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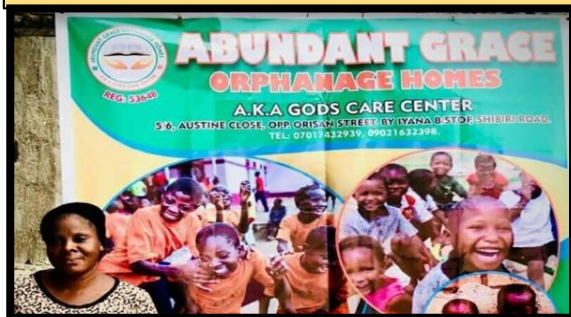
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## GLOBAL MISSION

To benefit Orphans and vulnerable  
children in Sub Saharan Africa.

We focus to assist orphans and vulnerable  
children towards literacy, food, shelter, and  
social reintegration through our trusted global  
partners.



## Why help orphans in sub-Saharan Africa?

As home to 10% of the world's population but 70% of HIV infections, sub-Saharan Africa carries the largest disease burden. Thirteen million children younger than 15 years of age have lost one or both parents to AIDS. In several African countries, 15% of children are expected to be orphaned by the end of this decade.

Children orphaned by AIDS are exposed to multiple stressors which may compound and complicate the grieving process. They may have cared for and witnessed the death of parent/s with a debilitating illness, loss of bodily functions, and sometimes AIDS-related mental illness. AIDS can cause multiple losses, for example of mother, father and perinatally-infected younger siblings. Caregivers of orphans have been found to suffer poor psychological health themselves.

UNICEF/UNAIDS. Children on the Brink 2002: A Joint Report on Orphan Estimates and Program strategies. July 2002.  
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### How many orphans are there in Sierra Leone?

According to estimates, 310,000 children in Sierra Leone grow up without their parents, many of them as a result of the war. 18,000 of them have been orphaned due to AIDS. The Ebola epidemic, which started in 2014, left many more children without parental care.



### How many orphans are there in Malawi?

A large proportion of Malawian children must grow up in the absence of one or both birth parents. In all, nearly one-fifth (18 percent) of children aged 0-14 years of age, 937,000 children in absolute terms, are either "single" (i.e., one parent deceased) or "double" (i.e., both parents deceased) orphans.

# Support Vital Research

*MHPI, Inc. seeks to encourage and support important research efforts like this project described below.*

Development policymakers and child-care service providers are committed to improving the educational opportunities of the 153 million orphans worldwide. Nevertheless, the relationship between orphanhood and education outcomes is not well understood. Varying factors associated with differential educational attainment leave policymakers uncertain where to intervene. This study examines the relationship between psychosocial well-being and cognitive development in a cohort of orphans and abandoned children (OAC) relative to non-OAC in five low and middle income countries (LMICs) to understand better what factors are associated with success in learning for these children.

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