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## Introduction

This draft document, prepared by staff of WHO, UNICEF, the World Bank Group, the ECD Action Network and the Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health, serves for consultation during the technical meeting *Innovating for early childhood development: what have we learnt to strengthen programming for nurturing care*, Geneva, Switzerland, 13 – 14 June 2019.

The information compiled in this document was obtained from multiple sources. Information on the nurturing care website and the ECD Action Network website was completed with searches on other websites, including of regional ECD networks and of the Interamerican Development Bank. UNICEF and WHO regional advisors from the African, American and Eastern Mediterranean regions provided complementary information, as did the leads of regional ECD networks, i.e. Africa Early Childhood Network (AfECN), Asia Pacific Regional Network for Early Childhood (ARNEC), Arab ECD Network and the International Step by Step Association (ISSA).

The information is organized into national, regional, and global actions that have served to advance dissemination and uptake of the Nurturing Care Framework since the launch at the 71<sup>st</sup> World Health Assembly in May 2018.

**National actions** are sub-divided into: i) multi-country sensitization and planning workshops, ii) purposeful events at the country level, and iii) national conferences where the Framework was presented or referenced. These actions are in alphabetical order by country. The second table includes a column on “action types” which serves to capture in brief the purpose or nature of the actions.

**Regional actions** are organized into: i) conferences and technical meetings, ii) capacity building workshops, study tours, iii) and webinars. These are listed in alphabetical order in each table.

**Global actions** are organized into: i) side-events, pre-conference sessions, or receptions that were organized on the margins of a main event (e.g., conference), ii) conferences where the NCF was presented or referenced in the main program (keynote addresses, plenaries, concurrent sessions), iii) declarations, and iv) technical meetings.

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## National Actions

### Multi-Country Workshops

Event	Description	Action Type
<a href="#">Eastern Africa stakeholders' consultation to operationalize the NCF by the health sector</a>	October 2018 (Nairobi, Kenya): Country delegations from Ethiopia, Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique, Tanzania, Zambia, Zimbabwe met for three days to share experiences and develop plans to take forward implementation of the Framework. The meeting was co-convened by WHO, UNICEF, and PATH. Over 90 participants representing government, UNICEF, WHO, multilaterals, bilaterals, foundations, and civil society worked together to identify entry points and develop country action plans.	Multi-sectoral sensitization & planning workshop
Central and West Africa orientation and planning workshop	July 2019 (Libreville, Gabon): WHO and UNICEF will convene a multi-country orientation and planning meeting for the Nurturing Care Framework. Participants will be from 9 Francophone countries: Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroun, Côte d'Ivoire, Gabon, Mali, Niger, São Tomé et Príncipe and Sénégal. The overall aim is to strengthen the role of the health sector, and of other relevant sectors, to support families and other caregivers to provide nurturing care for young children.	Multi-sectoral sensitization & planning workshop

### Country Level Actions

Country	Overview	Action Type
Afghanistan	<p>July 2018: The Framework was presented at a Ministry of Public Health ECD/Technical Working Group meeting. The group agreed to develop a situation analysis.</p> <p>August 2018: Interministerial ECD working group meeting at which the agenda included a presentation of the Framework and proposed plan for developing an NCF situation analysis.</p> <p>December 2018: Interministerial ECD technical working group meeting at which the draft NCF situation analysis was presented. The report is expected to inform development of the national intersectoral ECD policy and strategy.</p>	<p>Sensitization – health</p> <p>Situation analysis</p> <p>Intersectoral ECD policy and strategy</p>
Dominican Republic	September 2018: National multisectoral and multi-institutional meeting organized by UNICEF and PAHO for 150 participants. The aim was to present the Lancet series and the NCF. The country has a national strategy but implementation is weak. The meeting aimed to re-energize implementation and engage high-level authorities.	Multisectoral sensitization meeting
Eswatini	Feb 2019: The Deputy Prime Ministers Office-Children's Unit convened a meeting to develop a Multi-sectoral Early Childhood Care and Development Framework for the Kingdom of Eswatini aligned to the NCF. The Framework will leverage existing services to facilitate scaling up the delivery of essential care, development and protection services and	<p>Multisectoral planning meeting</p> <p>Multisectoral ECCD Framework (in progress)</p>

