

Standard Sector Indicator Reference Sheet

INDICATOR: Number of caregivers trained in positive parenting practices

STANDARD SECTOR

HEALTH SECTOR 

PROJECT AREA: HIV/AIDS

INDICATOR CODE:

HE_HIV_217

Type: Output

Unit of Measure: Individual

Disaggregation: Male by Age:

<1, 1–4, 5–9, 10–14, 15–19, 20–24, 25–29, 30–34, 35–39, 40–44, 45–49, 50+

Female by Age: <1, 1–4, 5–9, 10–14, 15–19, 20–24, 25–29, 30–34, 35–39, 40–44, 45–49, 50+

Related Objectives: Increase the knowledge and skills of people living with or affected by HIV/AIDS, including OVC and their families, to improve their well-being and resilience (Objective 2.1)

Precise definitions

Caregivers (of OVC): Caregivers include parents, guardians, or foster parents (formal or informal) who have primary responsibility in the home for caring for a child affected by HIV/AIDS.

Note: This indicator could be used for other program areas, but is included in the Logical Project Framework as an indicator under the OVC program.

OVC: children under 18 who are *most affected*¹ by HIV, including:

- Children orphaned due to HIV/AIDS (having lost one or both parents)
- Children directly affected by the disease—which includes children:
 - living with HIV
 - living in a household where there is a person living with HIV (PLHIV) or that has taken in an orphan
 - exposed to HIV (in vitro, during delivery, or during breastfeeding)
- Children vulnerable to HIV or its socioeconomic effects in high-HIV prevalence areas (e.g., adolescent girls and young women at risk)
- Other vulnerable populations as defined by each country and or PEPFAR interagency teams

Trained: This indicator is not intended to capture informal or once-off activities, but should instead focus on individuals participating in a more formalized training curricula and/or coaching activity. While there may be some utility in once-off events, this indicator is focused on individuals who attend at least 75 percent of predefined sessions co-facilitated by a PCV and their counterpart or other local health staff/volunteers. This could be one-on-one (coaching) or a small group training of 25 or less.

¹ The definition of “affected” children includes, but is not limited to, children living with HIV. The Peace Corps and PEPFAR recognize that individuals, families, and communities are affected by HIV in ways that may hinder the medical outcomes of PLHIV as well as the emotional and physical development of OVC. Please consult PC/post staff for country-specific guidance or prioritized populations defined in the PEPFAR Country Operation Plan.

Positive parenting practices:

Parenting that is supportive, proactive, responsive and involved promotes children's positive adjustment, whereas parenting that is neglectful, abusive, rejecting and controlling can result in poor outcomes. Parenting that is warm and supportive beginning early in the child's life, even prenatally, leads to strong and secure relationships between parent and child, and can protect children from negative outcomes as a result of adverse experiences.

Optimal parenting includes a connected relationship and interactions to ensure that children are cared for physically (providing nutritious food, health care, adequate sleep and safe environment), cognitively (offering opportunities to learn, explore and use language), socially (responding to children with consistent, loving care, teaching children right and wrong, and enabling children to develop independence safely) and emotionally (supporting the child's sense of self-worth).²

Data collection

Tool: Caregiver Training Tracking Tool

Frequency of data collection and tracking: Data should be collected routinely at each training session documenting the attendance and the topic covered related to positive parenting. The Caregiver Training Tracking Tool has been designed as a template, but other tools can be used. A PCV and their counterpart should track each individual across sessions to assess how many total sessions each participant attended by the end of the intervention. Only individuals attending 75 percent of the sessions should be counted under this indicator. Some basic attributes of each participant should also be tracked for reporting purposes. For this indicator, sex by age (<1, 1–4, 5–9, 10–14 Males, 10–14 Females, 15–17 Males, 15–17 Females, 18+ Males, 18+ Females) should be tracked. Posts can track additional relevant attributes.

Caregivers who attend 75 percent of the training sessions should be followed-up using the OVC Outcomes Survey. Instructions detailed in related outcome indicators: HE_HIV_213, HE_HIV_219, and HE_HIV_220.

Reporting

To be counted for this indicator the following criteria must be met:

- Individuals received training or participated in a group that was facilitated by a PCV or their counterpart focused on positive parenting.
- The training was provided by a PCV or their counterpart in an individual or small group setting of 25 or less.
- Individuals attended at least 75 percent of the sessions and attendance at the educational session(s) was documented by the Volunteer or their counterpart (sign-in sheet, photo, etc.).

² Coordinating Comprehensive Care for Children (4Children). 2018. Better Parenting Nigeria Facilitator Manual.