



Asia Convening to Support Parents and Caregivers

GISP Webinar No. 1: Evidence, mapping and country case studies

Thursday, 24 November 2022

9:00AM Geneva; 1:30PM Delhi; 4:00PM Manila/Singapore; and 7:00PM Sydney

Registration link for participants

► https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_QXbQxiMvQ4KSUUPeKtMxWQ

1. Background

In response to the challenges in caregiving practices posed to families, which were exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic, a coalition of partners including WHO, UNICEF, Parenting for Lifelong Health (PLH), the Early Childhood Development Action Network (ECDAN), and the Global Partnership to End Violence Against Children (EVAC) launched the Global Initiative to Support Parents (GISP, May 2021). The ultimate vision of the GISP is to support country-led efforts, so that every family is supported in their caregiving practices and receives the support that they need to develop resilience and protect well-being. Since July 2019, the GISP has been organizing parenting conferences in six regions worldwide, developing learning platforms and regularly bringing together donors. To this effect, on 12-13 October 2022, WHO and partners hosted a Regional Consultation on Parent Support for Early in South-East Asia in New Delhi, India. Complementing this in person meeting, GISP is hosting a Webinar series for the Asian region, to enable government officials and a wide array of other stakeholders to look at the evidence and identify what can be done to strengthen the capacity of parents for good caregiving practices in their settings. The objectives of the webinars are to convene participants from the 48 countries in the Asia-Pacific region, to:

- Present the rationale for parenting support as key to improve the wellbeing of children
 - Develop a common understanding of evidence-based interventions and delivery models
 - Examine regional work in progress and gaps in interventions
 - Examine the role of different sectors, namely, health, education and child protection
- Promote learning and sharing among countries to enhance support for parents
 - Increase visibility on the need to act and generate widespread commitment for action
 - Identify potential next steps countries can take to strengthen parenting/caregiver support

2. Program

Overall Moderator: Joel Lasam, Knowledge Management and Learning Advisor, ARNEC

Topic/Scope	Speakers	Time
Preliminaries and framing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ARNEC	5 min
Remarks from WHO	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr Suvajee Good, WHO South-East Asia Regional Office	5 min
Objective of the webinar series	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Shekufe Zonji, Early Childhood Action Development Action Network (ECDAN) on behalf of GISP	8 min
Evidence-based parenting and mapping in the region	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr Zuyi Fang, UNICEF EAPRO & ROSA ECD Consultant and Parenting for Lifelong Health	8 min
First set of case presentations		
Prescription to Play	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kinley Wangmo, Save the Children, Bhutan• Tshetrim Tobgay, Save the Children, Bhutan	10 min
Thrive by Five International Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Melissa Teo, Minderoo Foundation, Australia• Dr Haley M LaMonica, The University of Sydney	10 min
Fathers Café	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ramjan Ali, Plan International, Bangladesh	10 min
Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization, Centre for Early Childhood Care Education and Parenting (SEAMEO CECCEP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr Vina Adrian, Director of SEAMEO-CECCEP, Indonesia	10 min
Second set of case presentations		
Parenting for Lifelong Health - Positive Parenting Skills for Thai Parents in Region 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr Chanvit Tharathep, former Inspector General for Administrative Region 8, Bureau of Inspection, MOPH Thailand	10 min
Onesky Family Skills Training Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gereltuya Tsegmid, Mongolia Program Director, Onesky for all children	10 min
Creating enabling environment for women working in garment factories for better nutrition of their children and themselves	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sanjay Kumar Das, UNICEF Myanmar• Win Lae Lae, UNICEF Myanmar	10 min
Karona: Thodi Masti Thodi Padhai	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Samyukta Subramanian, Pratham Education Foundation India	10 min
Closing and next steps		
Closing, including next steps and evaluation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ARNEC/ WHO	10 min