



Empowering children to achieve essential learning outcomes and cognitive development.

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## Our Goal

Building a strong foundation for learning from the earliest stages.

## Overview

We prioritise building a strong foundation for learning from the earliest stages to set children up for success throughout their educational journey. Through our District Whole Schools Development Programme (DWSDP), we identified critical gaps in early childhood education. By focusing on Early Childhood Development (ECD), we ensure that children develop essential learning outcomes, age-appropriate skills, and cognitive abilities from the start. Investing in ECD not only enhances children's success in the foundation phase but also leads to long-term economic benefits and positive societal outcomes.

## Our Strategy

Our comprehensive ECD model addresses critical areas to ensure a robust foundation for early childhood education, facilitating long-term development and success.



Exploring learning techniques with early learning centres.

01 Many Early Childhood Development (ECD) centres, particularly community-based ones, struggle with effective management and leadership due to limited managerial capacity. Most centres are not registered, resulting in non-compliance with essential regulatory and skills development requirements.

02 **Practitioner Development**  
We partner with accredited, reputable service providers to enhance practitioner development. These providers equip ECD practitioners with the necessary knowledge and skills to engage with children, including those with special needs effectively.

03 **Resources and Materials**  
We ensure the provision of appropriate teaching and learning materials to support effective education.

04 **Infrastructure**  
We focus on improving infrastructure to create a conducive and enriching learning environment for young children.

05 **Parental Involvement in ECD**  
We emphasize the importance of parental involvement in early learning. By helping parents understand ECD's value, we encourage active participation in their children's educational journey.

## Areas of Focus

- ✓ Effective governance and leadership in ECD centres
- ✓ Practitioner development and training
- ✓ Provision of appropriate teaching and learning materials
- ✓ Improvement of learning infrastructure
- ✓ Encouraging parental involvement in early childhood education

Investing in Early Childhood Development (ECD) ensures that children achieve essential learning outcomes, class-appropriate competencies, and cognitive development from the start. This leads to long-term economic benefits and positive outcomes as learners progress through their educational journey.

## Programme resources



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