

Standard Sector Indicator Reference Sheet

INDICATOR: Number of caregivers trained in early childhood development

STANDARD SECTOR

HEALTH SECTOR 

PROJECT AREA: HIV/AIDS

INDICATOR CODE:

HE_HIV_218

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 Objective: 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 an 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.

Early childhood development: The experiences children have early in life—and the environments in which they have them—shape their developing brain architecture and strongly affect whether they grow up to be healthy, productive members of society. Young children grow and learn the most when they receive affection, attention, and stimulation in addition to good nutrition and proper health care. Investments in early child development through supportive care, early learning activities, and improved school readiness along with health and nutrition interventions increase the likelihood that boys and girls will complete primary school.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 with using the OVC Outcomes Survey. Instructions detailed in the related outcome indicators: HE_HIV_213, HE_HIV_219, 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 early childhood development.
- 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 educational session(s) were documented by the Volunteer or their counterpart (sign-in sheet, photo, etc.).

² UNICEF. Updated July 2013. "[ECD Monitoring](#)."