

The Early Childhood Care & Education Model: A Pathway to Readiness & Resilient Future for the Multi-year Resilience Program (MYRP) in Pakistan (2022-2024) funded by Education Cannot Wait (ECW)

A child's first steps, their first words, and their first attempt to mimic a caregiver's gestures are not just milestones, they are the building blocks of a child's journey to realizing their full potential. These magical moments, which captivate anyone fortunate to witness them are made possible by an enabling and supportive environment where children can feel, grow, learn, and thrive even in complex settings.

Why Early Moments Matter

The early years of a child's life are a critical period for brain development, and the best possible combination of nutrition, protection, and stimulation is essential for this process. The importance of investing in Early Childhood Care & Education (ECCE) is now universally recognized as a cornerstone for both national and global prosperity. Despite this, millions of children in Pakistan are deprived of crucial ECCE/ECD programs due to limited accessibility and multiple challenges.

The Early Childhood Development Model

In response to these challenges, the ECW-MYRP initiative, in collaboration with VSO, Pakistan, Idara-e-Taleem-Aagahi presents an Early Childhood Development Model embedded. This innovative model is designed with key features that foster holistic growth in young children, ensuring they receive the best start in life. These build on ITA's emergency response in 2014-16 for holistic ECCE called "[Sanjha Vehra](#)" ([our courtyard](#)) and the [Nurturing Care Framework](#) (NCF)

Holistic Learning with the Inclusive NCF Approach

At the heart of our model is our eclectic research-based approach that promotes active learning and aligns seamlessly with the National Curriculum of Pakistan (NCP). This ensures that learning, care and support provided is relevant and coherent, offering children a strong foundation for future learning and engages community and parents to relate to ECD.

Community-Based Learning Space Model: Empowering Education through Local Champions

Our Community-Based Learning Space model establishes learning centers within communities, empowering local education Champions to lead and educate. This model fosters community-driven education, ensuring that every child has access to quality learning opportunities and that communities are actively involved in shaping their children's futures.

Innovative Learning Environments

ITA's model also introduces innovative outdoor learning spaces, learning packages for outdoor activities, where children can explore and learn in a natural environment. These spaces are vital for early childhood education, providing diverse learning pathways that cater to the needs of young learners.

Parental Engagement and Collaboration

Recognizing the pivotal role of parents in a child's education, our model emphasizes parental engagement. We provide methods and guides for assessing young children's readiness, fostering a collaborative approach to education that strengthens the bond between parents and educators.

Comprehensive Support for Educators

Our Early Childhood Education (ECE) model includes comprehensive packages that align with the National Curriculum and Single National Curriculum (NC/SNC). These packages consist of teacher training, curriculum manuals, learning standards, assessment tools, management and monitoring frameworks, and classroom resources, all tailored for children aged 03 to 08 years.

Brief description of each Learning package developed by ITA for MYRP:

ECE Training Manual: A comprehensive guide for Early Childhood Education (ECE) instructors, detailing pedagogical strategies and best practices.

ECE Activity Book for Urdu, Mathematics, and English: Engaging activity books designed to enhance language, numeracy, and literacy skills in young children.

ECE Learning Kit: A collection of educational materials and resources around Numeracy, literacy, World Around Us designed to support early childhood development through hands-on, interactive learning activities.

Activity Calendar and Lesson Plans: A structured timeline and plan for daily and weekly ECE activities, ensuring a balanced educational experience.

Weekly Curricula: Detailed weekly educational content that aligns with developmental milestones and learning objectives.

Assessment Framework and Tools: Instruments and guidelines for evaluating children's progress and identifying areas for improvement in ECE settings.

Packages of HighScope Approach Learning Activities: A set of activities based on the HighScope approach, emphasizing active participatory learning.

Activity Book for Parental Engagement: A resource for parents to support their children's learning and development at home.

Classroom Observation Tools: Instruments used to monitor and assess the effectiveness of classroom instruction and interaction.

Checklist for Child Developmental Domain Observation: A tool to observe and document children's progress across key developmental domains.

Creating Conducive Learning Environments

We understand that a conducive learning environment is essential for a child's success. Our model ensures adequate classroom sizes and the availability of developmentally appropriate, centralized low-cost/no-cost materials. These components are designed to provide every child with the opportunity to learn, grow, and succeed.

Join Us in Shaping the Future

The Early Childhood Development model is more than just an educational framework; it is a pathway to for countless children often in fragile contexts. By supporting this initiative create an environment where every child can achieve readiness in physical, social emotional and cognitive domains (K-grades 1 &II)

Support Our Mission

We invite you to join us in making a profound difference in the lives of children and their learning readiness across Pakistan. Your support can help shape the future of our young minds. Together, we can build a better tomorrow. Help us create a world where every child has the opportunity to be happy, learning and thrive.

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