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**ORPHAN AND VULNERABLE
CHILDREN SITUATION ANALYSIS:
INTERVIEW GUIDE FOR OVC
CENTER STAFF**



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Interview Guide

Pediatric HIV Case Identification, Referral and Care at Social Centers for orphans and vulnerable children (OVC)

For interviews with Counselors and care providers at OVC Centers, Home based Care programs, Nutrition Centers and NGOs working in OVC and Pediatric HIV care and support programs.

Date: _____ Name of District _____
Interviewer(s) _____ Name of Social Center/NGO _____

Interviewee(s) _____

Team: _____

Contact Person: _____ Phone: _____

General

Ask to speak with the person in charge for social center or NGO who is present today. Introduce yourself, briefly explain the purpose of your visit and ask if she/he would be willing to answer few questions about orphans and vulnerable children with HIV and AIDS

Hello. My name is _____. My colleagues and I are here on behalf of to conduct a joint situation analysis to learn more about your services related to HIV/AIDS and OVCs. The information you provide us is very important and valuable, which will help to inform social centers, health facilities, care givers, to support and improve OVC related policies and the delivery of services. We do appreciate your time and responses.

1. Do you attend to orphan and vulnerable children in this center?

- a. If yes, how many OVCs do you attend to each week/month?
- b. How many of these OVCs are under the age of 5 years?

2. Do you attend to OVCs with HIV infection at this center?

- a. If yes, how many OVCs do you attend to each week/month?
 - i. How many are girls? _____ How many are boys? _____
- b. How many of these OVCs are under the age of 5 years?

i. How many are girls?

3. How many staff are working at this social center?
4. What skills and training do you have for OVC care and support?
5. What additional skills do you require to more effectively support OVCs in your program
6. How many of your staff members have been trained on OVC care?
7. How many care givers do you have at your center?
8. What services are available for OVC at this center? Please list

9. What services are available for OVC who are exposed or infected with HIV at this center? Please list

10. What services are available for OVC who are exposed or infected with HIV and below 5 years of age at this center? Please list

11. Who provides these services to OVCs at the center?

12. When are these services provided ? How often?

13. Where are these services provided for OVC including those infected with HIV at this center?

14. How do the social workers identify OVCs (indigent, orphan and vulnerable children) in this center?

15. What is the criteria used to define orphans who receive care at your center?

16. How many OVCs do you know of in this center who are HIV infected?

17. How many OVCs do you know of in this center who are HIV infected and are under the age of 5 years?

16. How do OVCs access services at the Social center?

17. How many OVCs are attended to at the facility each month?

18. What are the common health problems for orphans and vulnerable children in this center?

List what is mentioned spontaneously:

Probe: Pneumonia? Diarrhea? HIV?

19. What are the common health problems for orphans and vulnerable children infected with HIV (living with AIDS) that present at the center?

List what is mentioned spontaneously:

Probe: Pneumonia? Diarrhea?

20. What are the common health problems for orphans and vulnerable children infected with HIV (living with AIDS) and are below 5 years of age at this center?

List what is mentioned spontaneously:

Probe: Pneumonia? Diarrhea?

21. How do you respond to the health needs of the OVC that come to the center?

22. What do you do when you encounter a sick OVC at the center?

23. What do you do when you encounter a sick OVC with HIV infection at the center?

24. What do you do for sick OVC with HIV infection who are under 5 years of age visiting your social center?

25. Where do caretakers take sick vulnerable children for treatment in this community?

First place

Second place

Probes:

? government. clinic, government. hospital, private doctors, faith healers, traditional healers

?certain places for certain types of illnesses?

26. What are the reasons that a caregivers might not go take a sick child to a health facility?

Probe for transport, cost reasons.

27. What challenges or difficulties do you experience identifying or attending to the health needs of OVCs at your center?

28. What are the barriers to meeting the health needs of OVCs in this center communities?

29. What are the ways that help you identify children (OVCs) who are infected with HIV at your center?

30. What are the ways that help you identify children (OVCs) who are infected with HIV and are under the age of 5 years at your center?

