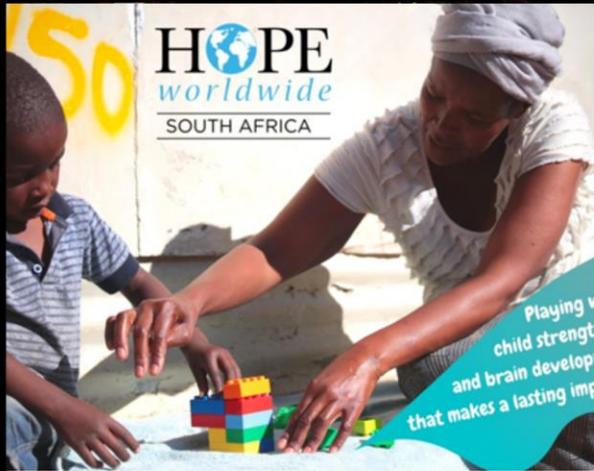




Partnerships in Action: Insights from the 'Caregiver Learning through Play' Consortium in South Africa on Scaling ECD Interventions.





The Consortium



The Learning through Play consortium members are:



Prime Partner: Experience in curriculum-based ECD Parenting and Play programmes and NGO training in 7 provinces



Save the Children

Lead Partner in M&E and Advocacy: Experience in integrated ECD programming across 5 provinces, M&E & Advocacy

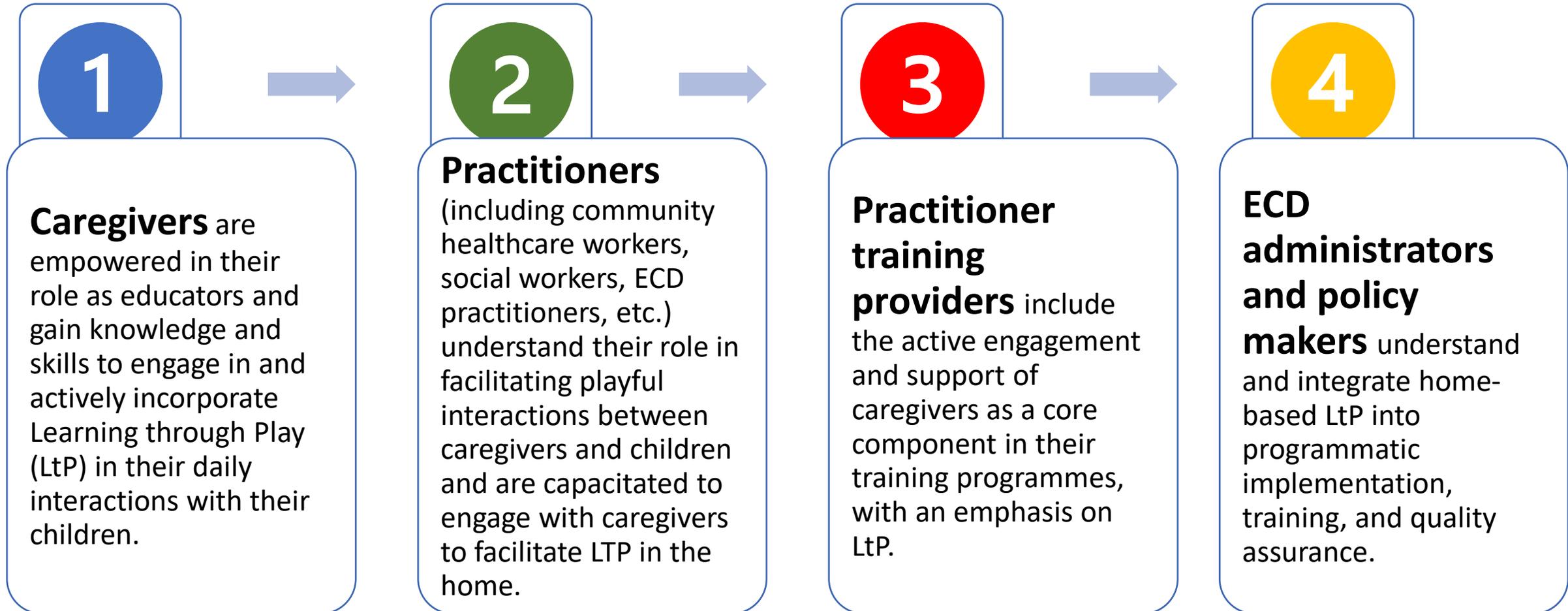


ECD Network and Implementing Partner: Network of 21 ECD organisations. Over 40 years experience in curriculum development, programming & networking in 7 provinces

