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HOME BASED EMOTIONAL HEALTH CARE FOR CHILDREN AFFECTED BY HIV

IMPACT in partnership with RNP+ has recently won an international bid from Positive Action for Children Fund (ViiV Healthcare promoted philanthropy) . This is a 3 year grant aimed at developing home based emotional health care package for Children Affected by HIV (CAHIV) in the state of Rajasthan and further scale up to all states in India.

CAHIV have very specific needs that stretch beyond their health issues. They regularly face mental and emotional stress due to their own status and the state of their families which gets further complicated by the stigma and discrimination they face at peer, school and community level. Their families try their best to take care of their specific health needs but are generally unaware of their other needs e.g. nutritional, mental and emotional and thus are not able to effectively support their children in facing the community and fight for their rights. There have been several programmes and guidelines to build the capacities of providers of different services to people living with HIV, but no efforts have been made to support families of these children in comprehensive home based care, including all the essential and specific needs of these children.

This project proposes to build the capacities of families of CAHIV so that they are effectively able to support their children, take care of their needs and rights and also able to ensure that they receive the necessary services through existing service delivery channels. When these children will receive effective and comprehensive home based care, it will improve their health and well being and they will be able to better support themselves and their families in the fight against HIV. In the process, the project will provide a proven capacity building model for replication and scale up and will also provide tested tools and methods to assess the health and well being of CAHIV.

Aim

To ensure that the specific needs/rights of CAHIV are ensured through effectively managed home based care and effective linkages to service provisioning.

Objectives

CAHIV in Rajasthan will receive comprehensive care at the family level that address their health and well-being including physical, mental, emotional

and sociological rights/needs Disseminate the proven comprehensive care model to other 28 state networks of people living with HIV through capacity development for implementing the model.

Expected results

Family members of CAHIV trained in catering to the specific needs of CAHIV CAHIV demonstrate improved comprehensive physical, mental, emotional and psychological health Increased percentage of CAHIV reported accessing rights and services through existing service provisioning channels Tested model of comprehensive home based care for CAHIV available for replication and scale up 210 District level networks and 28 state level networks of people living with HIV demonstrate capacity to train families of CAHIV in providing comprehensive home based care.

