



Conference Inclusive Early Child Development – an Underestimated Component within Poverty Reduction

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Preface

Early child development plays a key role in the development potential of societies. It contributes decisively to the Millennium Development Goal of poverty reduction as well as to development objectives in the sectors of health and education. However, until now the importance of early child development is hardly reflected in concrete measures of development cooperation. The earliest years in life and prenatal conditions are of crucial significance for human development. Growing up under conditions of poverty can hamper child development decisively and have lifelong irreversible consequences.

The conference's aim is to highlight the importance of early child development for human development in general and for poverty reduction. On the other hand, what are the consequences of poverty for human development and what are possible strategies to avoid the negative consequences? How can children with disabilities, living under poor circumstances, be identified and supported at a very early stage and, if available, be included in general early childhood programs?

These are the guiding questions which will be dealt with at this conference. In addition the conference will take a closer look at Community Based Rehabilitation and the role it can play to fortify early child development within the framework of development cooperation.



Conference Information

Conference fee:

90 € / reduced 55 €

(The reduced fee is for students, for persons with low income as well as for assisting accompaniment.) The fee includes meals.

Registration:

Please use the enclosed registration form to register. You will receive a confirmation of registration, together with further information on the conference as well as a description of how to reach the GSI. Due to limited capacity kindly send us your registration form on time. There is also the possibility of online-registration on www.bezev.de.

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Conference Venue:

GSI Bonn Convention Centre

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Accommodation in Bonn:

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Programme

Thursday, 3 February, 2011

10:00	General welcome
10:45	Welcome Addresses Juergen Nimptsch, <i>First Mayor of the City of Bonn (requested)</i> Gerald Knauf, <i>Stiftung Umwelt und Entwicklung NRW, (Foundation Environment & Development), Germany</i> Introduction to the Conference Gabriele Weigt, <i>Behinderung und Entwicklungszusammenarbeit /bezev (Disability & Development Cooperation), Essen, Germany</i>
10:30	Early Childhood in Developing Countries. The Risks of Poverty for Child Development Nora Sabani, <i>UNICEF Skopje, Macedonia</i>
11:15	Strategies and Implementation of a Holistic Approach to Early Child Development Nadica Janeva, <i>UNICEF Skopje, Macedonia</i>
12:00	From Facts to Action. The Significance of Early Child Development for the Struggle Against Poverty and for Social Development Emiliana Vegas, <i>World Bank, USA</i>
12:45	Lunch
14:00	Influence of Nutrition and Stimulation for the Development of Children under Five Years of Age in Developing Countries Sally Grantham McGregor, <i>University College London, Great Britain</i>
14:45	Parallel Workshops (flexible coffee break) WS 1: Focus on Nutrition: What must be done in order to avoid long-term Consequences of Malnutrition for Human Development? Dr. Pablo Stansbery, <i>Save the Children, USA</i> WS 2: Focus on Mother and Child Health: Poverty Based Risks for the Health of Mother and Child. How can these be minimized? Dr. Lisa Sous, <i>Aerzte fuer die Dritte Welt (Doctors for the Third World), Frankfurt/Germany</i>

WS 3: Focus on Poverty Based Diseases:
Consequences of Poverty Factors for Early Child Health and Development. Presentation of a Rural Community Based Health Program for Prevention and Treatment of Children’s Diseases and Development Disorders in Cambodia
Dr. Bhoomikumar Jegannathan, *Caritas Cambodia*

WS 4: Focus on Social and Emotional Factors:
Securing of Chances for Children by means of a Consistent and Preventive Youth Welfare Plan, Example of “Monheim for Children” (MoKi)
Annette Berg, *Municipality of the Town of Monheim, Monheim/Germany*

17:00	“Market Place” Presentation of workshop results
17:45	Awarding of the bezev-Prize for Scientific Research on Disability and Development
18:00	Dinner
20:00	Coming together – “Conversations by the Chimney Side“

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09:00	“Nothing about us without us”. Paradigm shift from Care to a Rights-Based Approach Guido Falkenberg, <i>Kindernothilfe (Aid for Children in Need), Duisburg/Germany</i>
09:15	Identification of Early Child Disabilities in Developing Countries Carissa Gottlieb, <i>University of Wisconsin, USA</i>
10:00	Community-Based-Rehabilitation (CBR) – an Effective Approach for Poverty Reduction and for Promotion of Human Development Chapal Khasnabis, <i>WHO, Switzerland</i>
10:45	Coffee break
11:15	Presentation of a Successful Model of Early Detection and Early Intervention as part of a Comprehensive Early Childhood Programme Sandy Padayachee, <i>Leonhard Cheshire Disability, South Africa</i>
12:00	Lunch
13:30	Parallel Workshops (flexible coffee break)

WS 5: Practical Experience: Challenges and Solution Strategies for Early Detection and Early Intervention in the Framework of CBR Programmes
Roelie Wolting, *Dutch Coalition on Disability and Development (DCDD), The Netherlands*

WS 6: Creating New Avenues for Early Inclusion:
Including Early Detection and Early Intervention for Children with Disabilities within General Early Childhood Programmes
Usha Ramakrishnan, *Vidya Sagar Chennai, India*

WS 7: Inclusive Early Child Education in Chile
Patricia Araneda Castex, *Junta Nacional de Jardines Infantiles (National Kindergarten Association), Chile*

WS 8: Inclusion of Children with Disabilities in Early Childhood Services and Facilities in Germany?
Where do we stand today?
Marlis Mulder, *Caritas Kindergarten “Little Prince”, Ochtrup/Germany*

15:30	“Market Place” Presentation of workshop results
16:00	Panel Discussion From Talk to Action: How Can German Development Cooperation Strengthen Inclusive Early Child Development Programmes? <i>Facilitator:</i> Doro Wiebe, <i>ZDF German TV Station</i> Gudrun Kopp, <i>Secretary of State, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development / BMZ (requested)</i> Emiliana Vegas, <i>World Bank, USA</i> Usha Ramakrishnan, <i>Vidya Sagar Chennai, India</i> Guido Falkenberg, <i>Kindernothilfe, Germany</i> Spokespersons for Development Cooperation of German Political Parties <i>(requested)</i>
17:00	Summary of Conclusions and Closing of the Conference



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