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

WHO Webinar ‘From Evidence to Action’

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## Development & evaluation of PfR

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### 2020-2022

- **SOS Children’s Villages**
  - Implementing four programmes in four locations within Central, South Western and Northern Uganda
  - Using CBOs as delivery partners

- **CRVP**
  - A simplified programme and manual
  - CBO clusters to further implement PfR across Uganda
    - Scaling PfR in Kenya, Tanzania

- **Cluster Randomised Controlled Trial**
  - 2,236 parents and 825 children in 2 districts
    - Wakiso

- **We are here: scaling up & digital**
  - PfR digital delivery: 60,000 in 3 districts

### Parenting Agenda for Uganda

- Consortium, Family Strengthening Working Group and Drivers Group
- Desire to complete more research into family structures within Uganda and complete problem analyses in a larger sample to inform policy
- Translating Parenting Guidelines into manuals for service providers and community based structures
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-up.

• From the outset, right from the formative research and the RCT, programme was:
  o co-produced in partnership with an NGO with direct responsibility for ensuring delivery of intervention
  o implementation closely monitored by local government structures in anticipation of future scale up

• A replication strategy
  o developing a clear plan and approach to scale
  o 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:
  - programme delivery structure
  - father involvement without whom programme impact is limited
  - Manualised delivery (flexibility for lighter/ modular vs full programme 16 sessions

- System core – enable massive delivery but ensure impact
  - community mobilisation – arousing interest, motivating signing up: flexible and vary depending on context
  - community entry – building buy-in from stakeholder
Lessons learnt

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

- 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 the be the partners we need

PARTNER PROFILING

- 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!