



## **WORLD ORPHANS DAY CELEBRATION**

### **Market Place Event for Orphans and Vulnerable Children**

#### **Opening Presentation:**

Challenges for Orphans and Caregivers in Disaster, Pandemic and Social Driven Situations; Need for Urgent and Continuous Support

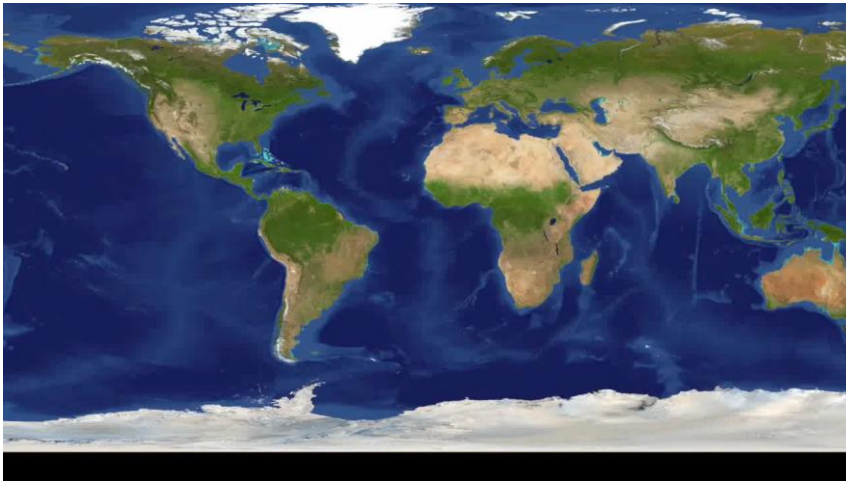
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# Who is an Orphan



# Effect of Disaster on Children

Children in Nigeria are among those most at risk of flood disaster which threaten their Health Education and Protection.



*The Climate Crisis Is a Child Rights Crisis: Introducing the Children's Climate Risk Index* is the first comprehensive analysis of climate risk from a child's perspective.....**UNICEF**

The climate crisis is a child's rights crisis, "Nigeria is not immune to the effects of climate change, but we can act now to prevent it from becoming worse. We need to invest in the services children depend on to survive and thrive – such as water, healthcare and education – to protect their futures from the impacts of a changing climate and degrading environment."

.....**Peter Hawkins, UNICEF Nigeria Representative**

# Effect of Pandemic on Children

Children in Dangerous Mix of Poverty, Hunger and Protection Risk



- Covid 19 Pandemic has increased poverty and Poor Mental Health in Children
- Covid 19 Pandemic has Worsen Hunger and Malnutrition in Children
- Covid 19 Pandemic has Increased the Number of out of school children

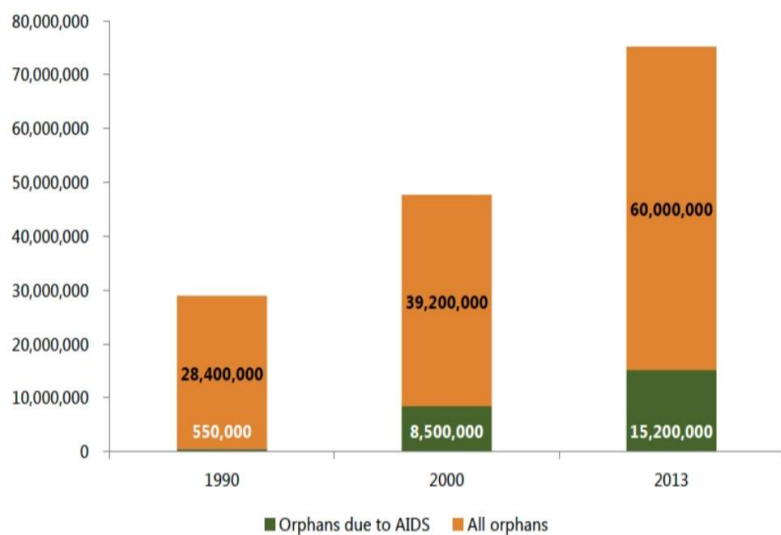
# Effects of Conflict/Insecurity on Children



Insecurity in Nigeria has its impact on Children's Health, Education, Nutrition, Accommodation and Social Wellbeing

million children in SSA are orphaned due to AIDS (UNICEF 2013); this represents 86 percent of the global burden of orphans due to AIDS.

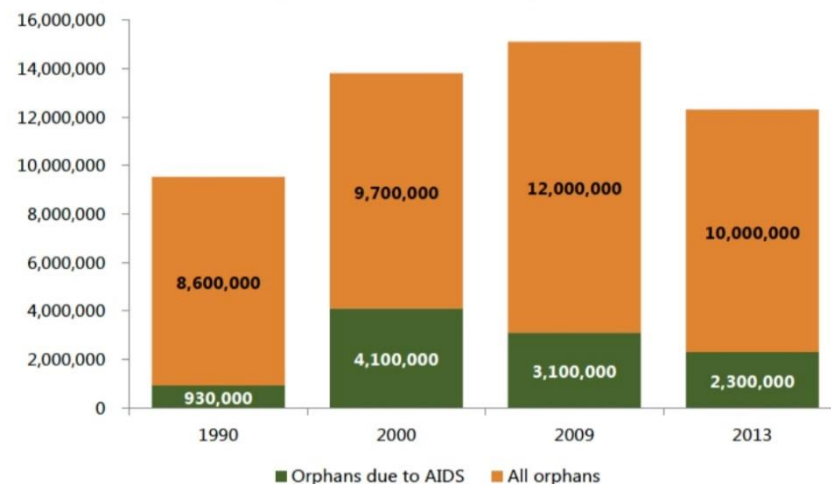
## Graph 1. Orphans in sub-Saharan Africa: A Critical Concern



Source: UNICEF, Children and AIDS Stocktaking Reports, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2013

orphans due to all causes in 2013, with 2.3 million orphans due to AIDS, as well as 450,000 children and 180,000 adolescents actually living with HIV (UNICEF 2013). One study ranks Nigeria's OVC burden higher than several countries facing war, such as Sudan, Somalia, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Libya, and Syria (Tagurum et al. 2015). One in every 10 households in the country is also estimated to be providing care for an orphan (Marsden and Miller 2011).

## Graph 2. Orphans in Nigeria



Source: UNICEF Children and AIDS Stocktaking Reports, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2013

# A Child in Need



- **Good Health Care**
- **Basic Education**
- **Adequate Nutrition**
- **Good Shelter and Psychological Support**
- **Social Wellbeing**



## Meeting the Expectation of a Child

- **SAFETY**
- **CARE**
- **RESPONSIVENESS**
- **EFFECTIVENESS**
- **Well Lead Organizations with Governance**

# Policy Makers

- **Do Policy makers know the needs of Orphans and Vulnerable Children?**
- **What Policies are in Place to handle the situation?**
- **Are there any register or data collated on Orphans and Vulnerable Children in Need**
- **What service is available for Orphans and Vulnerable Children in times of need**
- **Is there available information on where and how to access services for orphans and Vulnerable Children**



# Orphanage Homes and Caregivers

- **Do Orphanage Homes have access to fund?**
- **Do caregivers know how to source and access funds?**
- **Do they know about Government arrangement for orphanage homes**
- **Do Orphanage Homes know about the Government Regulatory Agencies**
- **Do caregivers know their responsibilities in caring and running a home for the Orphans and Vulnerable Children?**

# We Need to Know the Way Forward OVC Has Come to Stay



# THANK YOU



Reaching them one at a time