

COMMUNITY DRIVEN ECD

IMPANDE QUALITY ECD INVESTMENT MODEL



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South Africa has the highest inequality in the world. We are passionate about changing this by ensuring that children in disadvantaged communities are given a fair start in life.

OUR 3-YEAR MODEL

To make this change a reality we implement a 3-year model to enable and develop quality ECD programmes. Our interventions are directed at addressing poor facilities and resources while simultaneously building skills and competence.

OUR PROCESS

ASSESSMENT

We select an ECD centre with the potential to be able to consistently run a quality ECD programme. Our aim is to understand the current assets and the value that already exists.



PLANNING

We work closely with the ECD centre to develop and implement shared objectives. The key to success is for all community parties to drive the process including parents and the management committee.



IMPLEMENTATION

We provide training and mentoring to assist the ECD practitioners at the centre. Our focus here is to build skills and competence through ongoing support.



MONITORING & EVALUATION

We track ECD practice and monitor child outcomes. This includes administering the South African Early Learning Outcomes Measure (ELOM) assessment tool, to see what impact we make.

“UNTIL WE GET EQUALITY IN EDUCATION, WE WON'T GET AN EQUAL SOCIETY.”

? WHY IS IT NEEDED?

A growing body of global research shows that supporting Early Childhood Development (ECD) programmes delivers a far greater return on investment than similar programmes later in life.

KEY BUILDING OFF WHAT EXISTS

Our approach is asset-based community development, meaning that we work to support grassroot ECD centres started by the community to improve the lives of young children.

HANDSHAKE QUALITY ECD PROGRAMMES

As a neutral network of grassroots ECD centres, Impande reach the most marginalised while providing risk mitigation and due diligence to achieve high returns.

PERSON HOW TO GET INVOLVED

By sponsoring the implementation of the full 3-year model, you help create safe and stimulating ECD environments as well as competent ECD practitioners.

LOW COST MODEL

INFRASTRUCTURE & PROGRAMME SUPPORT



STANDARD ECD UNIT

The standard unit includes two play rooms, a sickbay/office and a veranda

The playrooms in the standard unit are each 30m² and accommodate up to 40 children in total. There are 4 lower windows to allow children to see outside and a veranda to create a sheltered outside space for activities.

BASIC SANITATION & WATER

This includes 3 pour flush toilets and a water tank

We ensure basic sanitation for ECD centres by installing water saving pour flush toilets. A tank positioned next to the centre harvests rainwater from the roof which supports centres not connected to municipal water.



SAFE & STIMULATING OUTDOOR ENVIRONMENT

This includes fencing, landscaping and a playground

The playground stimulates varied play and accommodates all age groups. We have included a range of elements to promote movement, exploration, curiosity and fantasy play.

MENTORING AND PROGRAMME SUPPORT

This includes ongoing mentoring to improve the quality of the programme as well as administration of ELOM assessments

Impande provide much needed mentoring and programme support. We have a qualified and experienced team that visit the ECD centre to help the teachers develop new resources and improve practice. We also administer the ELOM assessments tool yearly to track improved ECD programme quality.



FURNISHING AND RESOURCES

This includes room dividers, storage solutions, basic resource boxes and soft furnishing.

For centres that have nothing or very little, our essential ECD resource boxes make a huge difference. We also provide functional multipurpose furniture to divide the space and help keep the atmosphere calm.