Nurturing Care for Early Childhood In Crises
A Regional Arab Perspective

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Vision:

Children in Arab communities enjoy their rights, happiness, and well-being in an enriching environment of freedom, social justice and equality.

The mission:

To connect, empower, align, advocate, produce, and deliver through effective networking regionalized ECD resources and expertise to Arab communities on young children’s rights to health, education, family life, play, and recreation.

The network works with partners/members in ten Arab countries:

- Lebanon
- Palestine
- Jordan
- Oman
- Yemen
- Sudan
- Syria
- Egypt
- Tunisia
- Morocco

A flexible network that includes a diverse, multi-sectoral, and multidisciplinary group of representatives from ministries of education, health, and social affairs, childhood councils, NGOs, academics, as well as individual experts.
1- Early childhood care and development determinants
2- Nurturing care in times of crisis
3- Holistic integrated approach
4- The network: a participatory working space
5- Strategies
6- Toolbox
Like all other countries in the world, Arab countries are dealing with crises:

- Palestine
- Syria
- Iraq
- Yemen
- Libya
- Sudan
- Lebanon
- Jordan
- Egypt
- Somalia
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Determinants of early childhood development and care:

- Poverty
- Violence: occupation / wars / refuging
- Political instability
- Inequity and inequality
- Environmental erosion and climate change
- Gender discrimination
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The tragedy of Arab children: Nurturing Care

In times of multi-dimensional crises

- Chronic emergencies
- Multi-Dimensional crises

Survive
Thrive
Transform

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Survival
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Three basic principles
For an integrative holistic approach

The child is one unified entity, important in all its aspects, as each element is affected by and influences the other elements.

Childhood is an integrated life stage in itself, and the child has the right and needs to live it in its entirety.

Development occurs in sequential, predictable steps, interspersed with periods when the child is ready to learn in a timely manner.
Supportive and enriching environment

Holistic: The child is one unified entity

Integrated: taking child different needs into account.
Arab Resource Collective: Health, Early Learning, and Protection Parenting, Program (HEPPP)

Positive responsive parenting: The incubator of the other components
Integration and inclusiveness between:

- Nurturing care
- Survive, Thrive, and Transform
- Supportive and enriching environment
- Sustainable Development Goals (17)

For: 5 Ps

1. People
2. Prosperity
3. Peace
4. Partnership
5. Planet
One Interactive process
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Interaction space between the national and the global in the regional field
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Five strategic areas of intervention:

- ECD Workforce
- ECD in Emergency Contexts
- Digital Empowerment and Distant Interventions
- Environment Hazards and Climate Change in ECD
- Child Rights
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Three cross-strategic working tools:

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- **Child Rights**
- **knowledge production**
- **Advocacy and communication**
- **Influencing policies**
Thank you

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