Keeping Children and Families together with Economic Strengthening

Objectives of the Symposium

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OBJECTIVE 1

Examine the relationship between economic strengthening interventions and family preservation and reintegration

- Why, when and how do ES interventions help prevent unnecessary separation of children and families?

- How can they be effective in helping children reintegrate into family care?
OBJECTIVE 2

Draw together a group of experts to explore and discuss the challenges and opportunities to use targeted economic strengthening interventions to address child separation from households

- The symposium aims to provide background on the evidence to date and programmatic issues.

- It seeks to identify what needs to be understood in order to make program interventions more effective.
Catalyze ongoing exchange within a community of practice concerned with family preservation and children’s reintegration into family care.

- The symposium brings together funders, implementing organizations, and researchers.

- Is there interest in an ongoing community of practice?
Inform future programs and research

- This includes but is not limited to programming and research to be implemented through the ASPIRES project of FHI360.
It’s clear that economic circumstances are a major factor in household preservation and children’s reintegration, but:

- To what extent do ES interventions have to be selected to address the needs of a particular household, vs. one-size fits all for an economic category of households?

- How can the necessary ES interventions be determined for a given household?
SOME ISSUES TO CONSIDER TODAY

- How can necessary complementary interventions selected?

- To what extent are there programmatic tensions between effectiveness and scale?