

Education Reform Support Project (ERSP) Early Childhood Education Component (ECE)

Project Summary

The ERSP consists of the Early Childhood Education component (ECE) and the Youth, Technology and Careers component (YTC). The project is funded by USAID, and functions as a support to the Ministry of Education (MoE). The ERSP also supports the Education Reform, a part of the Knowledge Economy project (ERfKE), which is administered by the MoE. The aim of the reform is to produce graduates with skills that equip them to gain knowledge on how to be successful in the economic sphere.



Children in a KG at an active learning corner

The ECE aims specifically to build the capacity of teachers, principals, and supervisors in order to provide high-quality early childhood education to children at the kindergarten level. The program also works together with the MoE in reviewing the ECE policies to ensure that adequate criteria, standards, and systems for ECE are in place. Through the ECE program, Save the Children will assist the Ministry's ECE Division in providing quality access to public kindergartens. This will be done through improving children's readiness for school, the physical learning environment, building the capacity of the ECE staff at both the central and field level, and encouraging the parents to participate in their children's development. The ECE will also help bridge the gap between the learning environment in both KGs and first grades, expanding the thematic approach to include grades 1-3, and supporting the improvement of the ECE quality assurance system.

During the course of the project, the ECE will renovate and furnish 370 Kindergartens, 4 training centers and add 5 new modules to the ECE teacher training curriculum. The project will develop and distribute 11,000 ECD activity packages for parents to use at home, and over 800 existing KG teachers, as well as newly appointed teachers, will be trained on all updated modules. A further 1000 grade 1-3 teachers will be trained on the ECE thematic approach, and some 1000 K-3 teachers and principals will be trained on parental involvement.

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