	support systems for young children (birth-8-years) and their families.	
Ethiopia	<p>December 2018: The Ministry of Health (MoH) with support from WHO, UNICEF and other partners including the World Bank organized a multi-sectoral, multi-stakeholder meeting to sensitize all key stakeholders on ECD and the Framework. Following this meeting early stimulation was integrated into the Integrated Refresher Training (IRT) for health workers, the MOE led revisions to the ECCE Policy Framework allowing for an opportunity to align with the NCF, and a review of health services was conducted to inform integrated ECD in health services. The MoH is planning to develop a costed strategic plan for IECD.</p> <p>May 2019: <a href="#">First national capacity building workshop on Care for Child Development</a> organized by the Federal Ministry of Health in collaboration with WHO, UNICEF, USAID, PATH and African ECD Network. Fifteen master trainers and 27 participants from federal and regional health bureaus, teaching institutions, development partners, NGOs and health care providers. The workshop concluded with a one-day workshop led by the MoH on programmatic implications. This was informed by findings from a national situational analysis.</p>	<p>Multi-sectoral sensitization workshop</p> <p>Integration into trainings (health)</p> <p>Situational analysis (health)</p> <p>Policy review (education, health)</p> <p>Costed Strategic plan (health, in progress)</p> <p>National capacity building</p>
Ghana	<p>June 2018: Her Excellency, Samira Bawumia, <a href="#">launched the Framework</a> at a national event convened by the Ghana Ministry of Health and supported by USAID, UNICEF and WHO. Participants included U.S. Embassy Deputy Chief of Mission Melinda Tabler-Stone, USAID/Ghana's Resiliency and Social Protection Advisor, Jacqueline Bony, UNFPA, JICA, and the World Bank.</p> <p>January 2019: Ghana Health Service convened a <a href="#">national multi-sectoral stakeholders meeting</a> to discuss implementation of the Framework.</p>	<p>National launch</p> <p>Multi-stakeholder NCF implementation meeting</p>
Iran	<p>October 2018: The Ministry of Health organized a 3-day Training of Trainers for approximately 200 pediatricians, general practitioners, Ministry of Health and Medical Education service managers and experts from the provincial medical universities. Training was on ECD, Integrated Management of Childhood Illness (IMCI) and Well Child Care. Participants were sensitized on NCF but focus was on the health and nutrition components and how these components contribute to ECD.</p> <p>October 2018: The Ministry of Health is using the NCF to develop the National ECD Model. A pilot began in in October 2018 and the second is expected to begin in June 2019. The Framework guides the country in integrating multi-sectoral efforts in the national ECD programme.</p>	<p>National capacity building</p> <p>National multi-sectoral ECD model (health)</p> <p>Multisectoral planning and coordination</p> <p>Alignment of ECD programme with NCF</p>

	April 2019: The Ministries of Health and Education organized a meeting with focal points from different ministries (Welfare, State Welfare Org, Education, Management Planning Organization) and medical universities. The purpose of the meeting was to advocate for intersectoral collaboration and raise awareness about the national policy and program on child health. The NCF was translated and presented and alignment of the ECD program with the NCF were discussed.	
Iraq	June 2019: Meeting with Ministry of Health representatives to present the NCF, identify partners and plan for an advocacy meeting.	Ministerial sensitization
Italy	October 2018: Centro per la Salute del Bambino onlus - Center for Child Health and Development (CSB) and Save the Children convened a <a href="#">meeting to present the Nurturing Care Framework to the Italian Parliament</a> .	Parliament meeting
Kenya	July 2018: The ECD Network Kenya organized their <a href="#">2nd National Early Childhood Development Stakeholders' Conference</a> . Participants included County Government representatives, National Government representatives from Ministries of Education, Health, and Social Protection; UN agencies, private sector, donors and academia. The purpose of the event was to raise the profile of the ECD agenda in Kenya and call upon the political leadership and other stakeholders to prioritize ECD for sustainable development. There was agreement to adopt a multisectoral approach to the delivery of ECD through households, community, ECD centres, and health facilities and to support implementation of the NCF. Revisions to the IECD Policy are planned to ensure alignment with the NCF.	Multisectoral implementation approach  Policy review
Lebanon	June 2018: Inter-ministerial meeting to discuss the finalization of the ECD strategy. Presentations on the NCF were made. Ministries represented: Ministry of Public Health, Ministry of Education and Ministry of Social Affairs (Higher Council of Childhood). The ECD strategy is being co-led by MOPH and MOSA and will be aligned with the NCF.	Inter-ministerial meeting  ECD strategy
Liberia	June 2019: The Government of Liberia, in collaboration with Open Society Foundation, WHO, and UNICEF will convene a multi-stakeholder national workshop to advance understanding of and programming for early childhood development.	Multi-stakeholder workshop
Malawi	October 2018: The Ministry of Gender, Children, Disability and Social Welfare hosted a national ECD conference at which the Framework was presented. The conference resulted in a decision to organize national trainings on the Care for Child Development package for all trainers. The conference was followed by an ECD Technical Working Group meeting at which lessons learned/best practices for supporting ECD were shared.  October 2018: Stakeholders developed the 2019 plan for ECD with a view to mainstreaming integration. A decision was	National ECD conference  Experience exchange  Annual planning – integration

