

Project number	39907136
Title	Urban children at risk
Countries	Tanzania
Summary	<p>Key findings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Building community resilience is a valid intervention to shape the impact curve of HIV/AIDS more positively for vulnerable children</li> <li>• The project demonstrates an holistic approach to Early Childhood Development</li> <li>• Preparing the ground for alternatives to take root – and demonstrating that they work, are pre-requisites for the take up of any new practice</li> <li>• Local church congregational leadership can be a powerful animating development presence in communities</li> <li>• Replication of models is contextually bound</li> <li>• There is a balance to be held between being child focused and child directed</li> <li>• Meeting cutting edge research based guidelines for interventions aimed at vulnerable children, is possible</li> <li>• A lack of clarity around institutional arrangements can limit the impact of otherwise successful initiatives</li> <li>• A system wide shift requires more engagement from the project with the authorities, through its already well developed network</li> <li>• Indicators of capacity and sustainability require precise formulation and must relate to the appropriate level of project intervention</li> </ul>
Recommendations	<p>Carefully consider the reach, depth and methodology of the next phase</p> <p>Build on the Existing Approach to Community Resilience by strengthening the ECD approach and deepening the approach to HIV/AIDS Prevention</p> <p>Strengthen Networking and Advocacy</p> <p>Clarify Institutional Arrangements</p> <p>Explore more approaches to family based support as well as alternatives to family based support for vulnerable children</p> <p>Reflect on and clarify the Purpose of the Hope for Children Centre</p> <p>Adopt a more consciously therapeutic approach to the processes involved in the care of the children living away from their families and community</p> <p>Document the community resilience model of the Urban Children at Risk Project</p>