

CARE International



ECD Action Week Report

22nd to 28 April 2012

Report of ECD Action Week.

1. ECD Launch on 23rd April 2012

CARE International in collaboration with MINEDUC, Kamonyi District authorities and Nyarubaka sector authorities with other partners UNICEF, Sthrive Foundation and Handicap International, VSO volunteers Kamonyi and Muhanga) and more than 200 community have launched two ECD centers in Kamonyi district, Nyarubaka sector, and Kigusa and Kambyeyi cells. MINEDUC Representatives, CARE representatives, district and sector local authorities and other partners have contributed to opening officially Kigusa ECD center by cutting officially the ribbon. Thereafter they went in each room where they met children and their teachers. In ECD 1 they were children of 3 years, guest have been explained the process of identifying children, teachers and parents committee. Guests got opportunity of having a look to different modules which have been used for achieving to the beginning of ECD center. In ECD 2 they are children of 4 years old. Guest have been explained how children are fed and how children from home based ECD in community are identified for ECD center. In ECD3 there are children who have 5-6 years old. Visitors have been explained the use of didactic materials. Thereafter all of visitors contributed in providing milk and biscuit to children who are in ECD center.

After that ceremony there have been speeches of different participants to all ECD parents and other community sitting in a tent. CARE representative, in her speech, thanked everybody to have participated in that launching and added that it is an opportunity for CARE to launch officially scale up of home based and ECD centers to provide **6 motorbikes to existing 3 ECD centers (Ruyanaza – Nyarubaka, Mbare – Musambira and Nyakabuye – Karama)** which will serve as an income generating activity. Parent's representative in their speech has thanked our government led by President Kagame which has allowed the emergence of different initiatives which contribute to community development; he thanked also local authorities (District and sector) to give them opportunities of getting supporters and other partners (catholic church) to have given them land and community mainly parents who have contributed too much in umuganda. However he asked local authorities (sector, cell) and Catholic Church to support them in getting land beside ECD center so that they can grow legumes, vegetables for children. He asked MINEDUC to provide more training to the ECD centers teachers and to CARE to look for them partners. MINEDUC representative raised awareness of community on the importance of ECD and how it can be feasible in community and promise them to get the support they have requested. After that, local authorities and partners provide officially to 3 ECD PTA 6 motorbikes

After Kigusa ceremonies, visitors continued to Kambyeyi ECD center where they open officially the ECD center

Meeting at District level on 27th April 2012

28 participants (21M 8F) among whom were 12 Sector education coordinators and other district partners in education and health, through JADF participated in the meeting on ECD on 27th April 2012. They got opportunity of knowing the difference between ECD center and a nursery; from there I

presented them of 5x5 models for ECD centers. We discussed also about the importance of ECD and how nurseries can be transformed in ECD centers. Finally participants formed three groups and discuss about the ECD chart said in ECD policy. Below is what they proposed:

At District level

Specific objective of the committee	Members of the committee	How often the committee will meet	Who will lead the committee	What the main responsibilities
Promotion of ECD in district	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Vice mayor in charge of social affairs - In charge of social affairs and vulnerable groups at district level - In charge of gender and family promotion - Director of Health -Education officer at district level Volunteer in charge of child protection. 	Once a term	Vice mayor in charge of social affairs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Coordination of ECD committees at cells and sector levels - Advocating for sector ECD centers Follow up and evaluation of ECD activities in the district

At Sector level

Specific objective of the committee	Members of the committee	How often the committee will meet	Who will lead the committee	What the main responsibilities
Community mobilization for ECD centers and coordinating cell ECD centers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Executive Secretary of the sector - Sector Education Officer - In charge of social affairs in sector - A representative of ECD teachers - A representative of ECD PTA at sector level 	Once a term	Executive Secretary of the sector	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Coordination of ECD committees at cells - Follow up of ECD management in all cells of a sector - Advising and proving technical support to ECD centers of cell.

At Cell level

Specific objective of the committee	Members of the committee	How often the committee will meet	Who will lead the committee	What the main responsibilities
Implementing ECD in agglomeration wherever possible	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -IDP (Executive Secretary in charge of development and plan) -In charge of social affairs in all agglomeration committee composing the cell - In charge of education in all agglomeration committee composing the cell (imboni y'uburezi) - The representative of CHW at cell level - CNF -CNJ -ECD PTA representative 	Every month	IDP (Executive Secretary in charge of development and plan)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Community mobilization - Identification of children -Follow of ECD management - Monitoring most ECD activities - Evaluation

For next action plan, participants will make them in their sector meeting and submit the final version to district education officer before the end of this fiscal year.



Kigusa opening officially



Theoneste feeding ECD children

Other partners feeding Kigusa ECD children



Sector authority feeding ECD children



Parent's representative speaking to guest



Participants in ECD launch



Theoneste speaking to community



Musambira, Karama and Ruyanza PTA representative and their motorbikes



3 PTA Representatives getting their motorbikes



Meeting with Kamonyi ECD partners



Participants working in groups