ECD Inter-sectoral Coordination: Not too Complicated to Work

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Sources of Material

World Bank Support to Early Childhood Development
AN INDEPENDENT EVALUATION

Later Impacts of Early Childhood Interventions: A Systematic Review

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Inter-sectoral coordination can bring people working towards the **development of children** - a higher level goal that is built upon effective sectoral implementation.
Answer for questions:

1. What is early childhood development?
2. What are the benefits of inter-sectoral coordination in support of early childhood development?
3. What can be learned from previous experiences—successful and unsuccessful?
4. What are initial opportunities?
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**What region?**
- Africa
- South Asia
- East Asia and Pacific
- Middle East and North Africa
- Latin America and Caribbean
- Europe and Central Asia

**Which organization?**
- Government
- Non-Government Organization
- Funder
- Research or Evaluation Organization
- Other- specify
ECD is not a program, but an outcome

Growing Up
Multiple Ministries = Collective Responsibility

- Protection
- Education
- Labor
- Agriculture
- Health Nutrition
- Women
- Water
Which sector do you represent?

1. Health
2. Nutrition
3. Protection or Social Development
4. Education
5. Women
6. Labor
Benefits of Inter-sectoral Coordination

- Utilizing existing opportunities to reach families with young children (under three years) and “bolt on” parenting support and education to maximize impact and be more efficient.
- Synergizing efforts to avoid duplication.
- Planning to identify needs and gaps to better inform budget.
- Harmonizing monitoring and evaluation data.
- Working towards a higher-level goal that is extended across sectors.
Lessons Learned

Five Cs Required for Inter-Sectoral Coordination:

- Conditions
- Connection
- Capacity
- Convening
- Cooperation
Opportunities for Coordination

Mini steps to build a culture of coordination:

- Program coordination - driven by population need or geography
- Joint Support for Child Development by Partners
- Data - design and monitor across sectors
- Focus on child development with multi-sector nutrition efforts
Summing up

- ECD is not one sector’s exclusive terrain.
- Five Cs need to be established for Inter-sectoral coordination to take root and realize benefits.
- There are multiple opportunities to synergize sectoral programming.

**Challenge:** what opportunities can you better leverage to coordinate with other sectors to promote the development of children?
Resources

**Report**: World Bank Support to Early Childhood Development

**Video**: Towards Young Children Thriving: Addressing the Intersectoral Challenges to Child Development

**Video**: The Benefits of Investing in Young Children

**Infographics**

- Impact of Early Interventions on Later Outcomes
- Where are the Knowledge Gaps
- Do Nutrition Benefits Last Beyond Early Childhood?
- Impact of Interventions on Early Childhood Development Outcomes
Thank you!

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