviral (ARV) treatment programs (2003 target)	Male	Female	Total	

There are 14 USAID funded PSI "New Start" VCT Centers.

USAID Objective 5: Reducing the threat of infectious diseases of major public health importance

Did your program achieve a significant result in the past year that is likely to contribute to this objective?

a. Number of insecticide impregnated bed-nets sold (Malaria) (2002 actual)				
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b. Number of insecticide impregnated bed-nets sold (Malaria) (2003 target)				
a. Proportion of districts implementing the DOTS Tuberculosis strategy (2002 actual)	%			
b. Proportion of districts implementing the DOTS Tuberculosis strategy (2003 target)	%			

Pillar III: Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance

USAID Objective 1: Strengthen the rule of law and respect for human rights

Did your program achieve a significant result in the past year that is likely to contribute to this objective?

USAID Objective 2: Encourage credible and competitive political processes

Did your program achieve a significant result in the past year that is likely to contribute to this objective?

613-008 Enhanced citizens' participation in economic and political decision making	Yes			<p>Indicator: CSO perception of valid engagement with Parliament on issues relevant to their concern. Baseline was 0 in 1999, 16 in 2000, 25 in 2001 and 50.5 in 2002. Indicator: MPs' assessment of the quality of CSO input into the legislative process, with emphasis on the budgetary process.</p> <p>Data collection for 'CSO perception' is based on an increase in the number of CSOs coming on board and giving attention to advocacy to Parliament, rather than on an improvement in the quality of the engagement. The indicator is intended to monitor changes in the way Parliament responds to and works with CSOs. The other indicator at the SO level, 'MPs assessment' balances the perceptions of valid engagement from the Parliamentary side.</p>
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USAID Objective 3: Promote the development of politically active civil society

Did your program achieve a significant result in the past year that is likely to contribute to this objective?

613-008 Enhanced citizens' participation in economic and political decision making	Yes			<p>Indicator: 'Number of targeted CSOs that work at the national level and show improvement on the advocacy index.' Baseline of 0 in 1999, 7 in 2000, 10 in 2001 and 14 in 2002.</p> <p>An independent panel of civil society experts grade each CSO on the advocacy index on an annual basis.</p>
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USAID Objective 4: Encourage more transparent and accountable government institutions

Did your program achieve a significant result in the past year that is likely to contribute to this objective?

613-008 Enhanced citizens' participation in economic and political decision making	Yes		
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Indicator: 'Number of parliamentary committee meetings open to citizens, citizen groups and the media'

In 1999 the baseline was 0. In 2001 it was 24 and in 2002 it was 39. This indicator tracks the number of meetings which notify stakeholders in good time, provide relevant materials, answer questions, and notify public and press to attend in good time.

USAID Objective 5: Mitigate conflict

Did your program in a pre-conflict situation achieve a significant result in the past year that is likely to contribute to this objective?
 Did your program in a post-conflict situation achieve a significant result in the past year that is likely to contribute to this objective?

Number of refugees and internally displaced persons assisted by USAID	Male	Female	Total	
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USAID Objective 6: Provide humanitarian relief

Did your program achieve a significant result in the past year that is likely to contribute to this objective?

Number of beneficiaries				
Crude mortality rates	%			
Child malnutrition rates	%			
Did you provide support to torture survivors this year, even as part of a larger effort?	N/A			
Number of beneficiaries (adults age 15 and over)	Male	Female	Total	
Number of beneficiaries (children under age 15)	Male	Female	Total	

We receive quarterly reports from the implementer of the Victims of Torture Program, Amani Trust.

Total OVC reached By OVC Major Players in Zimbabwe

Organization	Total	Location by District
STRIVE	105,240	Binga, Nyaminyami, Makonde, Zvimba North, Mhondoro North and South, Msengezi, Kambuzuma, Rugare, Highfield, Matobo, Bulawayo, Mazowe, Mvurwi, Guruve, Glendale, Bindura, Shamva, Makoni, Mutare, Chimanimani, Zvishavane, Buhera, Norton, Gutu, Mutasa, Bubi, Marambapfungwe.
UNICEF	3,600	Buhera, Zaka, Bulilimamangwe, Plumtree, Gokwe North, Mt Darwin, Hwange, Zvishavane, Rushinga, Chegutu, Binga, Hurungwe, Mudzi, Chipinge, Tsholotsho
Red Cross	30,569	Buhera, Marange (Mutare), Chipinge, Chimanimani, Marondera urban, Mudzimurema, Murehwa, Mudzi, Chitungwiza, Bindura, Mt Darwin, Zvimba, Kariba, Magunje, Kadoma, Zvishavane, Shurungwi, Lower Gweru, Gwanda, Beitbridge, Matobo, Nkayi, Victoria Falls, Dete, Masvingo, Chivi, Mwenezi
Total	139,131	

NB: The total does not eliminate double counting. There is high possibility of organizations reaching the same children in the same operating areas.