

The Bangladesh ECD Newsletter

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Accredited Short Course on Child Development, Play & Creativity and School Readiness



The participants from Australian International School in the course

ECD Resource Centre, IED, BRAC U offers accredited short course in Early Childhood Development, which is the first of its kind in Bangladesh. The course is offered both in Bengali and in English. Recently, Australian International School, a secular English medium school which caters for children aged 2 (Early Childhood) to Grade-9 (14 years) at Dhaka, showed their interest in taking this course for their further development in the field of ECD. It was a great privilege for ECDRC to conduct a 10-day accredited short course for them on child development, play & creativity and school readiness. The

course started on June 14, 2009 and continued till June 25, 2009. It is a 3 credit and 42 hour course. A total of 27 teachers participated in the course. Earlier, the centre organized the same course for mid level professional from 7 to 14 May,

2009. A total of 24 professionals from Aga Khan Foundation-Bangladesh, Dhaka Ahsania Mission, FIVDB, Phulki, Save the Children-USA and Plan Bangladesh participated in the course. The centre awarded certificates to the participants after the successful



Participants with facilitators of the course completion of the courses.

Training of Trainers on Pre-primary Education Program and SBK

Bangladesh Shishu Academy (BSA) conducted a Training of Trainers (ToT) on pre-primary education program and SBK from 2 to 9 June, 2009 at BSA, Dhaka. ECDRC, IED, BRAC U provided the technical support for this ToT. Twenty five professionals from different ECD implementing organizations participated in this training. The contents of training were child development theory, early child development concept, and pre-primary and SBK curriculum. There were also session demonstration, group work and discussion.

ECD in Emergencies Workshop

ECD in Emergencies workshop was organized in Phuket, Thailand from 26 to 29 May 2009 by UNICEF (APSSC, EAPRO, ROSA) and Save the Children Alliance, with the support of INEE (Inter-Agency Network for

Emergency Education in Emergencies), Consultative Group's Early Childhood Care and Development in Emergencies Working Group (CGEEWG). The workshop brought together sixty

participants from thirteen countries - Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, India, Indonesia, Maldives, Myanmar, Nepal, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Vanuatu and Vietnam. The participants were

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representatives from ministries, UNICEF and Save the Children as well as resource persons from



Representatives from Bangladesh in the workshop

emergency, ECD, Education, Health and WES (Water, Environment and Sanitation) sectors. The workshop

was facilitated by Dr. Judith Evans, Adjunct Professor, University of Victoria, British Columbia, Canada. The workshop was designed to increase understanding of ECD in emergencies, to share country experiences and lessons learned and to support countries in the development of country plans for various phases of an emergency giving special attention to holistic development of young children. The Participants shared challenges faced in their own countries. The participants called for support needs

at regional/global levels in the 4-day workshop that includes: 1) Stronger regional/global level advocacy for ECD in general and specifically for ECD in emergencies to influence policy makers at country level 2) Compilation of available resources including cutting edge scientific evidence, good practices and practical technical tools 3) Organization of conferences /seminars/workshops bringing back interested countries together for further knowledge exchange, peer review and technical networking.

BEN Photo Contest 2009

In an effort to encourage family and community involvement in Early Childhood Development (ECD), the Bangladesh ECD Network (BEN) is pleased to invite you to send selected photos to the BEN Photo Contest 2009 on the theme of "Home, Family and Community in Early Childhood Care and Development". Selected photos will be used in BEN advocacy purposes, publications, and website; in the course materials of "Science of ECD"; and also in the ARNEC Photo Contest.

Submitted photos should depict family and community involvement in the contestant's organization and must match one of the following four categories:

- Category 1:** Pregnancy through Birth; getting ready for parenthood
- Category 2:** Parenting and Family Support; building positive relationship with caring adults, with family members; responsive care and positive interactions at home by parents, grandparents and siblings
- Category 3:** Family Involvement and Support for EC Services; consistent care at home and at ECD programmes/centers
- Category 4:** Community Participation and Support for Families with Young Children in ECD services.

For each photograph, please credit the photographer including the name, affiliation and place where it was taken. Any additional information about the activity in the photograph is most welcomed so that captions can be added. All entries must be sent by August 31, 2009 to info@ecd-bangladesh.net or mhmehedi@bracu.ac.bd in JPEG format. Or you can send us hard copies of the photographs or in CDs. For further information please visit www.ecd-bangladesh.net or contact at BEN Secretariat at ECDRC, IED, BRAC University.

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