

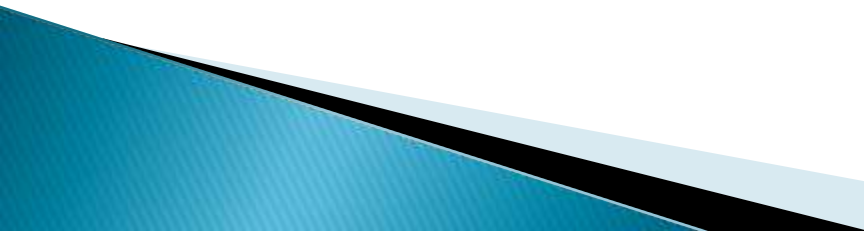


ECD sustainability plan

- - ▶ Strive's ECD program is an expansion of pre-existing community initiatives.
 - ▶ The main actors are directly involved from the beginning of the project, namely the community members and the local leadership. Thus, ECD centers are managed by ECD committees (parents) in addition to the local authorities.
 - ▶ The children in ECD centres are identified based on certain criteria. 70% are vulnerable children and 30% are children from rich families. Caregivers are identified by local authorities together with the community.
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- - ▶ ECD committees and local authorities are trained on ECD management and ownership. In addition to training on their own tasks, they are informed on Strive's role within the project. ECD centers are under ECD committee control with the local authorities.
 - ▶ Parents play a vital role in the running of ECD centers whereby they contribute money or food stuffs for their children. For example, poorer parents are taught how to prepare vegetable gardens and how to use local materials to make educational materials for sale. This also ensures the parent earn an income for their ECD contribution.
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- - ▶ Medical centers are motivated to ensure the continuous existence of ECD centers as they get a chance of accessing many children to provide health services rather than in communities. For example, the medical centers organize regular visits to the ECD centers for health check-ups and parent meetings.
 - ▶ Since 2011, the dissemination of ECD policy and strategic plan conformed by the cabinet increased a sense of ownership at every level of the decentralised government. The government is a major factor in achieving the goals hence all districts around the country are involved in the process.
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Extra Info

- ▶ No of ECD's managed by Strive:32 (+ 1 in construction)
- ▶ Average no. of caregivers per ECD: If there are 3 classes, there are 4 caregivers
- ▶ Average no. of children per ECD center: 115
- ▶ Average no. of children per class: 45
- ▶ Range of caregiver incentives: 20,000–30,000 Rwandan Francs per month
- ▶ How much do they contribute on average:
Countryside: 1000 Rwf per month (vulnerable), 2000 Rwf (richer). Towns: 4000 Rwf per month average. Food donations also.
- ▶ Types of didactic materials produced: balls, dolls, etc.