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Day 1 Recap:

Regional multisectoral
meeting to promote
nurturing care of early
childhood development

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Overview

Nurturing care for early
childhood development

Rapid assessment on
preparedness to implement
nurturing care for ECD

Strategic action:
Lead and invest

Breakout session

Country examples



Nepal: National strategy for ECD



Bangladesh: National policies, plans to promote integrated ECCD



Bhutan: Learning from evaluation of ECCD



ARNEC: Regional experiences

Key points from group discussions

Ownership across sectors of the ECD agenda

- Importance of multisectoral approach and involving different ministries – each having ownership of the ECD agenda
- Map roles of different ministries
- Clear accountabilities

Strengthening coordination

- Need a coordination structure - establish a coordination/steering committee
- Identify focal points in ministries, leads for different ages
- ECD coordinator at the local level

Key points from group discussions

Leadership at different levels

- Leadership required at different levels – national down to the local level
- Orientation and capacity development on nurturing care for ECD is important at all levels, including for leadership at the highest levels

Fostering action at the local level

- Policies and plans may be in place, but it is important to look at how to implement these at the local level with common platforms for coordination
- A bottom-up approach: look at how local action/leaders spur policy level change

Key points from group discussions

Advocacy

- There is considerable evidence and many resources that can be used
- Use the media more effectively in these efforts
- Can identify and use champions

Engage different stakeholders

- Foster public-private partnerships
- Engage civil society

Key points from group discussions

Promoting nurturing care in the context of emergencies

- How to ensure the implementation of the nurturing care framework
- Capitalizing on digital platforms to promote nurturing care – e.g., to reach out to parents, for capacity development

Need more discussion on financing