

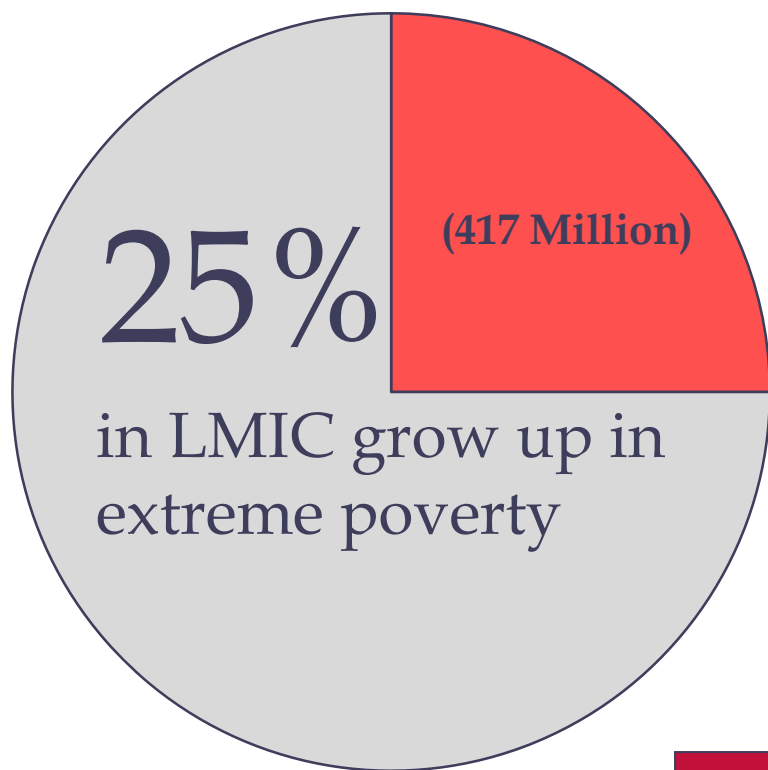
# US Government Action Plan for Children in Adversity

*A Framework for International Assistance: 2012 - 2017*





# Children in Adversity



Domestic Violence

Sexual Violence

Developmental Delays <5

Outside of Family Care

Abuse



Adversity: Serious deprivation or danger



# Action Plan Objectives

**PRIORITY**

**Build Strong Beginnings**

**Put Family Care First**

**Prevent Violence, Exploitation, Abuse, and Neglect**

**SUPPORTING**

**Strengthen Child Welfare and Protection Systems**

**Promote Evidence-based Policies and Programs**

**Integrate this Plan within USG Depts. and Agencies**



# Action Plan Objectives

**PRIORITY**

**Build Strong Beginnings**

**5.7% under 5 mortality**

**30% under 5 cognitive impairment**

**Put Family Care First**

**7% orphans**

**Unknown % streets, institutions, trafficked..**

**Prevent Violence, Exploitation, Abuse, and Neglect**

**17% severe physical abuse**

**18% girls sexual violence**

**7% hazardous work**

**Results**

- Reductions of children living outside of family care
- Reduction of violence against children
- Increase in children meeting developmental milestones



