



Strengthening Family and Community Support to Orphans and Vulnerable Children Program, “FCC – Força à Comunidade e às Crianças”



GOALS

- Strengthen coordination and harmonization of care, protection and support services for OVC households;
- Increase access to healthcare and nutritional support for OVC and their caregivers;
- Increase access to education and improved learning outcomes for OVC;
- Increase access of Adolescents Girls and Young Women to health friendly services to reduce risk of HIV infection

LIFE OF ACTIVITY

September 2015 – September 2020

TOTAL USAID FUNDING

\$25,490,250

GEOGRAPHIC FOCUS

Gaza, Sofala, Zambezia and Manica Provinces

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BACKGROUND

With over 60% of Mozambicans living below or just above the poverty line, regular shocks leave most of the population at risk of becoming poor or sinking deeper into poverty. Without adequate care, the consequences of growing up in this environment have life-long implications for the wellbeing and development of orphans and vulnerable children (OVC). To address these concerns, USAID, in collaboration with the Mozambican Government (GRM), civil society, local organizations, and other donors, support the technical areas of HIV/AIDS, malaria, health systems strengthening, maternal and child health, family planning, nutrition, tuberculosis, water and sanitation, and neglected tropical diseases. More specifically, USAID seeks partnerships to implement programs designed to reduce the vulnerability of OVC and the poor in Mozambique, including social protection programs and comprehensive OVC programming, which can contribute to positive wellbeing outcomes.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The main goal of the program is to reduce the socio-economic impact of HIV/AIDS on OVC, Adolescent Girls and Young Women (AGYW) and their caregivers. The program helps OVC and AGYW successfully transition from childhood and adolescence to young adulthood, ensuring that they are AIDS-free, healthy, educated, and prepared to contribute to Mozambique’s development. More specifically, the program supports complementary activities such as HIV prevention, family planning/reproductive health, home-based care, and clinical services which provide opportunities to build linkages and maximize results. In line with USAID Forward and WEI/B practice, SFCS-OVC will strengthen local partners' technical, financial, M&E and organizational management skills using evidence-based capacity building approaches.

EXPECTED RESULTS/IMPACTS

Strengthening the capacity of community and district-level structures to deliver and coordinate OVC services including:

- 150 Child Protection Community Committees trained (1500 members);
- 7,500 households reached;
- Built the capacity of Gender and Social Action District Directorate in 12 districts;
- Provided school block grants (33,000 children in 55 schools);
- Household (HH) Economic Strengthening (15,000 HHs, 52,500 caregivers and children).