



# Asia Convening to Support Parents and Caregivers

## GISP Webinar No. 2: Working group on specific topics

Tuesday, 6 December 2022 for 2h30  
8:00AM Geneva; 12:30PM Delhi; 3:00PM Manila/Singapore; and 6:00PM Sydney

### Register in advance for this meeting

- Please pre-select one working group topic from each set of working groups during registration.
- After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

## 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 Asia-Pacific 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:

- 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
- Participate in working group discussions to share good practices and key challenges in program implementation
- Identify potential next steps individual/ organization can take to strengthen parenting/caregiver support in your country context

The second webinar consists of plenary presentations on regional tools and resources on parenting and six working group discussions on the following topics:

- Parenting children with disabilities (incl. caregiver wellbeing)
- Parenting interventions to prevent violence
- Parenting of adolescents
- Digital solutions for parenting
- Men’s engagement in parenting
- Parenting in humanitarian settings

## 2. Program

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

Topic/Scope	Speakers	Time
Welcome and introduction	• ARNEC	5 min
Framing, objectives of the 2nd Webinar	• WHO (Sabine Rakotomalala)	5 min
Closing and update on inter-agency initiatives	• UNICEF (TBC)	10 min
Emerging trends and snapshot of cases submitted	• ARNEC (Katy Anis)	10 min
First set of Working Groups		
1. Parenting children with disabilities (incl. caregiver wellbeing)	• WHO (Laura Pacione)	30 min
2. Parenting interventions to prevent violence	• PLH (Amalee McCoy)	
3. Parenting of adolescents	• UNICEF (TBC)	
Report back to plenary		15 min
Break		10 min
Second set of case presentations		
4. Digital solutions for parenting	• PLH (Saara Thakur)	30 min
5. Men’s engagement in parenting	• Plan International (Nicole Rodger)	
6. Parenting in humanitarian settings	• WHO (Sabine Rakotomalala)	
Report back to plenary		15 min
Closing		
Closing and evaluation	• ARNEC/ WHO	10 min

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