national data and concluded that the effort was lagging. One service district had 40 percent coverage, but all the other districts were ranging between 1 and 12 percent coverage.

The USAID OVC program and its governmental and implementing partners responded by increasing the 2017 testing target from just 115,000 OVCs to all 362,000 of the OVCs that PEPFAR supports. This was possible through special funding from PEPFAR and additional resources from a public-private partnership with Elma Philanthropies.

New reporting guidance from S/GAC requires that nations receiving PEPFAR assistance report how many people are receiving support from PEPFAR-funded OVC programs, which serve children at home, school, health facilities and throughout the community. Nations now must report data at the district level; previously, only national data were reported. PEPFAR uses these data to ensure resources are focused on core activities in high-HIV areas to maximize impact.

Ellsense Nketeza, 12, is two grades behind in school due to HIV-related illness.

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In Zimbabwe, USAID, with funding from PEPFAR, implements the Expanded Impact Program (EIP) with assistance from community organizations, including World Education, Inc., Hospice Palliative Care Association of Zimbabwe, Family AIDS Caring Trust and Mavambo Orphan Care. The EIP is funded through 2017 and focuses on expanding nationally the availability of pediatric antiretroviral treatment—identifying children at risk, testing them and linking them to care if they test positive for HIV. It also involves educating children and their caregivers about prevention if they are HIV negative.