

# Community of Practice in Early Childhood Development



## Our Story

The Early Childhood Development (ECD) Innovation Fund was created in 2017, with financial contributions from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), FEMSA Foundation, Fundação Maria Cecília Souto Vidigal, Open Society Foundations, and Porticus, to support the design, implementation, and evaluation of initiatives aimed at improving child development over the first five years of life, amongst the most disadvantaged populations in Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC). In 2021, the Bernard van Leer Foundation joined the partnership to support scalable projects on behavioral sciences and ECD interventions. For 2022 and beyond, the ECD Innovation Fund will continue strengthening and disseminating the recently launched ECD HUB and will leverage five years of experience financing over 25 innovative solutions on ECD, to expand and strengthen its work through a **Community of Practice on ECD**.

## The Community of Practice on ECD (CoP)

The Community of Practice is a space to share knowledge and promote dialogue between different stakeholders. This Community of Practice will build upon the knowledge and networks created during the implementation of the diverse portfolio of projects of the ECD Financing partnership, the recently created **ECD Hub**, the large knowledge created by other organizations, and the community of innovators that has been growing across the region in recent years. More than 50 civil society organizations have joined this Community to support and promote the ECD agenda in the region.



## Objectives

The objective of the Community of Practice is to promote knowledge exchange and dialogue among policy makers, practitioners, researchers, and representatives of civil society organizations that work on Early Childhood Development related topics. The CoP aims to:

- Share quality resources to promote development and learning for children 0-5.
- Promote dialogue and consensus around key topics in the regional policy agenda on ECD and position those views globally.
- Strengthen ECD regional networks and practice communities, as well as supporting efforts for the region to actively engage in discussions about key ECD issues.
- Create synergies and collaboration across national and regional organizations working on ECD.

## Who can be part of the Community of Practice?

**The criteria for organizations to join are as follows:**

- Working on issues related to early childhood development
- Working in at least one of the 26 IDB member countries in LAC
- Having done recent work in LAC
- Promoting innovation in the region
- Evaluating programs or generating knowledge
- Preferably working or planning to work with public sector entities

## How can members participate and contribute to the Community of Practice?

- Organize issue-specific meetings with participation of partners and guests (closed meeting)
- Host virtual events or webinars (open to the public)
- Write blog posts for *Primeros Pasos* or *Enfoque Educación* blogs
- Produce publication on best practices or innovations or related topics
- Share resources or content for the ECD HUB



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