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Psychosocial Support Source Book for Vulnerable Children in Malawi

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4. Youth Net and Counselling Organization (YONECO).

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Bring a difference for vulnerable children: A psychosocial support Source Book for vulnerable children in Malawi has been developed through the Linking and Learning Project. The Source Book presents an opportunity for child care providers like families, communities, governments, civil society organizations and development partners to fully harness and sustain child development and welfare to its fullest potential through the integration of the psychosocial needs of children and their families.

What it contains: The Source Book is synthesis of Psychosocial Support Strategies and Tools. It presents a practical guide that attempts to articulate key psychosocial support (PSS) strategies and tools in simple and user-friendly terms. Thus, serves to heighten the critical awareness of:

- Strategies and tools that are available in PSS;
- The existing strengths and gaps in PSS service area in Malawi; and
- How these strategies and tools may be used with a view to improving the outcomes and eventually the psychosocial wellbeing of children.

This sourcebook is thus recommended practical Reference Book to use for implementing PSS interventions for vulnerable children.

What it can do: The source book will bring the difference to service providers to providing holistic care and support to vulnerable children. It has vast resource materials that will enable them serve children better if rightly applied. Lessons and best practices in psychosocial support are part of it, showing what can work and how it works in PSS. In the end, the sourcebook is anticipated to enhance quality delivery of psychosocial services to vulnerable children in Malawi.

Who did it: The sourcebook is a product of Linking and learning Project spearheaded by the PSS Partners namely: the Ecumenical Counselling Centre (ECC) as a lead agency and other collaborative Partners were Network of Organizations for Vulnerable and Orphaned Children (NOVOC), Eye of the Child, Youth Network and Counselling Organisation (YONECO). This initiative received technical and financial support of STOP AIDS NOW! (SAN)

Content in Summary: The Source Book has been divided into four chapters, each containing specific information, as follows:

Chapter One: Comprises the situation of HIV and AIDS in Malawi in the context of vulnerable children, Malawi's response to the vulnerable children crisis, strengths of the psychosocial support service area, and gaps and opportunities in the psychosocial support service area.

Chapter Two: Focuses more specifically on the psychosocial support concept, including working definitions of psychosocial support and psychosocial well-being, psychosocial support interventions and programming goals, and introduces major psychosocial support domains and their indicators.

Chapter Three: Comprises practical psychosocial support strategies that are appropriate for the promotion of psychosocial support services to vulnerable children in Malawi.

Chapter Four: This chapter provides insights on the selected psychosocial support tools and how they may be used to improve the psychosocial wellbeing of vulnerable children in Malawi.

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