



Childcare Reform Forum

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Effects of Child Care Reform ?!!!

2008 Obama



7 years Later



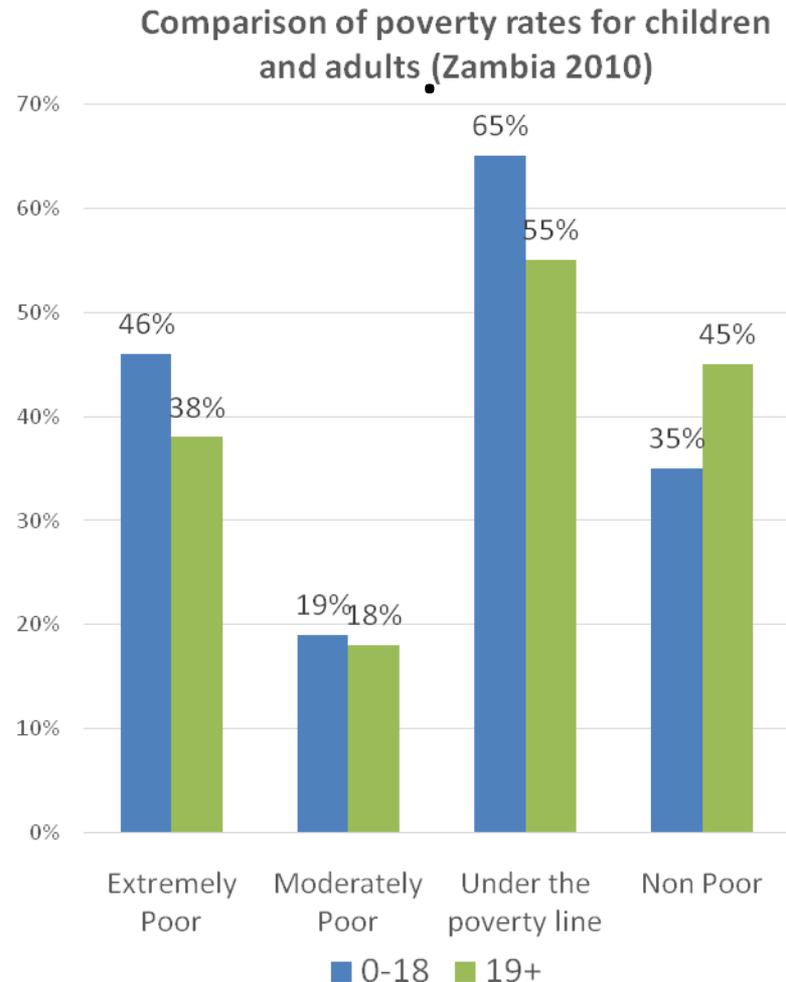
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Background

Environment

- Social Protection “**gatecrashed**” the global/national stage. Child Protection has gained a prominent role COZ
- Pop is 53 % under 18
- Child Poverty high.
- Past Focus on Institutionalisation-
- 190 Homes – 8000 Children



Alternative Care Framework

Alternative Care Definition

- a) Informal care**
- b) Formal Care**
- c) Residential Care**
- d) Supervised Independent living**

National Child Policy and UN Guidelines

Children in Families Initiative

- Platform (GHR/UNICEF)- implementation in an integrated approach.

1 + 1 = 3 (A+) good

Goals

1. **Prevention**- scaling prog that link families to support systems
2. **Respond**- children outside family care to community based models of care
3. **Systems and Policy** – stronger systems
4. **Research and innovation**- Build evidence

Partner NGOs: Bethany Christian Services Global, (BCSG), Save, CMMB and CRS. Judiciary, Min of Justice

Prevention/Response Services

- **Bethany**- Family Preservation, Foster to adopt (150 Parents trained, 17 Children placed) 349 children milk.
- **CMMB**-Kusamala Project- village savings, play therapy, family circles.
- **Save;** Reunification, livelihoods support.
- **CRS** – Research Done awaiting findings.
- **Govt**- SP programmes.

Hunger, Power Dynamics, Gender Based Violence- ..Research..



Altern Care Response Steps

- **Step 1-** Prevent Separation
- **Step 2-** Emergency Care-kinship, Institution
- **Step 3-** Reunification after addressing causes
- **Step 4-** Foster care
- **Step 5-** Domestic adoption-after efforts to reunification
- **Step 6** – International Adoption.
Include respite care for special needs.

Progress

- Minimum Standards 2014
- Alternative Care TWG
- Children Code Bill- emerging issues
- Guidelines for foster care, Adoption, Reintegration, soon Diversion
- Community Based Responses.

Family Preservation in Practice !

Household size is just a number !



Strengths

- UNCRC signing & ratification 1990/1991
- Commitment from Min of Com Dev and Min of Youth Sport and Child Dev to accelerate a care reform Govt environment.
- Cooperating Support(UNICEF, USAID, GHR, Save the Children.
- Evidence based programming building.

Opportunities

- To build evidence
- Dev preventive comm based child/family prog
- Government staff at community level
- Link families to Soc Prot Programmes
- Corporate Social Responsibility

Challenges

Poverty Levels increasing risk of child separation

- Silosation
- Little awareness- giving alms
- Resistance to reintegrate children

Plans

1. “Foster to Foster” prog- include migrant children
2. Evidence building / use Results
3. Build capacity on Min Stds, reintegration etc
4. Finalise Alternative Care Framework
5. Build Partnerships to raise awareness
6. Engage Facility Owners on what is best for the child.

Conclusion

**Child Care
Reform**

**Family
Strengthening**

Social Protection

