Regional Training Workshop:
Early Childhood Policy Review
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Results of the UNESCO/OECD Early Childhood Policy Reviews

Brazil
Indonesia
Kazakhstan
Kenya
Early Childhood Policy Review Project

Project objectives

- Conduct a policy review in 4 countries: Indonesia, Kenya, Kazakhstan, Brazil
- Identify policy options and strategies for countries
- Compile comparative information on policy planning and implementation
- Disseminate results nationally and globally
- Partner with OECD to undertake review in developing countries
  (See: Starting Strong I and II )
Brazil

• **The issue:** integration of 0-3 & 4-6 under education

• **Challenge:** integration of 0-3 slow

• **Recommendations:**
  – Attention to 0-3 crucial for equity
  – Investment assistance from the federal gov’t
Indonesia

• **The issue:** Promotion of non-formal services

• **Challenge:**
  – Remaining inequity in educational services
  – Divergent system of formal vs non-formal services

• **Recommendations:**
  – Gov’t investment indispensable to tackle inequities
  – Merging of the two departments within MOE
  – Need for systemic development
Kazakhstan

- **The issue**: Universal access to pre-primary education
- **Challenge**:  
  - remaining disparities in early years  
  - Quality services, but limited access
- **Recommendations**:  
  - Pro-poor implementation of universalisation  
  - Three options to balance access and quality
Kenya

• **The issue:** development vs. education

• **Challenge:**
  – Extending the mandate of MOE
  – Pre-primary education vs. ECD

• **Recommendations:**
  – MOE for policy development
  – Pre-primary education as part of PE
  – ECD with partnership with other sectors
Follow-ups

- **Brazil**: 0-3 included in the new funding scheme
- **Indonesia**:
  - Discussion on the merge;
  - Parliament’s attention to ECCE
- **Kazakhstan**:
  - Inequity recognised among local education officials
- **Kenya**:
  - Coherent, inter-sectoral policy framework developed