SCALING UP LOW COST ECD SERVICES AND CAPACITY BUILDING OF PARENTS IN TEA COMPANIES AND COOPERATIVES IN RWANDA

2018 - 2021

In Rwanda, only 15% of children under 6 have access to early childhood development (ECD) services. In order to increase this percentage and to ensure children achieve higher developmental outcomes, this project aims at improving parenting skills and at establishing low cost ECD centers in rural areas and tea plantation sectors, which are the most affected by stunting.

**Activities**
- Construction of 19 ECD centers, equip and operationalize them
- Renovation of 9 ECD centers
- Conduct community mobilization sessions on ECD in tea plantation areas and in community, to reach 6,560 people especially workers in tea plantation
- Training parents and caregivers and tea companies managers on ECD components (positive parenting, child development, child nutrition, health, hygiene, Child Rights, Child protection) and ECD management
- Conduct regular visits for monitoring and capacity building of caregivers, community members on ECD related subjects
- Provision of ECD Equipments: Tables, chairs, utensils, playground installation

**Objectives**
- To increase the availability of quality ECD and family services to children (0-6 years) and their families
- To increase awareness of quality ECD services, and provide responsive care to young children (0-6 years)
- To provide care for child development in selected tea plantations areas through skilled caregivers
- To support the establishment of child friendly work places

**Areas involved**
- 13 Districts
  - Gatsibo, Gicumbi, Nyagatare, Nyaruguru, Karongi, Nyamagabe, Nyamasheke, Rusizi, Rubavu, Rulindo, Rutsiro, Ngororero and Nyabihu

**Beneficiaries**
- 4690
  - 2840 children 0 - 6 and their parents
  - 1850 caregivers and tea workers

**Budget**
- 979,171 €

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