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SATELLITE SESSION ON OVC RESPONSE – CURRENT STATUS OF EVIDENCE AND CHALLENGES FOR THE FUTURE

Title of the session: Reaching the marginalized and orphans and vulnerable children (OVC): innovative strategies for effective identification, tracking and care of OVC to achieve the NSP targets for 2011.

Purpose of the session: This session will discuss the evidence, programmatic experiences and challenges in mitigating the impact of HIV and AIDS on children. It aims to identify practical solutions for achieving the targets of the National HIV and AIDS and STI Strategic Plan 2007-2011 and the UNGASS Declaration of Commitment on HIV and AIDS goals for OVC.

The session programme:

Chairperson: Dr. Connie Malega Kganakga, Chief Director HIV and AIDS section, Department of Social Development.

Co-chairperson: Ms. Julia Zingu, Country Resident Director, Save the Children UK.

Co-chairperson: Mr. Macharia Kamau, Country Representative, UNICEF.

TIME	TOPICS	PRESENTERS
14h00 – 14h10	Opening	
14h10 – 14h30	Data and targeting: using the right data for the right purposes in supporting responses for OVC	Chris Desmond, Research Specialist, Child, Youth, Family and Social Development, Human Sciences Research Council
14h30 – 14h45	Evidence for effectiveness of OVC interventions of national importance: a systematic review measuring success for wide scale implementation	Dr. Gill Schierhout, Director, Health Development Africa and Honorary Lecturer, University of the Witwatersrand
14h45 – 15h00	Compilation of OVC data at the local level. What is it that we don't know about OVC and what are the priority research questions?	Peter Badcock Walters, Edu Sector AIDS Response Trust
15h00 – 15h30	Discussions and summation	

Format of presentations: There will be oral and Powerpoint presentations

Duration: 1 hour 30 minutes

Venue, date and time: Hall 1AB, 7 June 2007, from 14h00 to 15h30

Session outcomes: Consensus and recommendations on:

- Improving identification, tracking and data analysis of OVC.
- Effective programmatic interventions to increase access to services and to reduce the impact of HIV and AIDS on OVC and their families.

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