

Tanzania OVC Partners Train 108 Community Caregivers from Morogoro and Ilala

Twinning Center partners at the Institute of Social Work in Dar es Salaam conducted a para-social worker training course for 108 community-based caregivers and district social welfare officers from Tanzania's Morogoro and Ilala municipalities in April.

With the goal of expanding care and support for orphans and vulnerable children (OVC) living in these regions, the objective of this eight-day workshop was to provide skills-based training to people who work directly with youngsters and families.

Since late 2006, the Institute of Social Work has been working with the University of Illinois at Chicago's Jane Addams College of Social Work and Midwest AIDS Training and Education Center to implement this project, which is funded by the American people with the support of PEPFAR and USAID.



Launched in March 2007, the Para-Social Worker Training Program is designed to arm caregivers key skills critical to improving OVC care. Through the program, district social welfare officers, NGO representatives, and other community and home-based caregivers learn practical skills that prepare them to properly assess the condition of orphans, vulnerable children, and families within their communities.

In addition, partners are also implementing follow-up training, mentoring, and evaluation processes to ensure the quality of care provided by those trained through the program.