

What are we doing? Orphans and Vulnerable Children in Sub-Saharan Africa

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Introduction

- * 7,000 volunteers; 700 focus on HIV.
- * Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVC) as a key population.
- * Peace Corps (PC) HIV work funded by PEPFAR.
- * Set PEPFAR indicators outline activities to be performed by volunteers.
- * PCVs required to report quarterly (every 3 months) every activity on the field.
- * PCVs focus on behavior change and resource facilitation.

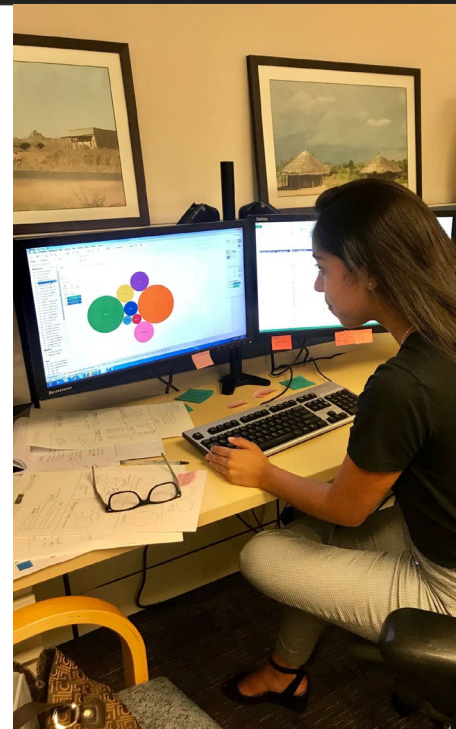


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Objective of the Study

- * The key aim of the study was to better understand the activities that the PC Volunteers (PCVs) are performing on the field to serve OVC.

- * Key Questions:
 - * Are PCVs working with OVCs and caregivers over multiple sessions or as a one time activity?
 - * Are PCVs working with orphanages?
 - * Does the activity description match the indicator under which it was reported?
 - * Are OVCs working to support case management?



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Methods

- * Overall study:
 - * Qualitative analysis to develop a framework for the HIV OVC PCVs data.
 - * Collaborated with an OVC specialist and a Data Analysis specialist.
- * Process:
 - * Read about 150 2017 PCVs activity narrative entries.
 - * Developed a qualitative framework to categorize the HIV OVC activities.
 - * Read 230 2019 OCVs activity narratives, and used Excel to categorize them according to the framework described above.
 - * Used Tableau software to quantify and visualize 2019 results.
- * Data:
 - * Obtained from the Volunteer Reporting Tool, where volunteers enter descriptions of all the activities they perform while on the field.
 - * Botswana, Cameroon, Swaziland, Lesotho, Mozambique, Namibia, Zambia.

