

Distribution Mechanisms in HIV/AIDS programming – Uganda's experiences

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Distribution Mechanisms:

WFP HIV/AIDS related Activities

➤ PHA through:

Home-based care, Mothers in PMTCT, PMTCT plus, ARV treatment and families

➤ TB patients (In and out of hospital and families)

➤ Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVC) mainly in skills training institutions

Distribution Mechanisms (cont)

Issues related to distribution in HIV/AIDS related activities

- Beneficiary sensitization and information dissemination
- Issuance of ration card (different color) for following month (no observed negative impact) e.g by AVSI.
- Re-bag commodities into family size food basket

Distribution Mechanisms (cont)

- Location of FDP:
 - Health Units for PMTCT and ART beneficiaries
 - Community Based Centers or Faith-Based organisations for PHA
 - Institutions for OVC

Beneficiary Verification



Distribution Mechanisms (cont)

M & E Issues:

- NGOs Food Monitors undertake regular food distribution & post distribution monitoring activities (quality, acceptability, intra HH dynamics, perceived nutritional value, stigma associated outcomes etc.)
- Visit beneficiaries, including those who missed food or did not send a representative for regular counseling
- Health Unit Nurses undertake the required weight measurements for the PMTCT and ART patients in the case studies

Distribution Mechanisms (cont)

- Challenges:
 - Most NGOs/CBO involved in HIV/AIDS activities have no experience in handling food,
 - Re-bagging of food into quantities of average family size (6) for easy distribution compromise some HH
 - Weak beneficiaries, spread over a large area
 - Poor infrastructure limits access to some FDP
 - Increased operational cost beyond the standard WFP cost per ton

Distribution Mechanisms (cont)

- Transport organized by beneficiaries



Distribution Mechanisms, Way-forward

- Reconsideration of budget ceilings of logistical and operational costs (re-bagging, staff, improved access)
- Synergies from existing partners with comparative advantage in logistics through improved communication
 - Integration of services to minimize operational and logistic costs (Food, Income generating activities, other services)
 - Additional family size groupings to improve equity