



12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

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To observe the twelve days of Christmas, continue to keep your creche up until January 6 when the three kings arrive on Epiphany. To learn about the many people it takes for Episcopal Relief & Development to accomplish their work, you can add one of the twelve Ministry Partners each day during the Christmas season.

After Jesus was born the Magi, also known as the Wise Men, begin traveling from far away to visit the newborn king. This Christmas the Magi are represented by twelve Episcopal Relief & Development Ministry Partners and individuals who are very wise people!

On December 26 place the Ministry Partners in other parts of your home and move them closer each day as they make their way toward Bethlehem. There are twelve so each day a different one arrives at the manger. Now you have a total of thirty three pieces for your nativity scene.

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SECONDARY CAREGIVERS



EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT PROMOTERS



FAITH LEADERS



EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE



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Ministry Partners make the **Moments That Matter®** model possible. **Moments That Matter®** (MTM) is an Integrated Early Childhood & Parenting Empowerment program based on the World Health Organization's "Nurturing Care Framework". The aim of *MTM* is to reach vulnerable newborns to three year old's and their parents in rural Africa. The children targeted are affected by HIV, living in their rural households and influenced by other vulnerabilities of poverty and lack of access.

The program focuses on strengthening children's cognitive, language, social, emotional and motor skills development through Responsive Care & Early Learning activities for Parents; then integrates health and nutrition activities, security and safety consideration, and family livelihoods – primarily through Savings with Education (savings and loan) groups - to round out the holistic approach to seeing children reach their full development potential.

The *MTM* model is delivered through 24-months of direct engagement with those closest to the child, creating rings of support and protection rippling out. Each level of participant and stakeholder has different roles and responsibilities.



At the center is the child, surrounded by these twelve Ministry Partners:

Primary Caregivers are usually the birth mothers, often grandparents, and sometimes siblings

Secondary Caregivers are fathers, aunts, uncles, and cousins

Early Childhood Development Promoters are trained volunteers who conduct visits & caregiver group meetings to promote good health

Early Childhood Development Committees manage the work of the promoters

Partner Organizations work directly with Episcopal Relief and Development who fund them to support the management at the Diocesan level

National Leadership & Stakeholders are worldwide church and government entities who support the program

Donors offer financial support

Episcopal Relief & Development gives technical support and much more

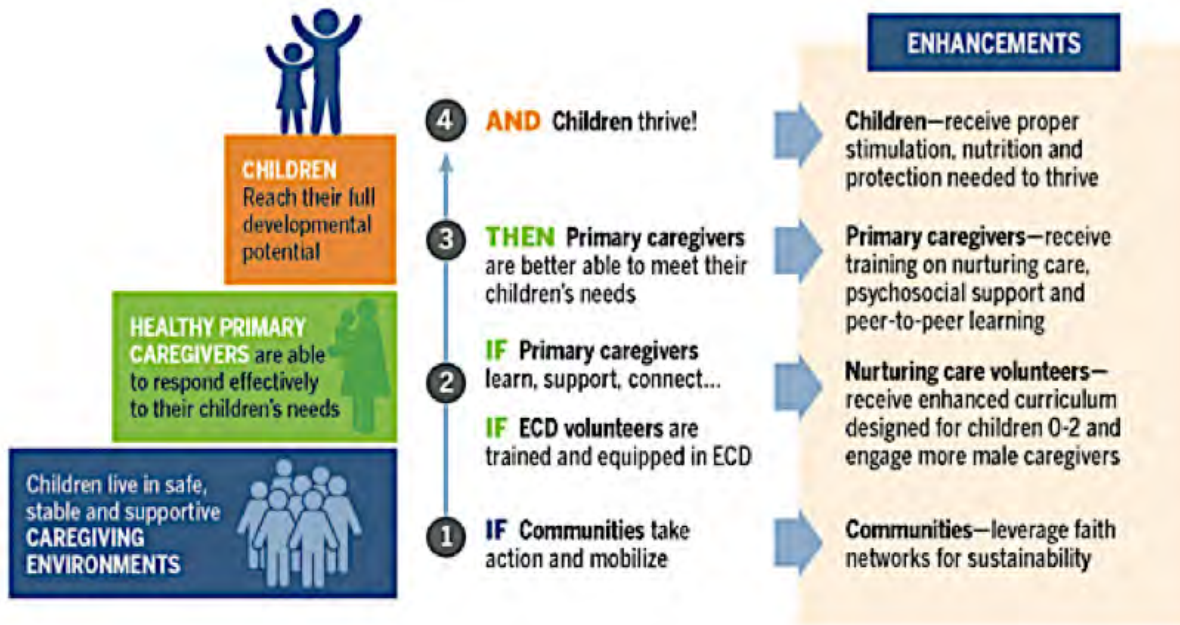
Faith Leaders share the campaign with congregations and pray for vulnerable children around the world

Episcopal Relief & Development Volunteers share their time and talent to make a difference

Churches launch campaigns to give parishioners the opportunity to help heal our hurting world

The Right Reverend Bishop Michael Curry knows if we save the children, we save the world

Moments That Matter: Theory of Change



The MTM Theory of Change posits that creating enabling and supportive environments through mobilizing communities and faith leaders, training and equipping teams of frontline workers (which we call 'ECD Promoters' which is short for Early Childhood Development Promoters), and providing for the caregivers' own needs for support and information, that children will thrive.