Results

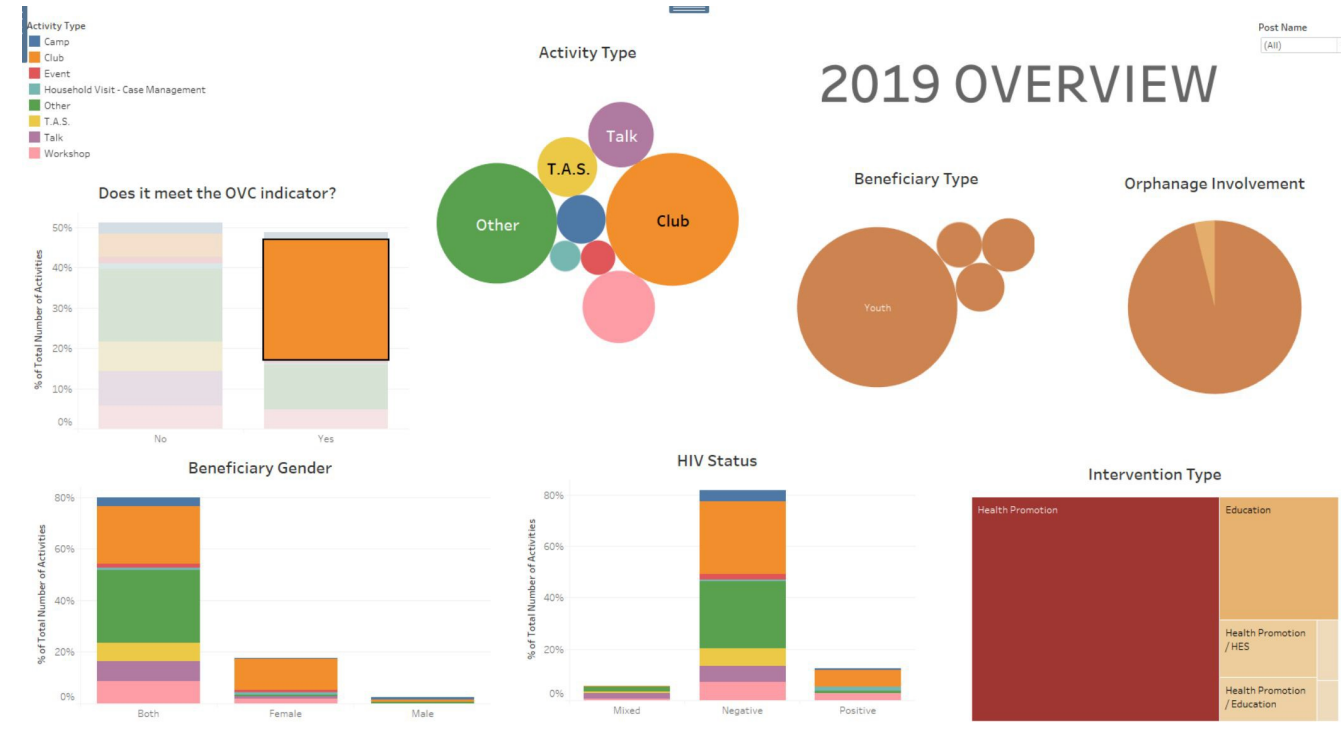


Figure 1. 2019 Activity Description Overview. Key Insights:

- * About 1/2 meet official gov. indicator.
- * Females more often served than males.
- * Most beneficiaries are HIV negative.
- * Most beneficiaries are Youth.
- * Most activities delivered are Clubs.
- * There is little orphanage involvement.
- * Most activities have a Health focus.

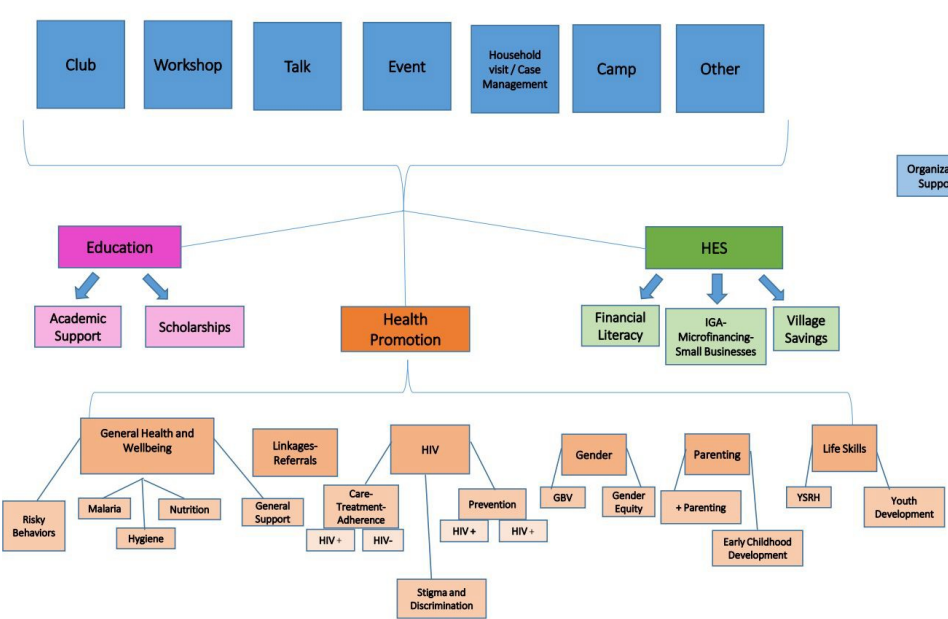


Figure 3. 2019 Activity Description Other Summary. Key Insights:

The framework serves to categorize the qualitative activity data reported by PCVs. Every single activity description falls under a set of boxes in this framework.

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- * Most activities address a combination of HIV, Gender and Life Skills.
- * Most HW activities focus on Nutrition.
- * Most Life Skills interventions are a combination of Youth Development and Sexual and Reproductive Health activities.
- * Most HIV activities focus on prevention.
- * Most Gender activities address Gender-Equity and Gender Norms.

2019 International AIDS Conference (IAS), Mexico City

HIV Among Indigenous Populations in Mexico

- * Patterns of Vulnerability
 - * Economic exploitation
 - * Social marginalization
 - * Political and cultural marginalization
 - * Symbolic domination
 - * Only 1% of HIV testing happens in indigenous municipalities.

HIV Among Indigenous Populations in Oaxaca

- * HIV Prevalence in CAPASITS
 - * Indigenous: 23% Non-Indigenous: 16%
- * Mortality due to abandonment of treatment
 - * Indigenous: 58% Non-Indigenous: 42%
- * HIV Prevalence among CAPASITS migrants
 - * Indigenous: 35% Non-Indigenous: 23%



IAS, Mex. City

IAS, Mex. City, featuring indigenous leader Amaranta Gomez

IAS, Mex. City, Hannah Gardi and Gabriela Oseguera Serra.

Discussion

- * About 1/2 of the activity descriptions do not match the official Indicator. This raises important questions and considerations:
 - * Need to further encourage sustained contact as opposed to one time engagement. Need to increase number of Club activities.
 - * Disconnect between government expectations and the work volunteers understand themselves doing on the field.
 - * Better volunteer training needed (co-developed a document outlining volunteer training recommendations).
 - * Need to rethink the motive behind the federal programs implemented. PEPFAR is one of the most quantitative and data driven programs.

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