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Consortium on Pre-primary Data and Measurement in Africa

Working together to build data-driven systems for early childhood education.

Data on early childhood education (ECE) are essential for improving pre-primary policies and programs. Reliable information on how children are learning and how teachers deliver instruction can be invaluable to stakeholders at all levels of an ECE system, from parents to policymakers. While there are many tools for measuring child development, early learning and the quality of early education environments, less is known about how that data can be used to improve pre-primary systems over time.

Together for Early Childhood Evidence: Consortium on Pre-Primary Data and Measurement in Africa was convened in 2019 to explore how the use and application of data can lead to positive change in ECE systems and to accelerate country-level action to improve young children's early learning experiences.

BUILDING CAPACITY, TOGETHER

Together for Early Childhood Evidence convenes policymakers, researchers and other early learning experts to bridge the gap between research and practice. The overarching goal is to increase national capacity for interpreting and applying data on ECE. Member countries engage in ongoing dialogue to exchange information and experiences as they work toward building data-driven ECE systems in their countries.

Project activities include:

- Virtual and in-person meetings for networking and knowledge exchange.
- Sharing resources, tools and technical assistance to address the interests and needs of Consortium members.
- Support for country teams of policymakers, researchers and practitioners committed to testing and applying new approaches to data use and sharing their results.

PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES

Country teams representing **Ethiopia, Liberia, Rwanda** and **South Africa** joined in 2019, followed by **Tanzania** and **Zambia** in 2020.



PROJECT PARTNERS

ECD Measure, hosted at the University of Nebraska Medical Center, is a group of researchers and policy experts who provide capacity building and technical assistance for the use of early childhood measurement and data. We strive to make better learning experiences for children worldwide by using data to make better decisions. ECD Measure serves as the Secretariat for Together for Early Childhood Evidence, facilitating coordination among participating countries and offering technical support. Visit ecdmeasure.org to learn more.

The **Inter-Country Quality Node on Early Childhood Development (ICQN-ECD)** is one of several thematic ICQNs created by the Association for the Development of Education in Africa (ADEA). Hosted by the Ministry of Education and Human Resources of Mauritius, the ICQN-ECD is an intergovernmental organization for policy dialogue and collaborative action among African Ministers of Education and strategic partners for advancing ECD agenda in Africa. Visit ecd.adeanet.org to learn more.

The **Africa Early Childhood Network (AfECN)** is a regional network that brings together civil society, academia and the private sector to advocate for the rights of young children. The network aims to enhance advocacy efforts, influence policy and practice, strengthen partnerships, and generate and disseminate knowledge on ECD in Africa. AfECN serves as the co-coordinator of the Africa Union's CESA (Continental Education Strategy) Cluster on Early Childhood Education and Development. The CESA ECED Cluster brings together representatives of AU Member States, development partners and a range of non-state actors to support the achievement of the AU CESA 16-25 objectives related to the early years. The Cluster is chaired by the AUC Department of Human Resources, Science & Technology Department (HRST) and Co-chaired by the Government of Mauritius Ministry of Education and Human Resources. Visit africaecnetwork.org to learn more.

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