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MONITORING, EVALUATION AND REPORTING (MER) OF OVC AND YOUTH FORUM 17-19 MARCH 2015

The SADC Secretariat in collaboration with Swiss Agency for Development and Co-operation (SDC); Save the Children International (SCI); Regional Psychosocial Support Initiative (REPSSI); MiET Africa, and Regional Inter Agency Task Team on Children and AIDS (RIATT) will convene a Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting (MER) of Orphans and other Vulnerable Children (OVC) and Youth Forum from 17-19 March, 2015 in Gaborone, Botswana.

The purpose of the forum is to facilitate stock taking and planning among Member States sectors and stakeholders responsible for OVC and youth in preparation for the implementation of the initiative to "Strengthening MER of OVC and youth in SADC". This MER initiative will ensure that reporting on child and youth vulnerability and development is integrated in the processes of operationalising the revised SADC RISDP 2015-2020.

The forum is expected to result in the following:

- a) Improved understanding of the status of MER capacity in Ministries, departments and institutions responsible for OVC& Y in SADC

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Botswana	Madagascar	Mauritius	Seychelles	United Republic of Tanzania
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- b) Improved awareness by stakeholders, of the initiative to "Strengthening MER of OVC & Y"
- c) Consensus built on concrete recommendations for effective coordination and implementation of the initiative to "Strengthening MER of OVC&Y", and
- d) Additional collaborating partners in the implementation of the initiative to "Strengthening MER of OVC&Y" identified

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