

8 WAYS

GOVERNMENTS CAN SUPPORT CHILDREN LIVING WITH HIV IN THE TIME OF COVID-19

1. Get ARV supplies

Secure multi-month ARV supplies for children and adolescents living with HIV.

Tip: Innovate to ensure an uninterrupted supply and distribution.



2. Stand against stigma

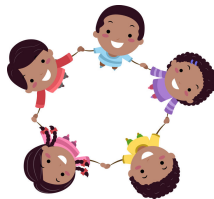
Protect vulnerable populations, including religious and ethnic minorities, from discrimination and violence related to COVID-19.



3. Engage children

Involve children in the design of mitigation responses.

Tip: Build trust, and hear the concerns and expectations of young people.



4. Stay connected

Ensure young people stay informed through reliable sources (UNICEF, UNAIDS, and WHO).

Tip: They should feel connected and receive the care required to feel in control and mentally secure.



5. Share information

Equip communities to provide young people with information that minimizes fear and stigma.



6. Protect health workers

Provide essential community health workers with COVID-19 testing and effective personal protective equipment for delivering care to children in their homes.



7. Help families in poverty

Ensure that children and families living in poverty – especially those affected by HIV – are linked to social assistance and food support schemes.



8. Engage Global HIV Community of Practice

Involve HIV peer supporters and healthcare providers who bring years of experience dealing with an epidemic similar to COVID-19.

