



## Change in Child Wellbeing: The Isibindi Model

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## National Association of Child Care Workers (NACCW)

- NACCW has since 2000 been implementing the Isibindi model.
- The name 'Isibindi' means 'courage' in IsiZulu.
- The model provides for employment of child and youth care workers (CYCWs) who deliver community and home-based services to at risk, orphaned and vulnerable children.



## Elements of the Isibindi Model

- Non-profit social franchise model
- Model of community-based child & youth care services
- Rural focus
- Child rights framework
- Family preservation
- Partnership model



## Isibindi Implementation

- Child & youth care workers deployed
- Child & youth care workers offer services to families
  - Home visits
  - School visits
  - Flexi scheduling
  - Lifespace work
- Referrals and Networking



## Child Wellbeing

Aspect	Enrolment Form	Monthly Activity Log
<b>Education 1: Attendance</b>	School grade – with a recorded grade converting into a Desirable indicator for school attendance	Child attended school this month – with Yes converting into a Desirable indicator for school attendance
<b>Education 2: Progression</b>	School grade: Progression not relevant at registration	Education progression – converted into Desirable indicator if the child's current grade is higher this year than the previous year.
<b>Health</b>	Child on ARVs – converted into Desirable if (a) child HIV-positive but does not need ARVs or (b) child on ARVs (Good).	Child on ARVs – converted into Desirable if (a) child HIV-positive but does not need ARVs or (c) child on ARVs
<b>Nutrition</b>	Child eats regularly – with YES converted into Desirable indicator	Child eats regularly – with YES converted into Desirable indicator.
<b>Social assistance</b>	Whether child is beneficiary of child support grant (CSG), foster child grant (FCG), care dependency grant (CDG) – with YES on any of the grants converted into Desirable indicator.	Whether child during the month received child support grant (CSG), foster child grant (FCG), care dependency grant (CDG) – with YES on any of the grants converted into Desirable indicator.
<b>Abuse</b>	Whether there is rape, other sexual abuse, other abuse identified. Responses to be converted into an Undesirable indicator if there has been any one of these forms of abuse.	Whether a child protection incident (rape, other sexual abuse, other abuse has been reported for the child in the past three months – converted into an Undesirable indicator if any abuse reported in this period.



## Child Wellbeing

In respect of child well-being, for each of the five aspects the standard reports would show the number of children reached by Isibindi during the given year:

- Undesirable – Undesirable (unchanged)
- Desirable – Desirable (unchanged)
- Undesirable – Desirable
- Desirable – Undesirable



