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Experiences in the Asia-Pacific region

WHO-SEARO Virtual Workshop, 27 April 2021
ARNEC connects partners in the Asia-Pacific region to advance holistic and inclusive ECD

Relevant and growing knowledge base on ECD reflecting regional priorities

Targeted and evidence-based advocacy for holistic and inclusive ECD

Strategic partnerships for priority ECD actions at region

Strengthened capacity and reach of ARNEC as a network

All young children in the Asia-Pacific region realise optimal development

Priority themes

1. Responsive Caregiving
2. Preparedness and Response to Crises affecting Young Children (e.g. COVID-19)
3. Clean, Safe, and Secure Environments
4. Opportunities for Early Learning
5. Ensuring Equity
Philippines: putting in place the institutional arrangements for the development of the early years

1. **Legislation**
   - Early Years Act (2013): providing for early childhood care and development and educational development for children 0-8 years

2. **Multisectoral approach to ECD policy & programs**
   - ECCD Council: inter-agency representation for multisectoral coordination of ECCD programs (health, nutrition, early education, and social services) and formulation of an Early Years Plan based on the Nurturing Care Framework with multi-year public investment

3. **Community profiling for ECD**
   - Setting up village-level information system for ECCD to support informed decision-making

Sources: ECCD Council, 2020; Inciong, 2020
Indonesia: harnessing government-civil society collaboration for ECD

1. **ECD Network**
   HI ECD Coalition (founded and supported by NGOs) and HI ECD Task Force (established by the Government)

2. **Collaboration to influence Strategic Policies of Government**

3. **Practice informs policy and capacity-building**
   Expertise of NGO and civil society ECD practitioners from the National ECD Coalition engaged in policy development for and capacity-building of Ministries and agencies

Source: Purwestri & Andina, 2020
Cambodia: government leading multisectoral ECCD

**Institutional support for multisectoral ECCD**
- National Committee for ECCD: MoEYS; MoI; MoEF; MoSA; MoRD; MoInfo; MoEnv; MoAFF; MoWA; MoP; MoH

**Legislation and policy support**
- Education Law and National Policy on Early Childhood Care and Development

**Multisectoral linkages**
- ECCD programs: early childhood education; nutrition; maternal and infant care; immunization; WASH; school performance; registration/protection; access to resources/services

Source: Kosal, 2020
ARNEC supporting multi-sectoral approach to ECD

**CONVENCING**
policymakers, practitioners and other stakeholders for cross-country learning and advocacy for multisectoral ECD

**CONNECTING**
research, policy and practice to support informed ECD programs along the components and interlinkages of nurturing care

**COLLABORATING**
to learn from good practice and innovations in the region and beyond
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