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