	taken to review relevant documents to ensure they reflect integration.	
Montenegro	<p>December 2018: Home visiting by nurses has been identified as a key entry point for strengthening the health sector and operationalizing the NCF. The training modules contain modules on NCF, complimented by modules from ECARO and ISSA. The 2018 training included 24 representatives including MoH, health providers, and additional relevant stakeholders (e.g., social welfare, education). Additional trainings by the Ministry of Health, Institute for Public Health, and UNICEF are planned from 2019 to 2021.</p> <p>October 2019: Investing in the Early Years – Conference on Fiscal and Public Administration Imperatives for Early Childhood Development. The conference will have a strong focus on the nurturing care components. A series of three papers will be presented at the conference; providing an overview of the current state of the play and discuss recommendation for informing relevant processes at both national and local levels These recommendations are expected to inform the 2020 National ECD Strategy (tentative lead = MoH).</p>	<p>Integration into training</p> <p>National conference</p> <p>ECD Strategy</p>
Mozambique	<p>March 2019: The Ministry of Social Affairs, in collaboration with partners, introduced the NCF and defined roles at national and provincial levels. The NCF was viewed as a positive resource for helping the Government and partners harmonize their approach to ECD informing partners' programme of support (UNICEF, PATH and the National ECD Network). ECD activities based on the NCF and related to health and nutrition have been included in the MoH annual workplan. NCF has informed the Child &amp; Young Feeding national policy and the inclusion of Pre-primary into the National Education Law and the Education Sector Plan.</p> <p>April 2019: MoH TWG meeting to identify how to include ECD within efforts to upgrade the curriculum for physiotherapist and thus how to strengthen the health system to include nurturing care elements for children with disabilities. Workplan and next steps were agreed on.</p> <p>May 2019: MoH TWG meeting attended by MoH covering MNCH, Nutrition, M&amp;E and Logistics; UN agencies (UNICEF &amp; UNFPA) and PATH. Purpose of the meeting was to review and update MCH supervision tools to include ECD.</p>	<p>Roles and responsibilities</p> <p>Annual workplan</p> <p>Policy and sectoral plan review</p> <p>Integration into training &amp; tools</p>
Pakistan	<p>March-April 2019: National and sub-national consultations organized by the Planning Commission through the Scaling Up Nutrition platform and UNICEF. NCF was presented at the consultants. Outcomes will inform strategic directions for a national level ECD policy framework and a family care package.</p>	<p>National and sub-national sensitization</p> <p>National launch</p>

