

A CALL FOR STORIES: IMPLEMENTATION OF CHILD CARE PRACTICES

Closing date: Friday 23rd April 2021

INTRODUCTION

The African Early Childhood Network (AfECN) is documenting childcare practices across the African region. This multi-country documentation aims at drawing attention to progress made, programme challenges, opportunities, and gaps in designing and implementing childcare programmes for children under age three (3) years. These efforts are aimed at shining a spotlight on the areas that need more attention and intervention by the early childhood development community and development partners.

OUR ASKS

Still interested? We invite you to share your journey, regarding how you have designed and implemented child-care programmes in your community and beyond. This is a chance to have your voice amplified nationally, regionally, and globally through AfECN platforms. The stories will be disseminated through our new and exciting Knowledge hub, a platform where you can find ECD materials and meet like-minded individuals and organizations.

Please submit your story to info@afecn.org by **Friday 23rd April 2021**. AfECN's team of experts will then schedule a 20 minutes' follow-up call with you/your representative to ensure that your story is well documented. Please indicate which day and time would best suite you for the follow-up call between 26th – 30th April, as you submit your childcare practice or story.

Please use the following key questions to guide the sharing of your story. Kindly keep your submission to a maximum of 650 words (one to three pages transcribed in word, single-spaced in font size 12), in the language you are most comfortable with (English, French or Portuguese).

KEY QUESTIONS

A. Background of the childcare initiative

- a. What is the name of your childcare program, or organisation you want to be featured?
- b. Who is your focal person leading the initiative (e.g., local parent, caregiver, childcare owner or yourself)?
- c. What is your email and WhatsApp contact (in case we need to call you for further information)
- d. What is the location of your initiative? (Share town and country of operation; social media and website handles; previous media mentions; awards you may have received and/or features by others).
- e. Which year did your childcare initiative start?

B. The Story

- a. Describe your childcare practice, briefly. Indicate the reason why you designed the programme, target audience and how the programme is implemented.
- b. Indicate one or two achievements or strengths of your childcare approach.
- c. Share key challenges faced.
- d. Suggest recommendations for policy, research, or advocacy (either or all) nationally or regionally?
- e. Please attach a picture evidence/profiling your work (high resolution, in jpeg or png format and before pasting it to a word document) or provide an online link to one that we will use.

C. Collaborating with government and key stakeholders.

- a. To what extent are you engaging with government or partnering with other stakeholders?
- b. What is your sustainability plan?
- c. Highlight one or two lessons you have learnt in the process.
- d. Share any other relevant information.