31 What supports are available for OVCs with HIV at this center?

32. If a pregnant woman goes for an antenatal care checkup and is counseled by the nurse to get an HIV test for the health of the baby, how will she respond?

- How will she feel?

- Can she make this decision by herself? If not, whom does she have to consult with?

33 In this community, what happens to babies who are born to mothers who have HIV?

(Probes: no one knows baby has problems, babies dies quickly, mothers don't want anyone to know)

34. How would a person learn which children might have been exposed to HIV? (Best way to least effective way)

F/U Question: Is it ok to ask mothers about HIV at the immunization visit?

Home testing?:

35. How can a mother or anyone know that a baby has been infected with HIV?

List Signs? List the symptoms?

34 What are the ways in which a baby/child can be infected with HIV? List ways.

35. What are the ways in which HIV infection could be prevented in children including OVCs?

36. What are the common health problems encountered in OVCs at this center?

37. What are the common health problems encountered in OVCs infected with HIV at this center.

38. What are the common health problems encountered in OVCs infected with HIV and are below 5 years of age?

Do you conduct HIV counseling and testing at this social center?

39. How many children are tested for at your center each month?

b. How many of these children are under the age of 5 years:

40. How many children do you refer to the health facility health problems per month?

41. How many children do you refer to the health facility for HIV testing month?

42. Identification and referral of OVCs suspected of HIV or exposed to HIV:

a. Who usually identifies and refers OVC suspected of being infected with HIV?

b. What does this person/these groups do when they suspect that an OVC is HIV exposed or HIV infected?

c. Are people comfortable asking a person about OVC having HIV?

d. To where are OVCs referred if someone suspects they might have or been exposed to HIV?

e. What do you provide to the OVC with HIV before referral?

43. How do you provide follow up for OVCs in you program?

44. What do families do when they learn their OVC has HIV? How do they feel and what do they do about their feelings?

45. Please estimate how many OVCs in this center are being treated for HIV?

Responses:

46. What is it that helps children and adults with HIV before they need ART medication for their HIV infection?

47. What challenges do experience at the center when they try to get a child with HIV?

a. tested?

b. cared for or treated?

48. What is the attitude of parents towards getting an OVC tested for HIV?

- **Which is the stronger reaction or most important reaction?**

49. What is the attitude of care providers at the center towards getting an OVC tested for HIV?

- **Which is the stronger reaction or most important reaction?**

50. How are community members learning about pediatric HIV/AIDS and OVC, ways to get babies tested, treated, etc.

51. What support should the family and community provide to children who are infected with HIV ?

52. What support should the social center expect from the health facility when they take their children for testing and treatment for HIV?

53. What are the attitudes of care providers/counselors community health volunteers about children and OVC with HIV?

54. Please tell us one story about an OVC with HIV in this center?

55. If you were the pediatric HIV and OVC advisor for this District/community, what would you do about OVC under 5 years old with HIV?

56. Do you conduct home visit for OVC infected with HIV at the community?

57. How many OVCs on average does a counselor/care provider visit in a week

58. Are there any street children in the community?

59. What do you do for street children in the community?

60. Please check all that apply in your surrounding community.

___ When a child is referred from the household to a health facility, there is a form that the provider gives to the parent to take with the child to the facility or organization to which the child is being referred.

Comment:

___ There are clear messages to the community about OVC with HIV, such as where to get care, what the signs and symptoms are, etc.

Comment:

___ There are village/community health workers who talk to mothers about common childhood illnesses, and HIV symptoms, care and treatment.

Comment:

___ Adults in the community commonly get tested for HIV.

Comment:

___ People know about HIV disease, such as how people get sick, who needs ART and who does not.

Comment:

___ People know where to go for treatment.

Comment:

___ People trust health care workers to treat them well if they have HIV/AIDS.

Comment:

61. What motivates you to do the work you are doing for OVCs?

62. What model of care do you propose for OVC care?

63. What other partners are working with OVC in the community? Please list

64. Are there organizations supporting people living with HIV and AIDS at the community? Please list.

65. What are your recommendations for OVC programs

67. What additional information would you like to provide on this subject?

68. Do you have any questions for us?

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME!