



## How OVC programs can support improved outcomes for infants and young children exposed to HIV

### REVE in Côte d'Ivoire

OVC Task Force

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## REVE

### Ressources pour l'élimination des vulnérabilités des enfants

#### Summary

- 5 year program 2015 - 2020
- 6 provinces in Côte d'Ivoire
- Reaching 70,000 children affected by HIV and their families



#### Objectives:

- Increase utilization of health services: ANC, PMTCT, FP, child health
- Build capacity of local government structures and communities to protect vulnerable children and families affected by HIV
- Strengthen access to education services, specifically for vulnerable girls
- Build family resiliency through economic strengthening

## Structured Partnership

### Clinical services and social services at all levels

#### National level

Strong coordination-OVC Task Force: Health, Ministry of Family, Women, and Children and Social Affairs

#### Provincial level

Introduction of program with the three ministries-endorsed by the Préfet

#### At the point of service delivery

Official letter sent by Director of Clinical Services-introducing NGOs and services.



## Centre Social

### Existing country structures for social services



- Monthly OVC platform meetings with NGOs (health and social services) and line ministries
- National database of children affected by HIV
- Harmonized national tools-community and health-facility based
- NGOs (health and social) provide monthly database updates

## Structured Referral Systems

### Facility-Community



#### 2 types of *Conseillers Communautaire (CC)*

- Health facility and home-based
- Partnership between CCs/referrals (phone calls, meetings)
- HF-CC participate in monthly quality improvement meetings at health facility

## Facility-based Conseiller Communautaire:

- Counsel HIV+ pregnant women and discordant couples on the importance of EID- *“prepare future parents about EID”*
- Inform HB-CC of exposed infants to follow up with home visits at least once a month
- Follow up testing and result findings
- Support disclosure as EID done at health facility-inform HB-CC for additional support
- Review data from HF to inform HB-CC of appointments

## Home-based Conseiller Communautaire:

- Home visits-Follow up with pregnant/mothers who attend ANC/PNC/PMTCT
- Counsel HIV+ mothers and couples on importance of EID and cotrimoxazole prophylaxis
- Accompany HIV+ pregnant women/mothers and **others** to facility for HTC of infants (4-6 weeks after birth)
- Get test results-when given approval
- Support disclosure-dialogue process
- Track mother-infant pair in collaboration with HF-CC
- Suggest support groups to help overcome the mother's reservations or fear of stigma

## Mitigation Services The Centre Social and its social workers

- Psychosocial support and protection
- ECD integration
- Nutrition supplementation
- Financial support



## Rigorous Monitoring

### Clinical indicators part of the PMP of REVE

- # of individuals who received Testing and Counseling services for HIV
- # of individuals who received T&C services for HIV and received their test results (NGI)
- # of individuals with a positive test result who are referred to NGOs for community-based follow-up

## Thank you

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