# USAID Role: *Build Strong Beginnings*



**Integrate developmental protection into MCHN programs.**

**Secure Attachment  
with Caregiver**

**Developmental  
milestones**

**Birth Registration**

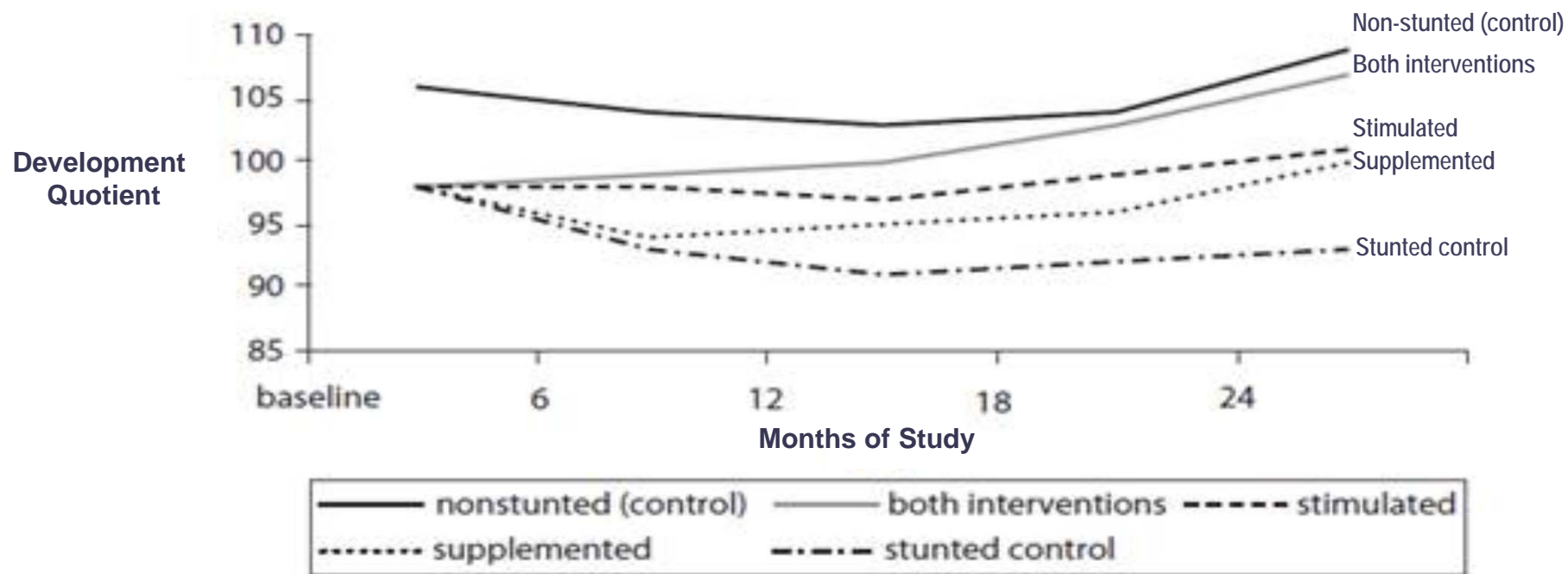
**Early Child Stimulation: Jamaica's "Roving Caregivers program"**



# USAID Role: *Build Strong Beginnings*

## Jamaica's Roving Caregivers Program

**Figure 1.2.2 Development Quotient (DQ) of Stunted Children Receiving Nutrition Supplement Only, Early Stimulation Only, or Both**



Source: Grantham-McGregor et al. 1997.

Note: DQ at baseline age (between 9 to 24 months) and at 6-month intervals to 24 months.



# USAID Role: *Put Family Care First*

**Prevent family-child separation, and  
promote permanent family care.**

**Reduction of children  
living outside of family  
care**

**Increase family capacity  
to feed, educate and care**

**Low-income Country  
Economic Strengthening “Plus”**

**Middle-income Country  
National Poverty Alleviation**

**Family Tracing and Reunification -  
Emergency Response**





# USAID Role: *Protect Children from Violence, Exploitation, Abuse, and Neglect*

**Prevent and protect children from violence, exploitation,  
abuse, and neglect**

**Reduction of  
violence**



**Increase ratified  
conventions and principles**



**Increase care after  
experiencing violence**





# USAID Role: *Protect Children from Violence, Exploitation, Abuse, and Neglect*

**Prevent and protect children from violence, exploitation,  
abuse, and neglect**

**Positive Parenting Programs  
(PPP)**



***Bell Bajao! (Ring the Bell!)***



**Safe Schools**

***Synergies between 3 Objectives***



# Moving Forward

USAID Whole of Government  
Leadership

Protecting the Future Alliance

Hill Briefings and Initiatives

White House Launch

NGO/FBO Support





# Group Exercise



Given the USG Action Plan's 3 Priority Objectives, how do we realize these in emergency context settings. Please break into small groups and:

- List key interventions for each priority objective
- Rank the Top 5 interventions
- Identify evidence or research that supports these interventions
- Specify what we need to further learn regarding these interventions.