



## Playgroups for Children under Five Years of Age

Supporting early childhood initiatives for orphans and other vulnerable children



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## What are playgroups?

- Play with purpose: A gathering of children & parents/guardians that promotes the emotional and physical development of young children through structured and unstructured play.

- Trained volunteers lead 1-2 hour sessions with children and adults.
- Parents/guardians learn new ways of interacting with children.
- Locally-available materials/toys.





## Why playgroups?

- To support the growth and development of younger children
- To prepare young children to join formal school
- To contribute to the wider GoR effort to deliver early childhood education (ECE) services at the village level.
  - MINEDUC: National Curriculum Development Center (NCDC)



## Sustainability plan for playgroups

- **We encourage parents to:**
  - Participate in the playgroups with their children.
  - Contribute financially to support the playgroup, and establishing ISLG to sustain playgroup.
- **Collaborate with Local authorities to:**
  - Support in identifying venue for playgroups
  - Sensitize & mobilize families to participate
- **Support volunteers to promote playgroup in community;**  
and to replicate playgroups in other sectors.
  - Set-up more playgroups near the homes of beneficiaries to facilitate access(**community based playgroups**).