Early Childhood Development - ECD

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Why is early childhood development a public policy priority?
From the time they are born, children are part of a family, which in turn is part of an immense social and cultural context.

From the day they are born, children undergo an individualization process in which they experience the development of their unique skills and potential.

From the time they are born, children develop in a world that is diverse in many ways: culturally, socially, and individually in terms of gender and age.

**Convention on the Rights of the Child**
United Nations General Assembly, 1989
Experiences in early childhood determine which connections will be reinforced and which ones will be eliminated due to lack of use.

An adverse environment delays cognitive, emotional, and language development by 90% to 100%.

Increased neuronal plasticity

Development takes place the fastest during the first 24 months of life.

Typical neuronal development: MANY CONNECTIONS

Damaged neurons: FEW CONNECTIONS

Early experiences affect the nature and quality of brain development.

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The most profitable opportunity for Society

The rate of return per dollar invested in early childhood development is 4 to 9 dollars.

Future savings for the country from interventions, by life stage

This is the only way to guarantee that children are healthy and happy in the present and will be responsible citizens in the future with a quality of life that contributes to the development of their country.

**FUENTE:** Adaptado de “Schools, Skills and Synapses por J. Heckman, 2008, Economic Inquiry, Vol. 46 Nº 3, pág. 311
Opportunity to **reduce inequalities**

It is important to invest in **early childhood** if we are to close the **gaps** and break the vicious cycle of **poverty**.

The **greatest inequalities** begin to take shape during the **first 24 months of life**.

**Increased vulnerability**

- Increased risk for **chronic diseases**, **early school leaving**, reduced employability, and **lower income**
Progress in Public Policy on ECD
Establishment of Program Budgets: Evidence-based Coordinated Nutritional Program

Approval of the Multisectoral Commission for the Preparation of ECD Guidelines.

2014 Budget Law: Established the FED (Performance-based Fund) to drive the implementation of ECD

Supreme Decree No. 010-2016-MIDIS: Approved the ECD Guidelines. The Inter-Ministerial Commission on Social Affairs declares ECD a Social Policy Priority

Supreme Decree No. 003-2019-MIDIS: Approves the Early Childhood First Territorial Management Strategy

Ministerial Resolution No. 161-2019-EF\10: Multisectoral Working Group entrusted with the development of the technical content of the ECD Results-based Program Budget.

Law No. 30879 on the 2019 Budget: Priorities for the ECD Results-based Program Budget and Results-based Program Budget against violence

Design, validation, and implementation of the ECD Demographic and Family Health Survey (ENDES) Model
Early Childhood Development

Is a **progressive, multidimensional, comprehensive, and timely** process during which increasingly complex skills are developed that enable the child to **become competent and realize their potential** and thus gain **autonomy in interacting with the environment** in the full exercise of their rights.

Supreme Decree No. 010-2016-MIDIS

The integrated perspective on early childhood development calls for **multisectoral coordination and shared responsibility**.
7 Priority Results in ECD

Ensuring these results in children from gestation through 5 years of age calls for joint, coordinated, and concerted action involving all public and private actors at the different levels of government.

Fuente: ENDES 2018
Comprehensive Priority Services Packages

Package 1
Before childbirth
- ADDITIONAL TESTS IN THE FIRST TRIMESTER
- PRENATAL CARE
- IRON AND FOLIC ACID SUPPLEMENTS

Package 2
The first 24 months
- ECD
- COMPLETE GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT SCREENING BY AGE
- PNEUMOCOCCAL and ROTAVIRUS VACCINATION
- IRON SUPPLEMENTS
- HEMOGLOBIN DOSAGE
- FAMILY SUPPORT

Package 3
Between 3 and 5 years
- ACCESS TO PRESCHOOL EDUCATION

Package 4
Environment
- ACCESS TO CHLORINATED WATER FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION (RESIDUAL CHLORINE IN WATER CONSUMPTION SAMPLE >=0.5 MG/L)
The intersectoral and intergovernmental coordination strategy is intended to expand access to the Comprehensive Priority Services Package aimed at contributing toward the development of children from gestation through 5 years of age.

