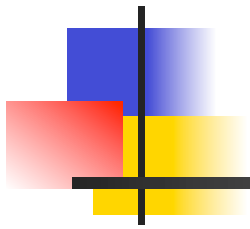


# Early Childhood Care and Education in Uganda



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# Uganda-Basic Statistics



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- Population of 28 million people and 38% lives below the poverty line
- Children (0-18) make approximately a half of the population
- National Adult Literacy Rate stands at 52%
- Primary school enrolment is 87%
- National HIV/AIDS Prevalence is 6.4%

# Uganda-Other Statistics



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- Infant Mortality Rate is 130 per 1000 live births
- Maternal Mortality equal to 506 per 100,000
- Life Expectancy is 42
- 20,000 annual new pediatric HIV/AIDS infections
- 2 million Orphans and other vulnerable children
- Birth Registration is 22%



# ECCD Situation in Uganda

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- The population of children 0-8 is 5.6 million children, 0-3 not known
- Current national ECCD access is 14%-higher in urban centers at 23% and 8% in the rural areas
- 2% of the education budget supports ECD activities

# ECD Situation in Uganda



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- Policy and guidelines have been developed by Ministry of Education(2007)
- There exists a range of ECD programs/activities mainly provided by private and non-governmental organizations-Replicable/Scalable models
- Multi-sectoral services targeting 0-8 age group through government line ministries



# Approaches

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- Formal/Center based-Mainly Private
  1. Montessori
  2. Aga Khan
  3. Madraasa
  4. Private Providers
  
- Community-based-mainly by NGO
  1. A literacy-based approach
  2. Building family capacity as role models
  3. Emphasis on play



# Priorities for Attention

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- Overall access is limited-there is a general lack of early learning opportunities –no government supported services
- Weak coordination mechanism for all the multiple service providers-Ministries, NGO's and private providers



# Priorities for Attention

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- Quality of available services need strengthening to make it age and culturally appropriate
- Programming for specific sub-populations such as mobile communities-Pastoralist and Fishing communities, refugees
- Programming in changing environments in the face of HIV/AIDS, conflict, technology