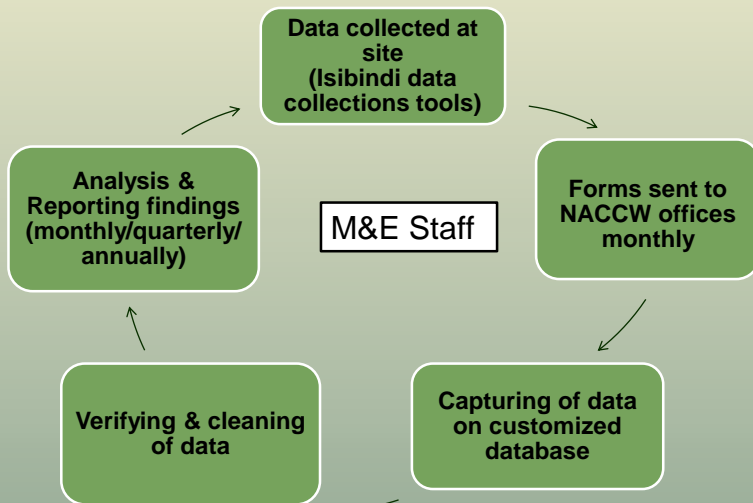
# Monthly Activity Log

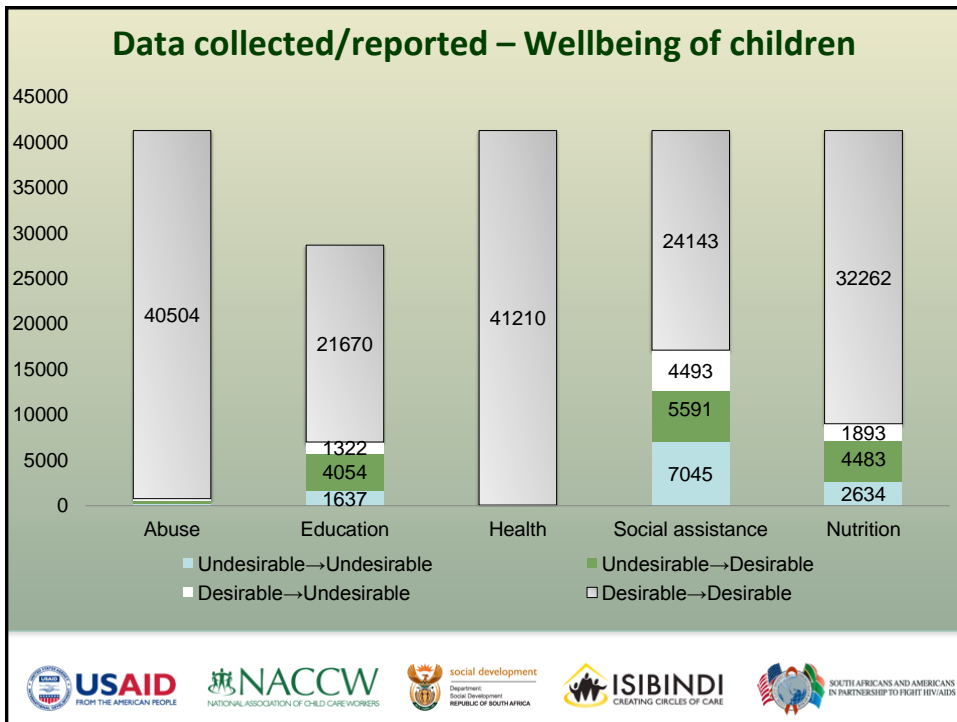
The form is titled "Monthly Activity Log" and includes logos for USAID, ISIBINDI, and the Department of Social Development, Republic of South Africa. It contains several sections with checkboxes and dropdown menus:

- Project:** CVCW
- Month:** Year
- Child Name:** [Grid]
- Child Surname:** [Grid]
- SA ID Number:** [Grid]
- Sex:** Male / Female
- Orphan status:** Mother deceased, Father deceased
- Health:** Child had HIV test and counselling, HIV test result positive/negative, etc.
- Nutrition:** Number of food parcels received, Child eats 3 meals a day every day
- Psychosocial:** Number of trauma visits, Work done on Individual Development Plan, etc.
- Palliative Care:** Number of adults in home who are HIV, Child provided with palliative care
- Child Protection:** Child rescued from home, Child needs immediate protection, etc.
- Education:** Child enrolled in school, Day Mother/Child, etc.
- Assessment:** Applications submitted this month, Child support grant, etc.
- Referred for services to:** Social worker, Home Affairs, Dept of Health, etc.
- Adopted as a result of referral:** Child removed, Court case opened, etc.
- Status Update:** Child recruited, Child died, etc.



# Source – Data Usage





## M&E Findings – Year 1

- **78%** of all Isibindi children ate three meals a day
  - **11%** of children who were not eating three meals a day when first monitored during 2013/14, were eating well when last monitored
  
- **76%** of school-age children attended school regularly throughout the year
  - **14%** of school-age children were not attending school regularly when first monitored but were back in school when last monitored

## Grade progression

- Grade progression is known between 2013 and 2014 for 11 366 children aged 7-17 years.
- **81%** progressed to the next grade while 19% did not.
- **92%** of those who passed received educational support.



## M&E Findings Year 1

- **403** children who had suffered abuse were no longer being abused by the end of the period
- **99%** of Isibindi children's HIV status remained negative
- **58%** of Isibindi children were grant beneficiaries throughout the period
  - **14%** of children were not receiving a grant when first monitored, but subsequently received a grant
- **3 313** children or their caregivers received citizenship documentation for the first time through assistance provided by CYCWs.



## Child Wellbeing – Undesirable

Further work by Isibindi CYCWs is, however, still needed

- 17% of children started and ended the year without access to a grant
- 3 730 children did not have citizenship documentation at the end of the year
- 5% of school-age children stopped attending school regularly
- 5% of children were previously eating three times a day but were not eating well when last monitored
- 365 children were reported, at the end of the year, to be suffering from abuse
- 52 children in need of anti-retrovirals were not receiving them.



## Interventions (service exposure)

Type	Field selection
Psychosocial	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of home visits</li> </ul>
Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Helped child with school admission</li> <li>• Homework supervision/assistance – Yes</li> </ul>
Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SA ID received</li> <li>• Birth certificate received</li> </ul>
Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Child on ARVs</li> <li>• Compliance support to the child: ARVs and/or universal precautions taught</li> </ul>
Referral	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Child removed</li> <li>• Court case opened</li> <li>• Treatment provided</li> <li>• Other</li> </ul>



## Comparison of outcome and service exposure

- Change in abuse status compared with receipt of psychosocial and referral services.
- Change in health status compared with health services.
- Change in social assistance status compared with access to citizenship documentation.
- Change in nutrition status compared with psychosocial services.
- Comparison of school attendance and educational support.



## Example – Health and Health Services

Health Services		
Wellbeing Status	Yes	No
Undesirable→Undesirable	3	1
Undesirable→Desirable	31	0
Desirable→Undesirable	22	5
Desirable→Desirable	8 303	32 907
<b>Total children</b>	<b>8 359</b>	<b>32 913</b>





## Data Usage

- Monthly Partner Reports and data to inform special focus programmes.
  - Strengthening CYCW performance
  - Hotspots: Target high burden areas
  - Assist partners (other CBOs/NGOs)
- Routine data to tailor services in the best interest of the child.



## Thank you!

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