A Research concept on the relationship between SAGE and HIV+ Orphaned children in Uganda.

Social Assistance Grant for Empowerment Program (SAGE) is key and ought to be a fundamental right to elderly citizens (65 yrs+) in the country. The Program has been piloted in 14 districts since 2010 and the beneficiaries have been the elderly and other labor-constrained households headed by the disabled, orphans and widows.

Senior Citizens' Contribution

This seeks to uncover the socio-economic contribution of Senior Citizens (contextually Grandparents) in looking after the orphaned children who are HIV+.

HIV+ Orphaned Children well-being

This includes the category of orphaned children who are solely depending on grandparents for basic necessities like food, shelter, clothing and school scholastic materials. Also the socio-economic support they receive from grandparents while accessing medical services (ART) and other psycho-support needs.

The linkage between SAGE and household HIV+ Orphaned children will seek to design more sustainable models for the SAGE grant recipients and vulnerable children. This will help to mitigate extreme household poverty and seek avenues to help households invest in their future and manage livelihood risks that are likely to result into children-grandparent dependence syndrome. Once sustainable models have been established, they will inform different governments and their implementing partners about the holistic nature of household vulnerabilities and the need for a more strategic SAGE investment case that considers vulnerable children affected by HIV.