

HARVARD CENTER ON THE DEVELOPING CHILD AND ECD REGIONAL NETWORKS

Harvard's world-renowned Center on the Developing Child (HCDC) and the four ECD regional networks of ISSA, ARNEC (the Asia Pacific Regional Network for Early Childhood), ANECD (the Arab Network for Early Childhood), and AfECN (the Africa Early Childhood Network) have come together to create a knowledge infrastructure at the cross-regional and country levels that could influence the science-based narrative on ECD. Each regional network has identified three to five country teams which, supported by the expertise of HCDC on communicating

science and engagement through network learning mechanisms, used their knowledge to elevate the understanding and investment in early years in their countries while searching for innovative solutions and approaches aligned with recent science. Throughout two cross-regional workshops, each partner was able to utilize their expertise and add value to the impact of their work in the ECD field. From the ISSA network, the initiative partnered with Members in Bulgaria, France and Romania to strengthen their capacity for advocacy.



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LEGO PLAYFUL PARENTING

As a regional partner in the *Scaling Up Playful Parenting* Programme initiated by the Lego Foundation and UNICEF in 2019, ISSA has hosted several webinars and made resources available in its Knowledge Hubs to improve access and disseminate relevant information. In 2021, ISSA hosted two webinars: *Caring for Caregivers*, *A Path Towards Playful Parenting*; and a *virtual cross-country learning exchange* on the implementation of playful parenting programmes. The Lego Playful Parenting

programme aims at scaling up parenting interventions that build caregivers' and parents' capacity to provide early stimulation and responsive care to young children in Serbia and Zambia. It also focuses on increasing awareness and visibility among the general public on the value of learning through play in early childhood and relies on its partners to disseminate the scientific knowledge in this field through different actors: from academics to civil society and policy makers.

WEBINAR

Caring for the Caregivers
A path towards playful parenting

March 31, 2021
14:00 - 15:30 CET

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The poster features a central graphic of a staircase with seven steps, each in a different color (blue, yellow, green, purple, orange, red, blue). Each step is accompanied by a photograph of a caregiver interacting with a child. The top step shows a caregiver holding a baby. The second step shows a caregiver reading to a child. The third step shows a caregiver holding a child. The fourth step shows a caregiver holding a child. The fifth step shows a caregiver holding a child. The sixth step shows a caregiver holding a child. The seventh step shows a caregiver holding a child. The bottom of the poster features logos for ISSA, The LEGO Foundation, UNICEF, and the 75th anniversary logo.