

# Vietnam Policy Framework Supporting Early Childhood Development.

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# Maternal and Child Health Background in Vietnam 2020-2022

## Maternal mortality

**46** 100,000 live births.

## CHILDREN UNDER 5 MORTALITY

**18.9** NATIONAL AVERAGE 1,000 live births.

Mountainous region is 2-3 times higher than national average.

**17%**

Children between 2-5 years have interactive plays with their fathers in the last 3 days.

## Infant mortality

**12.1** 1,000 live births.

Only 45.4% children aged between 6-23 months received appropriate supplementary feeding.

**1 out of 3**



CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

never had a chance to access assessment and therapy in their whole life.

## Under 5 Stunting

**37.4%** High-land

**27%**

OF CHILDREN <5

have at least 3 picture books.

**72.4%**

Children between 2-14 years receive hard punishment.

Sources: Ministry of Health and UNICEF Vietnam (2012,2022)



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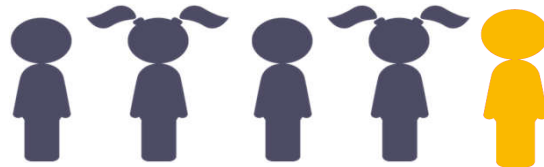
**7.8 M**

CHILDREN <5

**27.2 M**

CHILDREN <18

**5.5 million children**



Have experienced at least two deprivations in education, health, nutrition, shelter, water and sanitation, or social inclusion.

DEPRIVATIONS AROUND HEALTH, NUTRITION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION HAVE LEFT 1.9 MILLION CHILDREN UNDER 5 SUFFERING FROM STUNTING, LEAVING PERMANENT PHYSICAL AND BRAIN DAMAGE.

**EACH DAY**

**100**

CHILDREN

**DIE**

OF PREVENTABLE CAUSES.

A number which is 3.5 times higher among ethnic minorities.

# POLICY FRAMEWORK SUPPORTING ECD IN VIETNAM

## GOVERNEMENT POLICY

Children's Law 2016.

Labour law 10/2012 / QH13.

Advertisement law 16/2012/QH13.

Decision 1437/2018/TTg about care for child comprehensive development in the first years of life 2018 – 2025.

Decision 1896/2019/TTg National program on nutrition for the first 1000 days.

Decision 1719/2021/TTg National targeted program for social-economic development in ethnic minority and mountainous regions 2021 – 2030.

SIGNING AGREEMENT AMONG 4 MINISTRIES

17 FEB 2022

## MINISTRY-LEVEL POLICY

### MINISTRY OF LABOUR

Join with UNICEF to develop parenting education program.

### MINISTRY OF HEALTH (MOH)

Decision 40/2023/BYT National tech guideline on ECD in the first 5Y, for HWs.

Project 7 – Improving health of ethnic minorities.

### MINISTRY OF EDUCATION (MOET)

Decision 626/2021/MOET develop kindergarten edu program using child-centered approach.

1065/2019/MOET about kindergarten edu dev.

Circular 23/2010/MOET to revise the child standard dev. Indicators at 5.

### MINISTRY OF CULTURE SPORT AND TOURISM

In collaboration to develop ECD-specific policy.

# KEY STAKEHOLDERS ON ECD IN VIETNAM



## ENABLE

- **Local authority:** coordination, financial provision, and supervision.



## SUPPORT

- **Ministry of Culture Sport and Tourism:** Playground and social event.
- **Ministry of Planning and Investment:** indicator integration into national programs and budgeting.
- **Vietnam General Confederation of Labor and Women's Union:** ECD in industrial zones and workplaces; awareness raising for women and the elderly.



## CORE

- **Ministry of Labor and Invalid Affairs (Child Bureau):** policy development, raising awareness, connect ECD with social welfare, pilot and scale up innovations.
- **Ministry of Health:** health care, nutrition, parenting education, pilot innovations.
- **Ministry of Education and Training:** ECD in pre-school and school education, parenting education, and pilot innovations.

# GOVERNMENT PRIORITY FOR ACTIONS ON ECD

2021 - 2030

1

**Raising awareness** about ECD for policy makers, caregivers, and community.

2

**Capacity strengthening** for workforce working with children on ECD.

Strengthening the **policy framework and guideline** on ECD via research and policy development.

3

Conducting **parenting education on ECD**, focusing on 0-8 years old via pilot innovation, heading towards a nation-wide scale-up.

4

5

Increase caregivers and child's **access to ECD services**, focusing on the first 1000 days.

6

Enhancing the **inter-sectoral networking and partnership** to create a good referral.

**Monitoring, evaluating, and learning** the policy implementation.

7

Mobilizing technical and financial support from **international and in-country sources** to support the implementation of ECD services.

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HEALTH  
SECTOR'S  
ACHIEVEMENT  
2019-2022  
in promoting  
ECD 1437

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17 Feb 2022 signed the joint agreement between four ministries to implement the decision 1437.

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Approve and implement the national program on nutrition in the first 1000 days, to be integrated with national targeted programs 2012-2030.

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Approve Decision 40/2023/MOH about National technical guideline on ECD examination and counselling in the first 5Y

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Collaborated with agencies to develop and pilot the implementation of ECD innovation in the first 1000 days

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# HEALTH SECTOR NATIONAL PRIORITIES FOR ACTION IN THE NEXT 5 YEARS



Formulate, promulgate, and implement **legal documents** related to **maternal and child health and early childhood development.**



Strengthen **primary healthcare system** for **maternal and child health.**



Increase **resource investment** and create a **favorable environment** for **early childhood development.**



Prioritize interventions to reduce maternal and neonatal mortality with a **focus on the first 1000 days** of children's lives.



Improve **cost effectiveness** in **maternal and child health interventions.**



## A THOUGHT ABOUT INTER- SECTORAL COLLABORATION



- 3 Ministries MOLISA – MOH – MOET have missions of parenting education and innovation piloting. **How should the parenting education be designed and delivered so that it will be cost-effective, have no overlap, and provide consistent and scientific messages to the population?**
- **The National M&E system of ECD** should be simple and alike to international indicators for comparison. MOLISA has a function of M&E role, however, **how should the data be collected**, in a context that the 3 ministries operate their own programs (common-own)?
- There have been some ECD innovations in Vietnam. **Which innovation(s) is suitable for a nation-wide scale-up** and what are the **criteria** to assess a good innovation for scaling-up?



Thank you  
for listening

