

## The Way Forward in 2008

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## PCD's Goal

To improve the educational achievement of children, especially girls, through national programmes that enhance the health, nutrition and psychosocial status of children in low and middle income countries.



Our aim in 2008, is to maximize our impact in pursuit of our goal



### Objective 1: Strengthening the evidence-base

- Estimation of the economic impact of hyper endemic HIV on teachers and children in Botswana
- Study of the use of genotypic monitoring of helminth drug resistance in Kenya
- Cognitive impact of a national SHN programme in Sri Lanka
- Study of CCT and orphan's educational outcomes in Zimbabwe
- Development of geographic information systems in planning the implementation of SHN in Yemen and Kenya
- Evaluating child self-refraction with ophthalmological standards



### Expanding SHN programmes – Vision correction for children

- *How can vision correction be delivered to children in low income countries in an affordable, cost-effective, systematised and sustainable way?*
- New, low-cost lens technology ➡ potential for mass distribution via SHN programmes of MoEs.
- Can children self-refract? ➡ controlled trials starting in 2008 (China, Sth Africa, UK & USA.)
- Trials will inform plans to operationalise scaled delivery through schools.



### Objective 2: Strengthening Capacity

- Fourth international short course on strengthening SHN programmes. 9-18 July 2008, Kenya
- Support the development of National SHN & HIV programmes (situation analyses, policies, strategic plans) in Caribbean (St Kitts and St Lucia), East Africa (Kenya, Malawi, Ethiopia, Mozambique), South Asia (Sri Lanka, India)
- Development of consensus concerning good practice in M&E framework for SHN programmes



### Objective 3: Sharing knowledge

- Redevelopment and expansion of PCD administered websites (enhancing the content of individual country pages)
- Syntheses and good practice reviews (GMSR good practice document, review of M&E of SHN programmes, OVC Sourcebook, Courage and Hope Document, HIV Prevention Sourcebook, Health and Nutrition Issues of School aged children).
- Contributions to/ satellite sessions at ICASA, Mexico.
- Production of advocacy tools - filming of Courage and Hope: Stories from teachers living with HIV&AIDS, One Childhood – Eritrean EDC&SHN Programme.



### Objective 4: Strengthen Partnerships

- Participate in the FRESH framework, Partners for Parasite Control (PPC), UN Standing Committee for Nutrition (SCN): School-Age Child Working Group, UNAIDS Inter Agency Task Team (IATT) on Education, International School Health Network (ISHN), Deworm the World (DtW). FRESH partners' SHN monitoring and evaluation group.
- Hold Africa wide meeting on education and HIV for education focal points in Dakar, December, 2008.
- Support networks of school health and HIV focal points (in the Caribbean with EduCan, in Africa for REC networks with an increasing focus on SADC, in Asia with the launch of a virtual framework for South and East Asia).



Thank you

