US Government Action Plan for Children in Adversity

A Framework for International Assistance: 2012 - 2017
25% in LMIC grow up in extreme poverty

Adversity: Serious deprivation or danger

- Developmental Delays <5
- Outside of Family Care
- Domestic Violence
- Sexual Violence
- Abuse

(417 Million)

United Nations Population Division World Population Prospects 2010
UNICEF SOWC 2012
Action Plan Objectives

**Build Strong Beginnings**
- Strengthen Child Welfare and Protection Systems

**Put Family Care First**
- Promote Evidence-based Policies and Programs

**Prevent Violence, Exploitation, Abuse, and Neglect**
- Integrate this Plan within USG Depts. and Agencies

**Supporting**

**Priority**
**Action Plan Objectives**

**Build Strong Beginnings**
- 5.7% under 5 mortality
- 30% under 5 cognitive impairment

**Put Family Care First**
- 7% orphans
- Unknown % streets, institutions, trafficked..

**Prevent Violence, Exploitation, Abuse, and Neglect**
- 17% severe physical abuse
- 18% girls sexual violence
- 7% hazardous work

**Results**
- Reductions of children living outside of family care
- Reduction of violence against children
- Increase in children meeting developmental milestones
Integrate developmental protection into MCHN programs.

- Secure Attachment with Caregiver
- Developmental milestones
- Birth Registration

Early Child Stimulation: Jamaica’s “Roving Caregivers program”
USAID Role: Build Strong Beginnings

Jamaica’s Roving Caregivers Program

Figure 1.2.2 Development Quotient (DQ) of Stunted Children Receiving Nutrition Supplement Only, Early Stimulation Only, or Both

- Non-stunted (control)
- Both interventions
- Stimulated
- Supplemented
- Stunted control

Note: DQ at baseline age (between 9 to 24 months) and at 6-month intervals to 24 months.
USAID Role: *Put Family Care First*

Prevent family-child separation, and promote permanent family care.

- **Reduction of children living outside of family care**
- **Increase family capacity to feed, educate and care**

**Low-income Country Economic Strengthening “Plus”**

**Middle-income Country National Poverty Alleviation**

**Family Tracing and Reunification – Emergency Response**
USAID Role:
Protect Children from Violence, Exploitation, Abuse, and Neglect

Prevent and protect children from violence, exploitation, abuse, and neglect

- Reduction of violence
- Increase ratified conventions and principles
- Increase care after experiencing violence
Positive Parenting Programs (PPP)

Bell Bajao! (Ring the Bell!)

Safe Schools

Synergies between 3 Objectives

Prevent and protect children from violence, exploitation, abuse, and neglect

USAID Role:
Protect Children from Violence, Exploitation, Abuse, and Neglect
Moving Forward

USAID Whole of Government Leadership

Protecting the Future Alliance

Hill Briefings and Initiatives

White House Launch

NGO/FBO Support
Given the USG Action Plan’s 3 Priority Objectives, how do we realize these in emergency context settings. Please break into small groups and:

- List key interventions for each priority objective
- Rank the Top 5 interventions
- Identify evidence or research that supports these interventions
- Specify what we need to further learn regarding these interventions.