	September 2019: National launch of NCF at the International Conference on Early Childhood Development, organized by the Pakistan Alliance on ECD in collaboration with the Allama Iqbal Open University, Karakoram University Gilgit-Balistan, Ministry of Planning & Development, Ministry of Education and Ministry of Health, and WHO technical assistance.	
Palestine	June 2018: Meetings held with the National ECD Committee and Gaza ECD subnational committee to increase understanding of the NCF and discuss its relevance for the ECD strategy and action plan implementation. Participants felt that the current ECD strategy already aligns well with the NCF.	National & sub-national sensitization
Panama	November 2018: National multisectoral conference during which the NCF, national ECD strategy and the IDB project on home visiting in indigenous communities were presented.  November 2018: Meeting with representatives of health and education sectors to discuss the NCF and follow up on the implementation of CCD. Training was conducted by UNICEF LACRO in 2016.	Multisectoral conference  Sensitization to NCF  Implementation progress
Peru	June 2018: WHO and UNICEF organized a series of meetings with the ministries of health, education, culture, and social development as well as representatives of the Peruvian academia, professional associations to present the NCF. The meetings included individual discussions with the minister of social development and her team of advisors and the vice minister of education. The NCF messages resonated with each of the ministries who requested we: i) define how the NCF could be used to achieve one priority of the present government (to reduce from 40% to 20% the anaemia prevalence in children) and ii) apply the NCF to improve health and development in one territory. The meeting resulted in one of MOH directors deciding to improve the coordination within the health sector using the 5 components of the NCF as the umbrella.  October 2018: Using NCF as the overall umbrella, three multisector and multi-institution meetings were conducted in Lima and Pucallpa. The aim was to advocate for a gender approach to programs and services targeting children and their families to increase male caregiver participation in childrearing.  April 2019: Ucayali Region - Conference for 50 pre-K teachers to discuss their role in the reduction of anaemia among children less than 5yrs (national government priority). The NC components were used to present the government's actions to reduce anaemia and advocate for inclusion of actions in all components. Participants perform weekly home visits to families with children younger than 3 years and share with them information and recommendations on nutrition,	Multisectoral sensitization meetings  Multisectoral conference  Conference – education – home visiting  Sub-national multisector analysis



	<p>learning opportunities, among others. The MoE has this modality of work in selected areas of the country.</p> <p>April 2019: Ucayali Region - Representatives of various sectors and institutions working in the region's capital (Pucallpa city) used the NC components to analyse their progress and challenges. One sector was responsible for one component.</p>	
Syria	<p>September 2018: The Syrian Commission for Family and Population Affairs and Aga Khan Foundation presented the NCF to the Syrian ECD Committee. It was agreed that the national ECD strategy would be revised to align with the NCF.</p> <p>December 2018: Meeting with Deputy Minister of Social Affairs, Head of Syrian Commission for Family and Population Affairs and Members of Syrian national ECD committee to set the road map for updating the national ECD strategy and framework. It was agreed to update the ECD situation analysis to ensure that key NCF messages are included.</p>	<p>Ministerial sensitization</p> <p>ECD Strategy</p> <p>Situation analysis</p>
Tanzania	<p>December 2018: Tanzania Multi Sector Early Childhood Development Forum (National ECD Forum). This event sought to revitalize national ECD dialogue and introduced the Nurturing Care Framework to the national government and local partners for national buy in and uptake. Attended by 120 people including relevant ministries, the event concluded with a recommendation to form a National ECD Task Force to spearhead the development of a National ECD Multisectoral Plan using the NCF as a guide.</p> <p>February 2019: Validation of ECD Forum Actions meeting. Organised by the MoHCDGEC with support from TECDEN &amp; CIC. The main aim was to review and validate the report from the December 2018 Forum and agree on the way forward for developing a multisectoral ECD approach and an ECD costed action plan.</p> <p>March 2019: Nurturing Care Sensitization Workshop for Tanzania Sub-National Stakeholders. TECDEN in collaboration with CUAMM and with support from AfECN organized a sensitization workshop to explore operationalization of the Framework in two regions - Simiyu and Ruvuma. Each regional team was tasked with developing a costed workplan to sensitize local government authorities and mobilize implementation of the NCF across sectors.</p> <p>May 2019: Launch of ECD national task force. Organised by the MoHCDGEC with support from TECDEN &amp; CIC. The main aim was to officialise the ECD National taskforce. TORs for the TF were finalised and development began on a roadmap to develop an ECD Plan of Action.</p>	<p>Multi-stakeholder meeting</p> <p>ECD Multisectoral Plan</p> <p>ECD Taskforce</p> <p>Regional sensitization and implementation workshop</p>

Zambia	August 2019: ECD multistakeholders workshop to explore integration of nurturing care concepts in the national child health strategy that is currently under development.	Multisectoral planning Health strategy
Zimbabwe	February 2019: The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the Department's Q1 plan. Participants were introduced to the NCF. Attended by UN agencies (UNFPA), INGOs (CHAI, FHI 360) & USAID. NCF is helping MOHCC identify gaps which provides an opportunity for the health sector to advance ECD.	Annual plan