Supreme Decree No. 003-2019-MIDIS
17 July 2019

Every child has the right to a Comprehensive Package from gestation through 5 years of age.
Coordination, Sectorization, and Nominal Tracking

Through nominal monitoring at the local level it is possible to track every child and close the gaps so that every child has access to the Integrated Priority Services Package.
Results-based Program Budget for Early Childhood Development

Support for decision making
Decisions based on the best available evidence

Focus on the population
Emphasis on people-focused outcomes and the improvement of conditions in their environment

Quality budgeting
Support for measures that are efficient, equitable, effective, and economical and that ensure high-quality and timely delivery of services.

Based on Article 2, Legislative Decree No. 1440, Legislative Decree on the National Public Budget System.
Results-based Program Budget for Early Childhood Development

Program Budget or other actions with outcomes that have the potential to affect ECD

Results-based Program Budget

Advantages of the Results-based Program Budget

- Effective interventions
- Security mechanisms
- Multisectoral coordination - governance
- Integration of data
- Budget incentives

- Early Childhood Development (ECD)
- Rural sanitation
- PAN (National Coordinated Program)
- Neonatal Maternal care
- Abandoned boys, girls, and adolescents
- Saneamiento Urbano
- JUNTOS Support program
- ACCESS
- PELA (Strategic Program of Achievements and Learning)
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• Refocused prenatal care
• Care for complications of pregnancy
• Care for normal delivery
• Care for the normal newborn
• Care for the newborn with complications
• Care for adolescents to prevent anemia and other nutritional deficiencies
• Timely treatment of reactive pregnant women and children exposed to HIV/AIDS
• Population access to family planning methods
• Timely treatment of people with mental illness and addiction to alcohol and tobacco
• Timely treatment of people with mood and anxiety disorders
• Children with complete age-based growth and development monitoring
• Children with a complete vaccination schedule
• Care for acute diarrheal disease and acute respiratory infections
• Care for acute diarrheal disease and acute respiratory infections with complications
• Care for children with iron-deficiency anemia
• Regulatory aspects of the Results-based Program Budget for ECD
• Care for children with developmental problems

CATEGORY: Health and nutrition for adolescents, expectant mothers, and children
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**CATEGORY:** Household Conditions

- Potable water for households in concentrated communities
- Water adequate for human consumption for households in scattered areas
- Adequate sanitary disposal of excreta
- Healthy housing

**CATEGORY:** Child Care and Learning

- Potable water for households in concentrated communities
- Services and integrated care for children between 6 and 36 months who need caregiving outside the family because there is no adult capable of caring for them at home
- Daytime services to monitor the nutritional quality of children’s diets
- Childcare and learning services for children between 36 and 71 months of age (Cycle II)
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**CATEGORY: Family Monitoring**

- Family Support for children and their families to strengthen skills for their integrated development

**CATEGORY: Protection Systems**

- Potable water for households in concentrated communities
- Protection services for children in vulnerable home situations
- Protection services for children in foster care or living in the home of another relative
- Protection services for adopted children and their adoptive families
- Protection services for children without family protection living in residential centers
- Protection services for children and their mothers or pregnant women deprived of their liberty
Agenda for 2020-2021

- **Results-based Program Budget for ECD**
  - Supreme Decree for coordination and joint action to implement the Results-based PB for ECD

- **Budget Programming for 2021**
  - Directive on implementation of the Results-based PB for ECD - MEF
  - Work Plan for the 2021 Budget Programming

- **“Early Childhood First” Pilot**
  - Process validation
  - Pilot launch and implementation in Cajamarca and Huancavelica

- **“Early Childhood First” Nationwide**
  - National workshop with success stories
  - Regional/provincial/district-level process
The Shared Vision Agreed upon by All

The children of Peru in good health and well nourished, using critical thinking, communicating effectively and with good initiative, emotionally secure, socially competent and self-confident, in full exercise of their rights, living a happy childhood that is violence-free, with equal opportunities and respect for their individuality.
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