



# **HIV/AIDS, Social Protection and Chronic Poverty**

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## ***Why focus on HIV/AIDS and Social Protection?***



- ❑ Recognition of (future) impact of HIV/AIDS on poor people's livelihoods
  - falling productivity; declining asset base;
  - link between HIV/AIDS and nutrition;
  - reinforcing unequal gender relations;
  - increasing orphans and vulnerable children
- ❑ Development of wider perspectives on forms of social protection



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# *Frameworks and Toolbox*



- ❑ HIV/AIDS frameworks vs social protection frameworks:
- ❑ Evidence on:
  - transfers;
  - public works;
  - education and training;
  - financial services and financial capital

## ***Should we treat HIV/AIDS as a special case?***

- ❑ Unique aspects of the disease and epidemiology – e.g. impact on demography.
- ❑ Practically – identification and targeting.
- ❑ Equity / perverse incentives
- ❑ Institutional issues: governments and donors
- ❑ E.g. Ethiopia:
  - DFID commitment to supporting 1 million HIV/AIDS orphans in Ethiopia
  - 3.8 million orphans in Ethiopia
  - institutional implications



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## ***What does that mean for targeting?***

- ❑ Target risk and vulnerability rather than HIV/AIDS specifically.
- ❑ Support households rather than individuals.
- ❑ Think about phasing and prioritising.



## ***What instruments and when?***

AIDS Impact Level	HIV/AIDS Prevalence Rate	
	LOW	HIGH
LOW	1. Reduction of vulnerability to HIV infection	2. Reduction of vulnerability to AIDS impact and preparedness
HIGH	4. Rehabilitation	3. Impact alleviation