## National conferences where the Framework was presented

Country	Conference	Description
Australia	<a href="#">Tresillian Centenary Conference for Child &amp; Family Health Professionals</a> November, 2018	Professor Jane Fisher spoke on the topic: "Society, women's health, family wellbeing and early childhood – they are all connected," drawing on the Nurturing Care Framework to make the case that nurturing care is central to achieving all three.
Mexico	<a href="#">Segundo taller de pediatria del desarrollo: transformando el presente, forjando el futuro</a> June 2018	The Framework was presented at a conference organized by Hospital Infantil de México (Mexico Children's Hospital)
Serbia	<a href="#">Institute of Public Health of Belgrade Conference</a> November 2018	The Framework was presented to over 100 public health workers, pediatricians, home visitors, social workers and representatives of the education sector, along with UNICEF, WHO, and decision makers from the Ministry of Health and City Authority. Conference participants discussed a comprehensive approach to child health.
United States of America	<a href="#">American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) Annual Meeting 2018</a> November 2018	The AAP put a spotlight on nurturing care during their 2018 National Conference and Exhibition. A 2.5 hour session was organized in which speakers addressed ECD in the global context, the Nurturing Care Framework, and the importance of nutrition for children's development.

## Regional Actions

### Conferences & Technical Meetings

Event	Description	Location; Date
15th Annual Congress of the Arab/Lebanese Paediatric Societies	To orient health care professionals on the global recommendations for neonatal, child and adolescent health and the NCF.	Beirut, Lebanon May 2018
<a href="#">Asia-Pacific Regional Network for ECD (ARNEC) Conference</a>	The Nurturing Care Framework was presented during a plenary session to over 700 participants, including 48 ministers and senior representatives	Kathmandu, Nepal June 2018
Eastern Mediterranean regional meeting	WHO EMRO and UNICEF MENA jointly organized a coordination meeting with country office staff responsible for child health and development in Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Morocco, Palestine and Oman. The main objectives were to initiate discussions and agree on key actions for operationalization of NCF and implementation of Care for Child Development, in these early riser countries and strengthen the joint (WHO, UNICEF and ANECD) efforts in supporting countries to promote ECD and nurturing care.	Beirut, Lebanon September 2018
Europe regional ECD meeting	Technical meeting to discuss priority areas of promotion, prevention, and interventions of ECD in the European Region, particularly through the health sector, and to provide recommendations for developing WHO guidance for promoting ECD and responding to developmental delays in young children in the European Region. A draft regional strategy, aligned with the NCF, has been prepared and is currently under expert review.	Copenhagen, Denmark October 2018
Americas Parliamentarians' meeting	Annual meeting for a network of parliamentarians working on ECD and early education. Organized by OAE to discuss progress on the formulation of legal documents related to child health and wellbeing. The participants also received updated information on child health priorities for the region. This meeting was followed by a congress where updated scientific information on ECD and early education was presented by experts. The Framework was presented at the annual meeting and the congress.	Monterrey, Mexico October 2018
<a href="#">South-East Asia Parliamentarians' meeting</a>	The Framework was presented to and discussed with over 30 parliamentarians from South East Asia as a way to advance the THRIVE agenda.	New Delhi, India July 2018
IX Congress of the presidents of the health commissions from parliaments in Latin America and the Caribbean	Annual meeting, organized by WHO, to provide updates on public health priorities for the region and advocate for relevant legislation. A session on childhood development was organized. Parliamentarians were informed about NCF together with a report from Argentina on the progress of the	Montevideo, Uruguay August 2018

