

USAID Kizazi Hodari Northeastern Zone is a child-focused and family-centered project with the main goal of improving the health, well-being, and protection of Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVC) and youth aged 0-17 years and 18-20 (in school and/or in vocational training centers youth) in high HIV burden communities. The project employs the National Integrated Case Management System along the four key domains of services i.e., health, safety, schooling, and economic stability. USAID supports the project to increase pediatric HIV case identification, linkage to Antiretroviral Therapy (ART) services, HIV prevention, response to GBV/VAC, and provision of economic strengthening initiatives to OVC, youth, and Caregivers. The project collaborates with the government and other stakeholders to reach OVC and caregivers in the implementation regions of Arusha, Dodoma, Geita, Kilimanjaro, Manyara, Mara, Mwanza, Singida, and Tanga.









## **CHALLENGE**

While there have been great strides in improving the health, well-being, and protection of OVC and youth in Tanzania. There are still prevailing gaps in obtaining full utilization of OVC platforms including uptake in HIV case finding, GBV/VAC prevention for at-risk OVC, and economic strengthening to OVC caregivers.

## **GOALS**

To increase the use of OVC platforms for pediatric HIV case finding, linkage to treatment, and Viral Suppression. The project utilizes existing health structures and systems as well as Faith Community Engagement and palliative care to scale up HIV diagnosis, treatment, and ART monitoring among OVC, youth, and caregivers.

To increase access to HIV and violence prevention, and response services for OVC and youth. The project usesthe existing community and legal structures including schools, established Women and Children Protection committees (WCPC), Police Gender and Children Desk, religious platforms and traditional leaders to support awareness creation on HIV and Gender Based Violence (GBV)/Violence Against Children (VAC) by addressing various social and cultural drivers of Violence and HIV infection.

To improve the socio-economic capacity of at-risk young women and men 10-17 years and OVC caregivers. The project implements household and group-based Economic Strengthening (ES) activities to improve well-being and build economic resilience among OVC caregivers and youth. Linkages with the government and other partners including the private sector enable project beneficiaries to access ES services and opportunities for improving income generation to counteract economic and social related barriers to uptake of HIV services including ART adherence as well as prevention of VAC/GBV and new HIV infections.

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS 160,252 OVC

and Caregivers out of 157,110 FY24 target enrolled and received health, education, nutrition, psychosocial support, and economic strengthening services across

9 regions.

More than **2,923**Community Health Workers

and 292 Livelihood
Economic Volunteers in 41
Councils capacitated on
providing comprehensive case
management and economic
strengthening services to OVC
and caregivers.

996 Lending and Savings groups (Hazina Yetu) established to increase household economic resilience to overcome life shocks.



## **Our National Implementing Partners (NIPs)**















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