

More than 25 million children have been orphaned and made vulnerable in sub-Saharan Africa by HIV/AIDS and poverty.



Bantwana's mission is to improve the wellbeing of vulnerable children and their families affected by HIV/AIDS and poverty.

Orphaned and vulnerable children (OVC) do best when they are supported and cared for in their own communities, among extended families, friends, and neighbors. Yet available resources are not getting to where they are most needed, namely the communities in which these children live. By building the skills, resources, and networks of local organizations already caring for OVC, Bantwana harnesses the talents, creativity, and commitment of communities to develop local, innovative models of care that can be scaled up nationally and around the region.

Focusing on innovative approaches that support whole families and communities, Bantwana:

- Expands and strengthens the efforts of **community-based organizations**
- Develops and tests effective models for **comprehensive support** that can be scaled up nationally and across the region
- Builds strong **networks, resources, and partnerships** that help communities help themselves



Bantwana's Model of Comprehensive Care

Bantwana's evidence-based model of comprehensive care ensures that children and their caregivers have access to the full range of support they need to grow and improve their overall wellbeing.

- **Child Protection:** Helping keep children safe from abuse, neglect, and exploitation.
- **Nutrition:** Ensuring children have an adequate, nutritional diet.
- **Legal Rights:** Ensuring children understand and are able to act on legal rights to inheritance, land, and financial support from the government.



- **Livelihoods and Economic Security:** Helping adolescents and caregivers develop skills needed to prepare for and access income generating opportunities.
- **Education:** Keeping children in school—with a specific focus on girls.
- **Health:** Ensuring access to primary health care and access to HIV/AIDS prevention, care, and support.
- **Psychosocial Support:** Helping children and caregivers cope with anxiety, anger, depression, and despair related to loss.