	G20 working group on ECD and the Uruguayan experience on ECD.	
Evidence-based parenting programs	Convened by WHO, the meeting included representatives from 23 countries in the Americas. The purpose was to disseminate evidence-based parenting programs and identify country initiatives promoting ECD through local intersectoral work, and/or parenting programs. The meeting resulted in the establishment of a network of experts and local implementers to increase effectiveness and quality of interventions.	Quito, Ecuador August 2018
<a href="#">Africa Early Childhood Network (AfECN) International Conference</a>	The inaugural conference launched the Framework on the African continent. The conference served to strengthen global and regional advocacy for holistic approaches to ECD by enhancing existing linkages and building new partnerships and collaborations for the scaling up of best practices which promote ECD.	Nairobi, Kenya October 2018
<a href="#">Africa Union's 2nd International Conference on Maternal, Newborn and Child Health in Africa</a>	The Africa Early Childhood Network (AfECN) in partnership with Kenya's Ministry of Health and Children's Investment Fund Foundation, under the auspices of the ECED cluster hosted an advocacy event at the conference. The event aimed to raise awareness about the importance of nurturing environments for ECD, the particular role of the health sector and the need for investment in nurturing care services for optimal child outcomes.	Nairobi, Kenya October 2018
<a href="#">67th East, Central, and Southern Africa (ESCA) Health Ministers Conference</a>	The African Early Childhood Network (AfECN) facilitated a presentation and discussion on the evidence for and implications of the Framework on child development.	Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe November 2018
<a href="#">1er Congreso Internacional de Neuroeducación y Atención Temprana</a>	This Latin American regional congress served as a platform to learn about various tools, technologies, and services used in the region that support ECD and opened with a presentation on the Nurturing Care Framework.	Panama City, Panama November 2018
<a href="#">ECD in Humanitarian and Fragile Settings</a>	The United Arab Emirates Supreme Council for Motherhood and Childhood, Dubai Cares, and the Emirates Red Crescent convened a meeting aimed at providing a quality ECD package for humanitarian and fragile settings that holistically addresses the needs of the child by expanding the traditional focus on nutrition and health to learning / stimulation, play opportunities, psychosocial support, caregiver training and participation.	Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates December 2018
Young Children Affected by HIV	Conrad N. Hilton Foundation's annual convening for the Foundation's partners across Sub-Saharan Africa. This year's convening included a half-day session on lessons learned and the way forward regarding integration of responsive caregiving and early learning into existing programmes.	Naivasha, Kenya April 2019

<a href="#">ISSA Annual Conference</a>	<p>The 2019 theme is: Nurturing environments for the wellbeing of young children and their families. A one-day preconference workshop: The Nurturing Care Framework – Experiences to date and ways forward is being organized by WHO, UNICEF ECARO and ISSA. In the main program, the Framework and nurturing care components feature across the plenaries and concurrent sessions in relation to nurturing environments at home, in services, and in communities/cities.</p>	<p>Leiden, The Netherlands June 2019</p>
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### Capacity building workshop

Event	Description	Location; Date
<a href="#">Capacity building in Eastern Mediterranean Region</a>	<p>WHO EMRO and UNICEF MENA organized a course for 23 ministries of health, academia, NGO partners, WHO and UNICEF on the Care for Child Development package within the context of the Nurturing Care Framework. Participants came from Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Oman, Sudan, Syria and Tunisia.</p>	<p>Tunis, Tunisia Oct/Nov 2018</p>

### Study Tour

Event	Description	Location; Date
<a href="#">Kazakhstan shares nurturing care achievements through home visiting with neighboring countries</a>	<p>The Ministry of Health, Kazakhstan, Department of Health, Kyzylorda, and UNICEF Kazakhstan invited about 20 government, partner and UNICEF representatives from Uzbekistan and Kyrgyzstan to participate in a study tour to learn about a pilot project on universal progressive home visiting to support families in nurturing care.</p>	<p>Kyzylorda, Kazakhstan November 2018</p>

### Webinar

Event	Description	Location; Date
<a href="#">ISSA/BVLF Webinar</a>	<p>The International Step by Step Association (ISSA) and the Bernard van Leer Foundation, co-hosted a webinar titled: <i>Nurturing Care Framework for Early Childhood: A Framework for Inspiration and Action</i> to orient ISSA members on the Nurturing Care Framework.</p>	<p>Online June 2018</p>

## Global Actions

### Side Events, Pre-Conference Sessions, Receptions

Event	Description	Location; Date
<a href="#">The 4th HIV Exposed Uninfected (HEU) Child and Adolescent Workshop @ Global AIDS Conference</a>	Organized by the International Aids Society, this half-day pre-conference session ahead of the Global Aids Conference explored the implications of HIV-exposure for early childhood development policy and programming.	Amsterdam, the Netherlands July 2018
<a href="#">Spotlight on the many voices of the early childhood workforce' Solutions Summit</a>	Ahead of the PMNCH Partners' Forum, Bernard van Leer Foundation, American Academy of Pediatricians, Children's Investment Fund Foundation, International Confederation of Midwives, PATH, Oak Foundation, and Grand Challenges (Canada) convened an official side event to place a spotlight on and develop solutions for the diverse early childhood workforce and create a strong international community in support of the workforce.	Delhi, India December 2018
<a href="#">Nurturing Care Reception at World Economic Forum</a>	Generali and The Human Safety Net organized a Nurturing Care reception on the margins of the 2019 World Economic Forum.	Davos, Switzerland January 2019
<a href="#">29th International Pediatric Association Congress: Partnerships for Children</a>	A one-day preconference workshop on nurturing care was convened by WHO, UNICEF and the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM). The theme of nurturing care was addressed in plenary and parallel sessions.	Panama City, Panama March 2019
PMNCH Accountability Breakfast	Accountability breakfast convened annually by PMMCH to report progress on the Global Strategy for Women's, Children's and Adolescents' Health will include a theme on accountability for ECD and the ECD country profiles.	New York, USA September 2019

