

National orientation meeting

Agenda template for a 2-day meeting

Duration: Two days (four hours per day, not including breaks)

Consider playing videos as people arrive and/or during the breaks (See repository on <https://nurturing-care.org/tag/videos/>)

Target audience: Representatives from key ministries (national and sub-national), UN agencies, civil society, faith-based organizations, private organizations, funders, associations, academic institutions, and media. Representatives from multiple sectors such as health, nutrition, education, nutrition, child protection, social welfare, gender, women affairs, labour, and finance.

Objectives

1. Orient key national stakeholders on the Nurturing Care Framework for early childhood development
2. Take stock of progress at national and sub-national levels to implement the Nurturing Care Framework (within and across sectors inclusive of policies, plans, and programmes at multiple levels)
3. Share experiences of countries and examples of resources to advance nurturing care
4. Agree on key actions to strengthen attention to nurturing care within and across sectors

Day 1

DURATION	THE ME	SPEAKERS
Part I: Opening session (30 minutes)		
5 minutes	Welcome/opening remarks	Host organization or representative(s) of key ministries
10 minutes	Overview of workshop objectives and expected outcomes	Representative from organizing committee
10 minutes	Participant introductions/icebreaker	Representative from organizing committee
5 minutes	Official opening	Host organization or representative(s) of key ministries
Part II: Setting the stage (75 minutes)		
15 minutes	The science of early childhood development: why the early years matter!	Keynote speaker
15 minutes	Nurturing care to help children survive and thrive to transform health and human potential: the framework	National or international speaker
15 minutes	Unpacking responsive caregiving and opportunities for early learning: overview, opportunities, examples and resources	National or international speaker
15 minutes	Spotlight on a specific issue: overview, gaps, opportunities, resources	National or international speaker (examples of issues: caregiver mental health, humanitarian settings, children with developmental delays or disabilities)
15 minutes	Reflections	
Part III: Advancing nurturing care in [insert name of country] (75 minutes)		
<i>This session is an opportunity to take stock of what is happening in the country (policies, plans, programmes).</i>		
15 minutes	An overview of children's health and well-being and of policies, plans and activities to support early childhood development in the country	National speaker(s)
30 minutes	Initiatives underway across sectors and/or partners to advance nurturing care for early childhood development (maximum 5 presentations)	UN agencies, key partners, and/or representative(s) from key ministries
15 minutes	Presentation from at least one other country sharing experiences in developing policies and implementing interventions that promote nurturing care. Possible areas of focus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governance • Strengthening services • Financing 	International speaker(s) (See repository of country experiences https://nurturing-care.org/countries/)
15 minutes	Reflections	
Part IV: Group work (60 minutes)		
5 minutes	Instructions for group work	Chairperson
55 minutes	Option 1: Strengthening nurturing care in [insert name of country]. Possible questions:	Pre-assigned facilitators and note takers <i>(provide a template to guide and document the discussion)</i>

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What did you learn from this morning's session? 2. What are we already doing to ensure children receive nurturing care (refer to the five components of nurturing care)? 3. What are the gaps? <p>Option 2: Working session to review/provide inputs on a national document (e.g., national multi-sectoral plan, sector policy or plan)</p>	<p><i>Groups can be organized by sector looking across the five components of nurturing care or they can be mixed with each group discussing a specific component of nurturing care</i></p>
<p><i>Facilitators' meeting (possibly with the group work facilitators and note takers)</i></p>		

Day 2

DURATION	THEME	SPEAKERS
Part V: Opening session (15 minutes)		
10 minutes	Welcome and recap of Day 1 (including readout of key points from group work)	Chairperson or designated partner
5 minutes	Overview of Day 2	Chairperson
Part VI: Strategic actions to advance nurturing care (90 minutes) <i>This session explores the barriers, suggested actions, resources, and experiences of advancing the five strategic actions of the Nurturing care framework. Depending on the time available or area of focus you may address some or all of the strategic actions.</i>		
15 minutes	Strategic action 1. Lead and invest	National or international speaker(s)
15 minutes	Strategic actions 2 and 3. Focus on families and communities and strengthen services	National or international speaker(s)
15 minutes	Strategic action 4. Monitor progress	National or international speaker(s)
15 minutes	Choose one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resources to support implementation of the Nurturing Care Framework • Presentation from at least one country sharing experiences in developing policies and implementing interventions that promote nurturing care. Possible areas of focus include governance, strengthening services, or financing. • National or sub-national initiatives to advance the strategic actions that have been discussed 	National or international speaker(s) International speaker(s) (See repository of country experiences https://nurturing-care.org/countries/) UN agencies, key partners, and/or representative(s) from key ministries
15 minutes	Roundtable discussion on gaps and opportunities related to the strategic actions discussed above (maximum 5 people)	UN agencies, key implementing and funding partners, and/or representative(s) from key ministries
15 minutes	Reflections	
Part VII: Group work (60 minutes)		
5 minutes	Instructions for group work	Chairperson

55 minutes	<p>Option 1: Advancing nurturing care in [insert name of country].</p> <p>Possible questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What did you learn from this morning's session? 2. What are the 5 priority actions that must be completed in the next [define time period] to advance nurturing care (within and across sectors)? <p>Option 2: Working session to review/provide inputs on a national document (e.g., national multi-sectoral plan, sector policy or plan)</p>	<p>Pre-assigned facilitators and note takers <i>(provide a template to guide and document the discussion)</i></p> <p><i>Groups can be organized by sector looking across the strategic actions that have been discussed or groups can be mixed with each group discussing a specific strategic action.</i></p>
Part VIII: Report back and closing (75 minutes)		
60 minutes	Report back from group work	One representative per group
5 minutes	Consolidation of next steps	Chairperson
10 minutes	Closing remarks	Senior government official or representative of a key ministry