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## Scaling-up of the Uganda Parenting for Respectability to prevent child maltreatment and intimate partner violence: lessons learnt

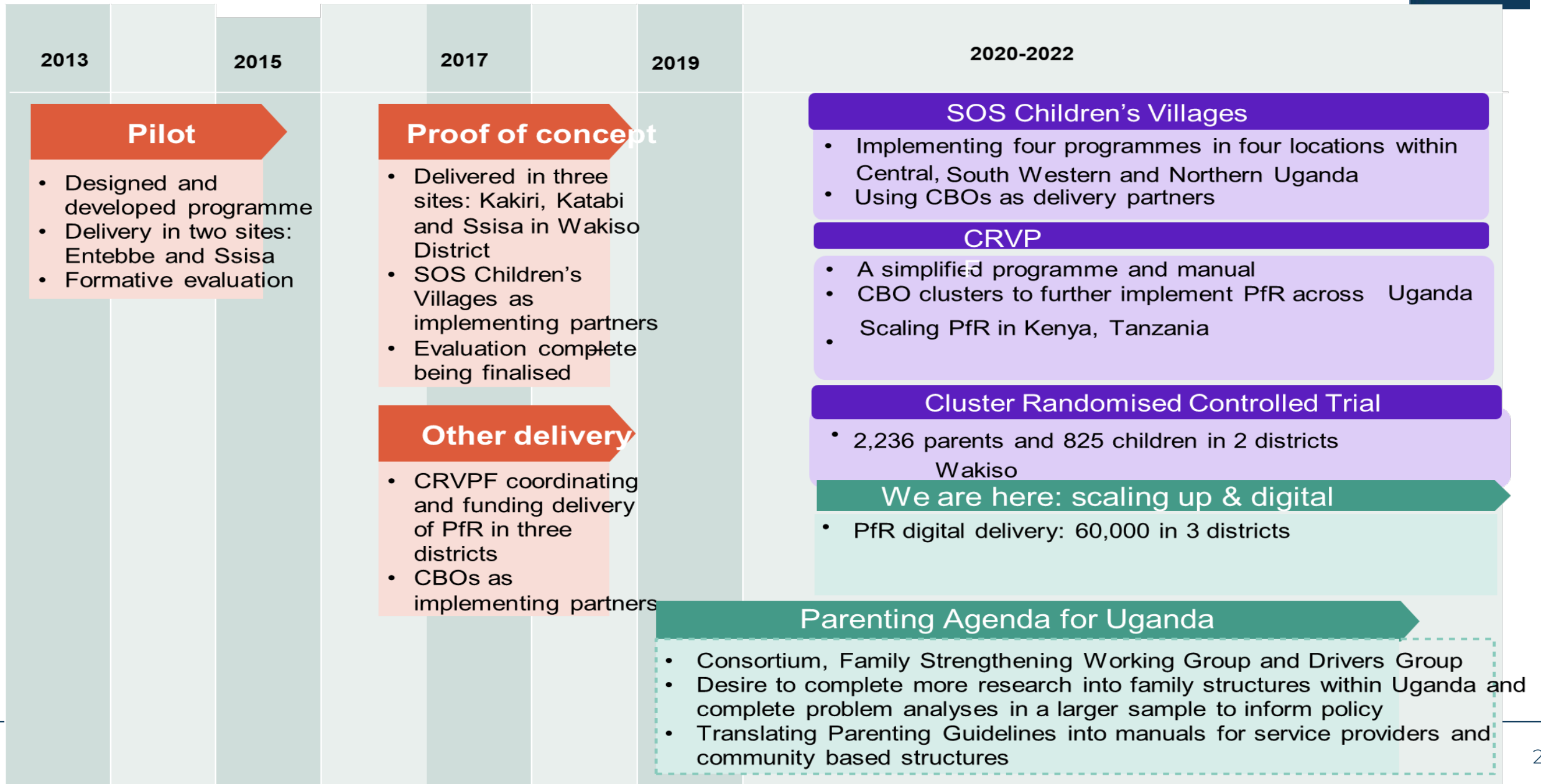
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# Development & evaluation of PfR





# Considerations and preparation for scaling-up



- The success and impact of the Parenting for Respectability to date has generated a great desire and demand amongst government and partners for the solutions to scaled
- From the outset, right from the formative research and the RCT, programme was:
  - co-produced in partnership with an NGO with direct responsibility for ensuring delivery of intervention
  - implementation closely monitored by local government structures in anticipation of future scale up
- A replication strategy
  - developing a clear plan and approach to scale
  - focusing on key changes that would help overcome challenges and move forward effectively



# Lessons learnt



1. Changing the mindset about the level of evidence required to scale up
  - As researcher institution we are held back by uncertainty about what level of evidence is sufficient in different contexts
  - As a result more inclined to wait and wait until we had something scientifically proven to be robust in different contexts
  - In contrast government and implementing partners more inclined to pragmatic programming – the problem is widespread and ‘some’ evidence is good enough
  - Trade off between interests regarding evidence: agreed to dynamic, continuous and adaptive process, involving gathering, assessing, and acting on the lessons we pick up during scale-up

# Lessons learnt



## 2. Identifying the essential components of the intervention and the systems required to scale up

- Programme core – to be delivered in same way in different context:
  - o programme delivery structure
  - o father involvement without whom programme impact is limited
  - o Manualised delivery (flexibility for lighter/ modular vs full programme 16 sessions)
- System core – enable massive delivery but ensure impact
  - o community mobilisation – arousing interest, motivating signing up: flexible and vary depending on context
  - o community entry – building buy-in from stakeholder



# Lessons learnt



## 3. Rethinking and understanding the role of the different organisations and other stakeholders at scale

### PARTNER PROFILING

- Create various hypotheses about the partners and roles required to integrate and/ or scale-up PfR
  - Identifying what roles are needed at scale made us able to do an analysis of what partners should be working with: who really qualifies to be the partners we need
- The government
  - Intermediary
  - Implementing partners
  - Facilitators
  - CHDC

# Lessons learnt



## 4. Policy engagement

- Generating national consensus on parenting work
- Improving the evidence base for parenting interventions to prevent violence
- Improving coordination and learning between key stakeholders
- Optimizing the implementation of evidence-based programmes
  - National standards for parenting programmes
  - National manual on parenting







# Opportunities to scaling –up

- Government interest – priority investment area, government buy-in and possibility of integrating to existing programmes
- Growing interest of donors towards parenting support interventions
- Increasing number of home grown & adapted programmes– relevant to context and delivery systems
- Digital delivery - various evaluations happening





# Challenges to scaling –up



- Technical capacity and human resources
- Limited evidence based interventions – life course perspective
- Limited government funding

## **Future work**

- Building on existing portfolio of work and develop new areas of work
- Global Parenting Initiative
- Funding to extend and strengthen the Ugandan Parenting Agenda to continue the process of standardizing evidence based programs
- create systems for institutional capacity building to support piloting of national parenting and roll out of the national parenting manual, and scaling of other evidence parenting programs
- innovative research-uptake, knowledge management and engagement



# Thank You!



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