The Productive Social Safety Net (PSSN) for Vulnerable Families project is Tanzania-led and supported by numerous development partners. By supporting PSSN, USAID is working to increase the Tanzania Social Action Fund’s (TASAF) effectiveness in delivering well-targeted and integrated social safety net services to Tanzania’s poorest and most vulnerable citizens, including orphans and vulnerable children (OVC) and people living with HIV/AIDS (PLHIV). The target is to reach 1.2 million households (totaling approximately 5.7 million people). The activity complements USAID activities implemented under the President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) in support of OVC and PLHIV.

Activity interventions include the following:

- Provide cash transfers to support education and health of orphans and vulnerable children and people living with HIV in Tanzania.
- Provide savings and livelihood enhancement services to vulnerable families in Tanzania.
- Build the capacity of TASAF to provide productive social safety net services and generate evidence on the impact of cash transfers on health and education of vulnerable people.
RESULTS

- Approximately 2,869,850 OVC (ages 0-17) are benefiting from PSSN cash transfers.
- 112,555 youth aged 18-24 are benefiting from public works for extra income.
- PLHIV enrolled in PSSN program total 9,556.
- Almost 97 percent of children in beneficiary households aged 0-24 months are attending health facilities regularly.
- Over 95 percent of children aged 6-18 years enrolled in primary schools have an 80 percent attendance rate or higher each month.
- Improved food security among vulnerable households.
  - Before the PSSN activity, 36 percent were eating one meal a day, 54 percent two meals a day, and only 11 percent three meals a day.
  - After the introduction of PSSN, 68 percent eat three meals a day, and 31 percent eat two meals a day. Less than ½ a percent eat one meal a day.

BUDGET
$9.8 million

DURATION
November 2016-November 2019

ACTIVITY LOCATIONS
Nationwide (with specific focus in PEPFAR priority councils)

IMPLEMENTING PARTNER
Tanzania Social Action Fund (TASAF)

PARTNERS
- Local Government Authorities
- World Bank
- UKAID
- United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- United Nations Population Fund
- UNICEF
- Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA)
- International Labor Organization (ILO)
- Irish Aid
- The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation

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