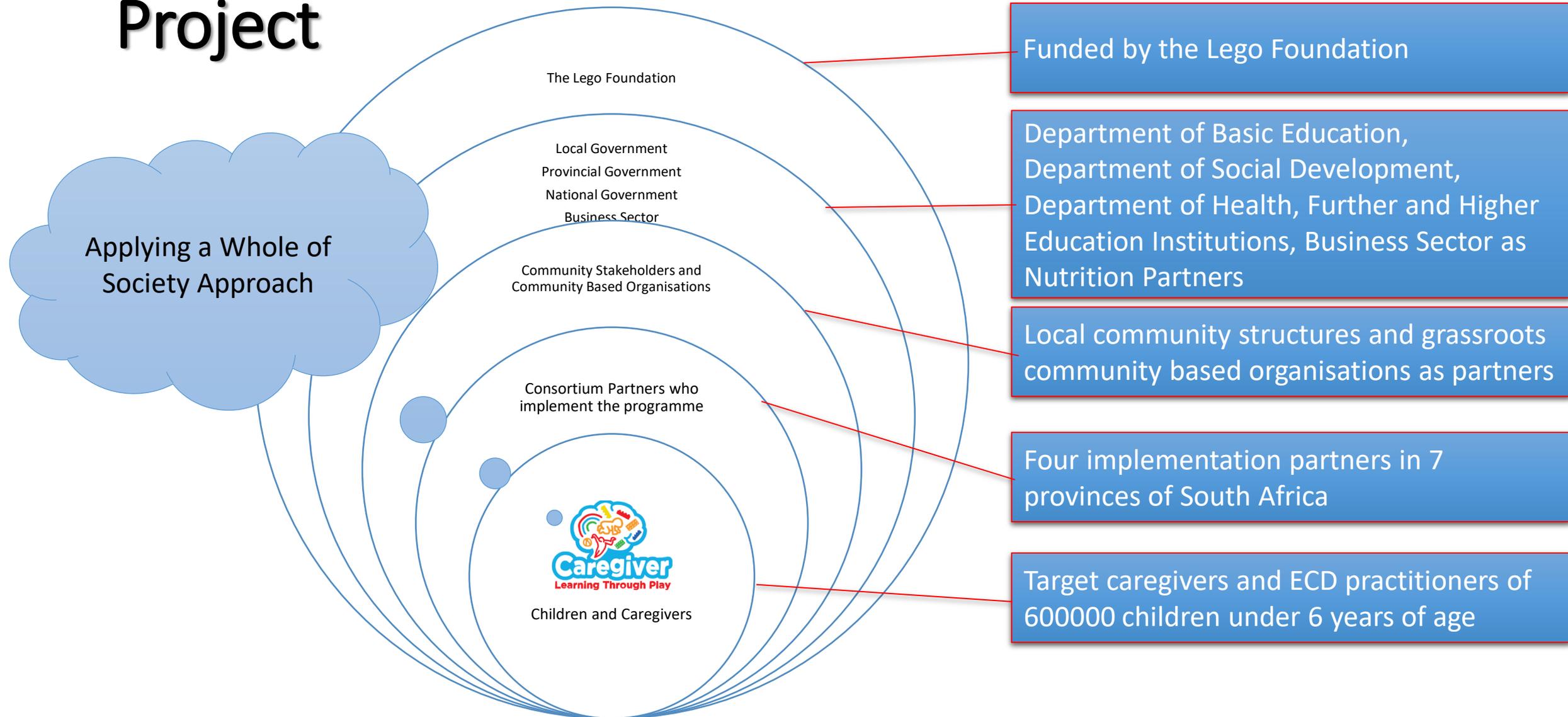


Implementing Partner: Experience in evidence-based Curriculum development, Parenting and Play programmes in 2 provinces

The four outcomes of the programme:



Beneficiaries, Partners and Stakeholders in the Project



What we are learning about partnerships

Partnerships and Collaboration are vital but challenging

Requires utilizing and amalgamating different structures, cultures, and operational systems

Service delivery in a dynamic environment

Internal factors

External factors

Both internal and external factors affect strategy implementation

Leadership and management styles, building transparency and trust, power imbalances, competency of employees, fidelity to model design, adequate financial resources and IP operating costs, Reach, the costs of model refinements and staff turnover and well-being

Socio-political factors, engaging in systems-wide advocacy, Covid, increased cost of living, community dynamics

Stakeholder Interview Feedback



Systems Level

- Clarify roles and responsibilities
- Clear accountability
- Focus on existing points of consensus
- Link work to national focus



Partner Level

- Focus on the most marginalized stakeholder: The Caregiver
- Mission is key to collaboration and motivation
- Map out and leverage partner expertise
- Intentional focus on collaboration and relationships not only programme progress
- Realistic partner expectation
- Collaborative approaches to identify and remedy challenges
- Joint decision making

What we are doing to build partnership

1

Build Trust

2

Ensuring we had the right leadership structure

3

Setting the right pace for rhythms and processes and spending more time on partnership relationships in the inception phase

4

Establishment of a Steering committees

5

Thematic Task Teams

6

Monthly partner check ins to review challenges, progress and budgeted

7

Bi-annual partner meetings

8

Defining roles and responsibilities

9

Transparency on funding

Progress to date (1.5 years into implementation)



Indicator	Reach
Community Level	
Caregivers reached	123 849
Practitioners reached	2 985
Systems Level	
Integration of aspects of CLTP into DBE's National Parenting Program (NPP)	
Support to DBE's NPP roll out	4 provinces

Impact Progress (Caregiver Level)





Thank You