## Conferences – NCF in the main program

Event	Description	Location; Date
<a href="#">Nurturing Spirituality in Early Childhood for the Prevention of Violence</a>	Ahead of the launch of a consortium on the same topic, Arigatou International Geneva held a public seminar in which civil society and faith-based groups, multilateral organizations and academics looked at the intersections between early childhood development, violence against children, positive parenting, and the critical role of nurturing spirituality in children to break the cycle of violence in the family.	Geneva, Switzerland July 2018
<a href="#">Biennial Conference of the International Marcé Society for Perinatal Mental Health</a>	In a keynote address, Dr. Jane Fisher, President of Marcé Society, spoke of how the Nurturing Care Framework explicitly acknowledges that the mental health of women who are pregnant or who are mothers is key to the health, growth and development of very young children.	Bengaluru, India September 2018
<a href="#">International Society for Social Pediatrics and Child Health (ISSOP) Annual Congress</a>	The 2018 meeting was inspired by the Nurturing Care Framework. Reference to the Framework, especially the Strategic Actions, cut across the entire program. Participants received a copy of the Framework ahead of the Congress as recommended reading.	Bonn, Germany September 2018
<a href="#">PMNCH Partners' Forum</a>	The 4th Partners' Forum, convened by the Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (PMNCH) and the Government of India, included, for the first time, a concurrent session focused on ECD. The session brought to life the “whole-of-society” and “whole-of-government” principles of the Framework with examples of cross-sectoral action from Chile, Germany, Jamaica, India, and Uganda.	Delhi, India December 2018
<a href="#">World Autism Awareness Day 2019</a>	Experts, including from WHO and UNICEF, shared and explored opportunities for progress for the global autism and developmental disabilities communities in the context of the Nurturing Care Framework, including promising programs that enhances responsive caregiving such as the World Health Organization's Caregiver Needs Training program.	NYC, USA April 2019
<a href="#">2019 World Forum on Early Care and Education</a>	The Nurturing Care Framework was presented during a concurrent session as a guide for helping achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.	Macau, China April 2019
<a href="#">1st International Developmental Play Conference</a>	This conference focused on the right to play for children most at risk, with presentations exploring play practice for children who are differently-abled, who have experienced trauma and who are living in poverty. NCF was presented in the keynote address.	Manila, Philippines April 2019
<a href="#">Comparative &amp; International Education Society Conference</a>	Three panel presentations on the Nurturing Care Framework capturing lessons learned and evidence from INGOs and academics. Session titles: NCF - building evidence for program implementation and effectiveness_ sessions I & II; and NCF - lessons learned from developing and adapting integrated ECD programs.	San Francisco, USA April 2019

## Declaration

Event	Description	Location; Date
<a href="#">G20 Leaders' Summit</a>	At the 2018 Summit, the G20 leaders signed a declaration signalling prioritization for the early childhood development agenda.	Buenos Aires, Argentina November 2018

## Technical Meeting

Event	Description	Location; Date
Innovating for early childhood development: what have we learnt to strengthen programming for nurturing care	The Core Partners – WHO, UNICEF, World Bank Group, ECDAN, and the PMNCH – organize a workshop to take stock of progress in implementation of the Framework in countries and define future strategic directions and partnerships for technical support and accelerated actions in countries.	Geneva, Switzerland June 2019
Implementing the Nurturing care framework in countries with high burden of HIV	Organized by WHO and UNICEF, the overarching objective of this workshop is to discuss the challenges and opportunities to implement the Nurturing Care Framework in countries with high burden of HIV and develop guidance to leverage existing HIV programmes and promote integration with the ECD platform.	Geneva, Switzerland July 2019