

# EARLY CHILDHOOD

## Care and Development

The ECCD initiatives aim to facilitate holistic development of children and their transition to school. With regular monitoring, awareness and care it is hoped that child's development is not compromised.

### WORKING WITH CHILDREN

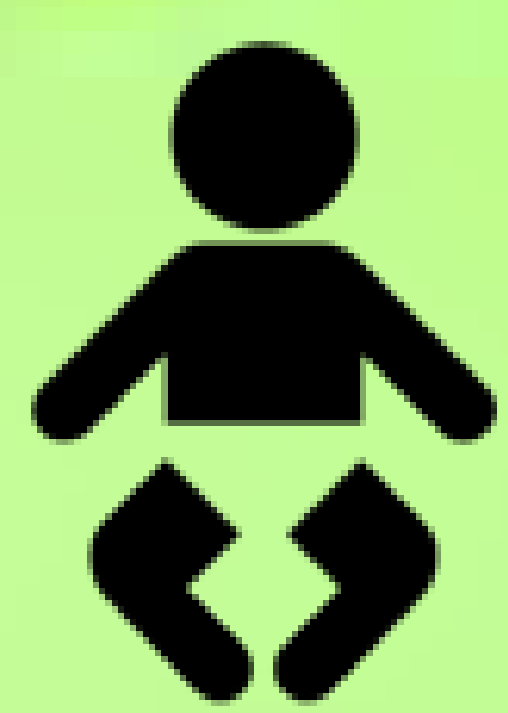


The ECCD programme, aims to reach out to at least 80 per cent of the children in the Hazrat Nizamuddin Basti. Towards this objective, a maternal and child health centre has been established in the polyclinic and regular capacity building programmes for all aanganwadi workers are carried out in the Basti.

Other activities include generating dialogue in the community for improved ECCD, providing nutritional counselling to caregivers, introducing preschool education in the aanganwadi centres, developing a curriculum for the urban context, supporting young women for a diploma in ECCE from a central university, amongst others.

We have recently initiated a day care centre for the children of the labour who work on our other sites.

### WORKING FOR CHILDREN



- 79 % children in 3-5 age are in preschools
- School Readiness amongst 5 year olds' is very poor
- 49 % children underweight: (Wasting: 44%; Stunting: 64%)
- 76 % of children were anaemic
- 15 % children not vaccinated at all



- 53 % of pregnant women were found to be anaemic
- 57 % of families have three or more children
- 83 % of mothers reported abnormal weight gain during pregnancy
- 91 % women were found to have inadequate knowledge on good dietary practices during pregnancy.
- 48 % of women faced problems during pregnancy.



- Limited space in the Aanganwadi Centres - only 25% of those enrolled are able to use the services
- Pre-school education activities are absent
- Most parents are engaged in daily wage activities
- No follow up with children leaving the centre

