

The Way We Work

Firelight Interventions

THE COMMUNITY NEED

Too few resources reach the vulnerable communities that need them the most.

THE FIRELIGHT RESPONSE (pages 10-11)

FIRELIGHT:

- Provides direct funding to community-based organizations (CBOs)
- Helps build CBO capacity to reach more vulnerable children and families
- Leverages organizational learning efforts to:
 - improve CBO programming
 - fuel advocacy efforts that increase resource flows to communities.

Community Action

THE COMMUNITY RESPONSE

COMMUNITIES:

- Identify the problem
- Prioritize the unmet needs of children and families
- Tap into community solidarity to mobilize an informal support network and local resources
- Formalize efforts by creating **community-based organizations** to strengthen the community response.

THE NEED (see page 6)

Heavy toll of HIV/AIDS and poverty on children, families, and communities in Sub-Saharan Africa.

THE CBO RESPONSE (page 7)

COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS (CBOs):

- Raise awareness of the needs and rights of children
- Provide direct support to vulnerable children and families
- Build and strengthen community structures, including volunteer and caregiver networks to sustain the response
- Tap into external resources
- Advocate for improved government policies and greater access to services.

THE COMMUNITY SUPPORT SYSTEM (pages 8-9)

CBOs assemble and deploy resources, and strengthen the community support system by focusing their efforts on the following three areas:

MEETING BASIC MATERIAL NEEDS

Material Assistance
Food/Nutrition/Agriculture
Economic Strengthening



PROVIDING CARE, SUPPORT, & PROTECTION

Psychosocial Support
Children's Rights



FACILITATING ACCESS TO GOVERNMENT-PROVIDED SERVICES

Education
Healthcare/HIV



Impact

THE INCREASED WELL-BEING OF CHILDREN

Children have:

- Loving, caring relationships
- Regular, nutritious meals
- Warm, safe homes
- Regular school attendance
- Emotional and social development.