

Linking HIV and AIDS to food security:

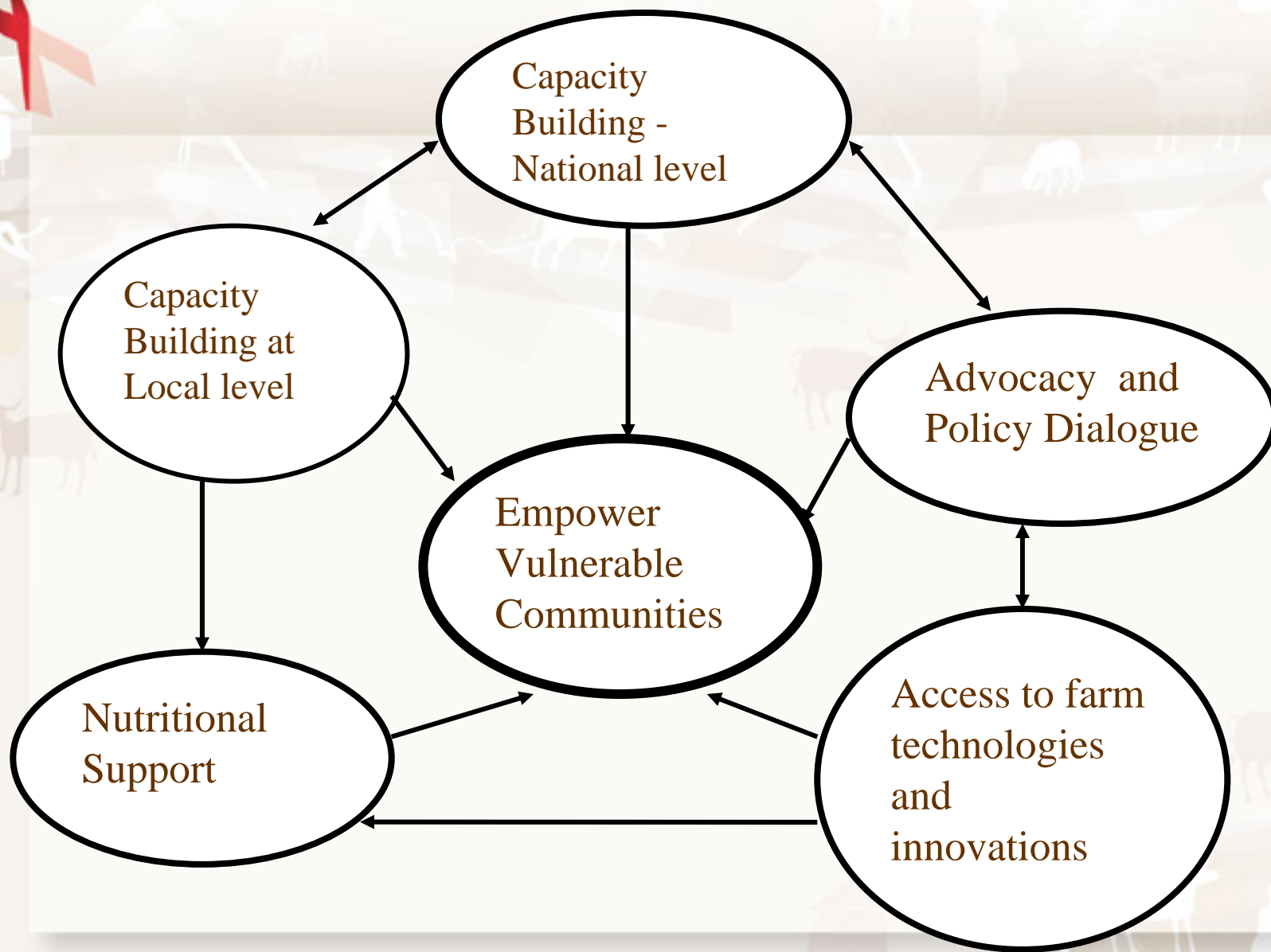
- Evidence
- Implications
- Urgent need to meet immediate food and nutritional needs of dependent populations while building the capacity for a self-reliant future





Some responses by FAO

- Based on thorough analysis of impact over time
- Target both cause (susceptibility) and effects (vulnerability)
- Gender and age dimensions carefully considered
- Multi-level (local, national)



Skills Building: The Junior Farmer Field and Life Schools Programme (FAO & WFP)

What is the concept all about?

Is a response to increased **vulnerability** of young people particularly those **orphaned** by AIDS

Seeks to:

- **Address** skills and knowledge gaps created by premature death of parents (agric, entrepreneurship, life skills)
- **Provide** a safe space for these children to play, associate, learn.
- **Re-assure** the children (orphans) that they are valuable members of community
- **Extend** the envelop of **SOCIALISATION** and reintegration into school and society




JFFLS - Some lessons being learned

- Nutrition support is critical
- Tap into community strength and resources – institutionalisation
- Need safeguards to ensure kids are not exploited/abused
- Helps reintegrate children into school
- Cost effective
- Can be easily integrated into existing Vocational Education programmes



JFFLS - Some lessons being learned

- Agricultural knowledge, skills being acquired
- Life skills necessary to improve self esteem, build confidence
- Provide entry points for education on gender, AIDS, other social issues that can lead to social change



Property and inheritance rights of widows and orphans

- Lack of property Rights = Vulnerability
- Research - property grabbing, loss of property rights among women/widows
- Technical assistance in policy formulation (protection of property rights of widows and children)
- Para-legal training of NGOs that provide legal assistance to women



Strengthening institutional capacity

Bringing and sustaining HIV/AIDS and Food/Nutrition Security on Government Agenda

- Training of researchers and research grants to analyse the impact of AIDS on production systems/livelihoods
- Technical assistance in formulation of agricultural/NR strategies on HIV and AIDS



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