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President Bush's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief: Aid to Orphans and Vulnerable Children

President Bush's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) is committed to supporting full scale-up of care for HIV/AIDS orphans, including anti-retroviral therapy when needed in the 15 focus countries.

- The Emergency Plan is also linking with, and leveraging, other U.S. Government-supported bilateral programs within the focus countries and in other PEPFAR countries to ensure scale-up.

Early Results: FY04

- In the first eight months of the President's Emergency Plan (through September 30, 2004), America supported care for more than 1.7 million people infected and affected by HIV/AIDS, including over 630,000 orphans and vulnerable children (OVC). More current results are being reported now and will be announced soon.
- At the same time, the Emergency Plan has been developing community linkages and bringing in new partners to further advance scale-up.
- In the Emergency Plan's 15 focus countries, the U.S. supported 700 programs and service outlets that provide OVC with care and support.
- The Emergency Plan also provided training to approximately 22,600 caregivers in OVC care.

Continued Support: FY05

- Recognizing the importance of providing care and support to OVC, nearly 7% of program funding is directed toward children.
- In fact, this year the Emergency Plan is providing more than \$120 million in programs directed at OVC, youth, and infants.
- This includes \$52 million in OVC programs, as well as nearly \$70 million in programs to: prevent mother to child transmission (PMTCT); prevent sexual transmission through abstinence and be faithful (AB) programs directed at youth; support other targeted prevention programs; provide counseling and testing; provide palliative care – basic healthcare and support as well HIV/TB; support HIV/AIDS treatment through ARV drugs and services; and provide lab infrastructure, policy analysis and efforts to strengthen systems.

In-Depth Analysis: Ethiopia, Mozambique, Uganda, and Zambia

- By the end of 2004, approximately 3.8 million children in these four countries will be orphans due to the HIV/AIDS pandemic. In 2005, in these four countries alone, the Emergency Plan will:
- Provide funding for more than 400 programs and service outlets geared toward OVCs;
- Support training for more than 13,000 caretakers to provide OVC care;
- Target more than \$19.5 million to OVC programs.
- On-the-Ground examples of current Emergency Plan-funded programs in these countries include:
- Ethiopia – Positive Change provides "school kits," including uniforms, book packs, and school supplies, for OVCs in a community to enable them to go to and stay in school; provision of skills training to out-of-school OVC; training of caregivers of People Living With AIDS, including training older children to care for their ill parents, relatives, or friends.
- Mozambique – In areas where distance prohibits clinic visits, the Foundation for Community Development employs part-time nurses who accompany providers to visit sick children in their homes.
- Uganda – The AIDS Integrated Model empowers older OVC to care for themselves through life skills training, vocational training, and income-generation activities.
- Zambia – The American Institutes for Research provide thousands of 2-year scholarships to needy orphans who have lost one or both parents to AIDS and HIV+ Children in grades 8-12 to keep them enrolled in school in areas the Zambian Ministry of Education does not reach.

Sustainability: Working With Groups the Community Trusts

- In order to build sustainability, we must help countries affected by HIV/AIDS own their fight. That is why in FY04, more than 1,000 (80%) of over 1,200 partners (both prime and sub-contractors) across all program areas were indigenous.
- Nyumbani in Kenya: based in Nairobi under the leadership of Father Angelo D'Agostino, has operated a wonderful orphanage and hospice for some of the countless children infected with, or affected by, HIV/AIDS. In recent years, they've expanded what they do, reaching out beyond their walls into the poor communities of their city to offer high-quality health care. Now, they are taking yet another step, by bringing together 750 children who've lost parents and 250 elders who've lost children, in a newly created Nyumbani Village. It will be a village for young people who need a new place to belong and older people who need a new place to belong. And best

of all, it will offer what every child needs most – love.

Pediatric AIDS Care and Treatment

- The U.S. is the only donor to gather treatment data by age and gender.
- Our last official reporting period ended on September 30, 2004. In that first reporting period, reporting by age was not yet possible for every site, but slightly less than one-third of our sites in the 15 focus nations did report on the number of children they were supporting.
- In those sites, we can confirm that we were supporting at least 4,800 children in the first eight months – obviously, since only one-third of our sites reported by age, we were likely supporting many more than that.
- In addition to the fact that our treatment scale-up has increased at a rapid pace since this data was gathered (six months ago) and our data on ages will be much more comprehensive in the new numbers.

Preventing Mother-to-Child Transmission

- The Emergency Plan has also worked to ensure that children are prevented from being infected by HIV/AIDS from their mothers during birth.
- As of September 30, 2004, the Emergency Plan had support mother-to-child prevention programs for 1,271,400 women, of whom over 125,000 received mostly short-course ARV preventive therapy, averting an estimated 23,766 infections of newborns.

Background on the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief

- The Emergency Plan expects to support treatment for 2 million HIV-infected people, prevent seven million new infections, and support care for 10 million individuals, including orphans, infected and affected by the disease in the 15 focus nations.
- The President's Emergency Plan is the largest commitment ever by a nation toward an international health initiative for a single disease – a 5-year, \$15 billion, multifaceted approach to combating the disease in more than 100 countries around the world.
- The strategy places a special emphasis on 15 focus nations in Africa, the Caribbean, and Asia that represent approximately half of the world's infections.