Improving Developmental Outcomes for HIV Exposed Infants

African Regional Convening to Support Parents and Caregivers
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OVERVIEW OF m2m’S INTEGRATED ECD/RMNCH PROGRAMME IN 2019-2021

- Ghana (2019): 2 x Geolocations
- Uganda (2021): 27 x Geolocations
- Malawi (2018): 19 x Geolocations
- Kenya (2018): 1 x Geolocation
- South Africa (2019): 3 x Geolocations
m2m ECD / RMNCH and NURTURING CARE FRAMEWORK

**m2m's Integrated Model of ECD and RMNCH Care**

- RMNCH & HIV Care
- Nutrition Screening & Education
- Opportunities for Early Learning & Stimulation
- Home-based Caregiving Support
- Child Protection

**Components of nurturing care**

- Good Health
- Adequate Nutrition
- Opportunities for Early Learning
- Security and Safety
- Responsive Caregiving
**Goal:**
To improve the health, wellbeing and developmental outcomes of HIV-positive, HIV-exposed and other vulnerable young children, as well as their parents/caregivers (including improving uptake of RMNCH/PMTCT services and promoting maternal and child health and nutrition).

1. **Integrate ECD** into m2m’s facility and community RMNCH/ PMTCT services.

2. **Improve health and wellbeing of vulnerable children** aged 0-5 years through promoting optimal development and reducing HIV vertical transmission, and improving linkages and retention in care among children aged 0-5 years.

3. **Improve health and wellbeing of pregnant women and mothers** of young children.

4. **Create a safe and stimulating environment** for early childhood development within health facilities, homes and communities.
KEY ACTIVITIES

1. Antenatal and postnatal sessions
2. Household Visits
3. Parenting Groups
4. Child Survival Services
5. Play Corners
6. Nutrition Assessment, education and support
7. eServices
8. Training Health Care Workers
Sample size and proportion infants who had milestones assessed:

2019: 3,610 (77%) | 2020: 4,800 (98%)
Pathway to Scale

- Partnership with Government Ministries
- Embedding Knowledge within Communities
- Investing in Local Women
- Health System Strengthening
Thank you!