Project HOPE in Zambia

Project HOPE established an office in Zambia in 2019 to contribute to the goal of HIV epidemic control by mitigating the risks and impact of HIV/AIDS among vulnerable children, adolescents, and their caregivers. Project HOPE partners with the Government of Zambia, the private sector, and local and international non-governmental organizations to improve outcomes for HIV, TB, malaria, maternal, newborn, and child health, and non-communicable diseases, including mental illness. Project HOPE supports and advocates for child and social protection activities and related health policies, while also engaging in health systems strengthening.

HIV/AIDS

Project HOPE is a sub-partner on the PEPFAR/USAID-funded Empowered Children and Adolescents Project (ECAP-III), a five-year project (2020–2025) providing technical support on community interventions and case management to the Centre for Infectious Disease Research Zambia. Project HOPE delivers technical assistance for the overall community implementation strategy, including capacity building of local systems and structures. This involves the piloting of the Community Adolescent Treatment Supporters model, the implementation of digital health platforms to improve case management, and the integration of child and household assessments and tiered case management, including support for child protection and positive parenting skills. In addition, Project HOPE supplies tools and trainings on Own Savings for Assets and Wealth Creation, Economic Strengthening, Enterprise Your Life, and Income Generating Activities, which are tailored to the needs and vulnerabilities of the target populations.

Mental Health and Resilience

Project HOPE, through the Center for Disaster Philanthropy, and in cooperation with the Africa CDC, is implementing a mental health and resilience training for health care workers. The series aims to increase their knowledge and access to tools and techniques to help them maintain their well-being and resilience to continue during the fight against COVID-19. Project HOPE is leading the training implementation by modifying the curriculum to local standards, identifying health care workers to serve as master trainers, and organizing training-of-trainer and cascade sessions to reach additional health care workers, either in-person or remotely. The training sessions and materials are provided free-of-charge to all participants.

Project HOPE Impact

Implemented the DHIS2 app as a tracker for case management, data collection, case monitoring and followup, analysis, and reporting

Assisted 2,019 adolescents in accessing health and HIV services

Helped 1,431 families become stable by improving household economic security and linkage to social protection

Improved safety for 13,092 children and adolescents and their families by supporting child protection and prevention of gender-based violence services

Served 77,500 orphans and vulnerable children living with HIV prevention, care, and support services

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