Inclusive Early Childhood Development Program

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Scope

Inclusive Early Childhood Development Program

Child Development for all

Development Promotion

Development screening

Screen +ves

Children with Delays & Disabilities

Parent mediated Early Childhood Intervention

Comprehensive primary care

Educational support

Parent support

Social services
Screening and early intervention for children with developmental disabilities

Field Component by PHM: Development promotion + primary screening

Clinic Component by MOH: Development promotion + secondary screening

Hospital clinic-based care by MDT: parent mediated, family centered ECI

Screening of the children by PHM & Family

Other children - routine ECCD + home risk factor mgt

Other children ECCD + Home risk factor mgt + reassessment at CDIC

MDT assessment at the CDIC Reg and devising individualized management plan, Devise interdisciplinary care plan (Health, Education, Social care Plan – HESP)

Follow-up plan

Back referral to MOH CDIC

Connect with other stakeholders

MOH conducts the Development assessment (secondary screening) and identify children with concerns to be referred to the regional child development intervention centre -CDIC Reg + Dev Promotion + Home risk factor mgt

MDT

PHM

Children with Developmental Concerns identified and referred to the child development intervention clinic at MOH – CDIC + Dev Promotion + Home risk factor mgt

Home-based care

Clinic-based care Divisional Level

Hospital Clinic-based care Regional Level
Reflection and next steps

• The primary level screening by the PHMs is successful
  • CHDR based screening tool √
  • Screening points combined with immunization points √
  • Psychometrics of the screening tool and sensitivity to detect mild and early disabilities yet to be established

• Secondary level screening by MOHs
  • Tools to be identified, adapted and validated
  • Capacity building
  • M&E & supervisory framework

• MDT by a team lead by the community pediatrician
  • Team-based care through appointment systems √
  • HR planning including mapping and introducing new cadres – yet to be done

• Implementation arrangements with cost inputs – yet to be designed as per resource availability

• Communication and advocacy strategy on ECD – yet to be developed

• Care-giver skills training- IEC/E modules – Policy for care-giver support

• Non-health sector involvement and training – education/social services/Governance

• Public involvement and engagement in disability inclusion – advocacy & awareness to reduce stigma/ discrimination
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<td><strong>Lead and Invest</strong></td>
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<td>• Strong coordination body &amp; governance framework to facilitate optimum coordinated response between different departments within the health ministry as well as between ministries</td>
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<td>• Developing a Communication Strategy &amp; Costed implementation plans on NCF</td>
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<td><strong>Focus on Families and Their Communities</strong></td>
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<td>• Evidence based Social behavioural change communication strategies to modify cultural norms on parenting,</td>
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<td>• Targeted interventions for disadvantaged/vulnerable families and communities.</td>
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<td><strong>Strengthen Services</strong></td>
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<td>• Improving maternal and paternal mental health- starting from pre-conception care</td>
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<td>• Pre-school and primary education systems to adapt nurturing care practices in their settings and concentrate on holistic development of the child and not only on ECE</td>
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<td>• Identify opportunities to develop child friendly environments in all sectors that promote nurturing care</td>
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<td>• Adopt &amp; integrate global guidelines into local systems and build capacities of service providers</td>
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<td>• Introducing multisectoral accountability / M&amp;E framework on ECD</td>
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<td>• Possibility of introducing disbursement link indicators (with donors/developmental partners) and/or progress monitoring indicators related to NCF in health and non health sector work plans</td>
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<td><strong>Use Data and Innovate</strong></td>
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<td>• Comprehensive information management systems / surveillance systems to monitor progress</td>
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