

Nurturing care for early childhood development: a framework for helping children **survive** and **thrive** to **transform** health and human potential













The unique convergence of evidence and political momentum



WHO Commission on Social Determinants of Health 2008

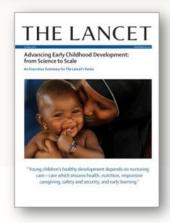
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Key messages from the ECD Lancet series 2016

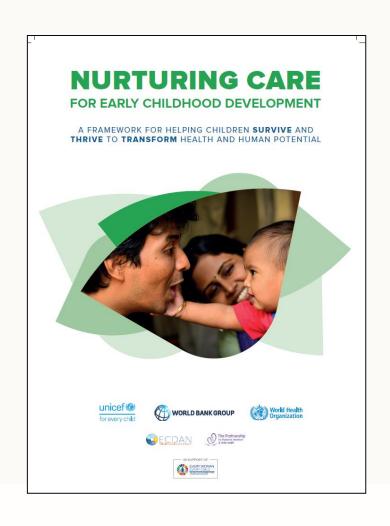


- The early years, starting from conception, are a period of special sensitivity for child development
- The most formative experience of young children come from NURTURING CARE
- Early investment has lifelong and intergenerational benefits
- Policies, information and services are important
- Multisectoral collaboration is essential and the health sector has a special role to play



The Nurturing Care Framework

- A road map for action
- Building on state-of-the art evidence
- Outlining:
 - Why efforts must begin in the earliest years, from pregnancy to age 3
 - How nurturing care protects children from the worst effects of adversity
 - What caregivers need in order to provide nurturing care





What is Nurturing Care?

COMPONENTS OF NURTURING CARE





What are the benefits of nurturing care

NURTURING CARE AND ITS CONTRIBUTIONS THROUGH THE LIFE COURSE Infant and toddler (up to 3 years old) Postnatal and Young child newborn (3-6 years old) Healthy **Employment** Healthy School **Earnings** growth and achievement development School Safe Thriving Healthy childbirth readiness adolescent ageing Older child Pregnancy & (7 to 10 years childbirth Older child (7 to 10 years old) (10-19 years old) Lifecourse Older Adolescence (10-19 years old) (19+ years)



What is needed to support nurturing care

ENABLING ENVIRONMENTS FOR NURTURING CARE



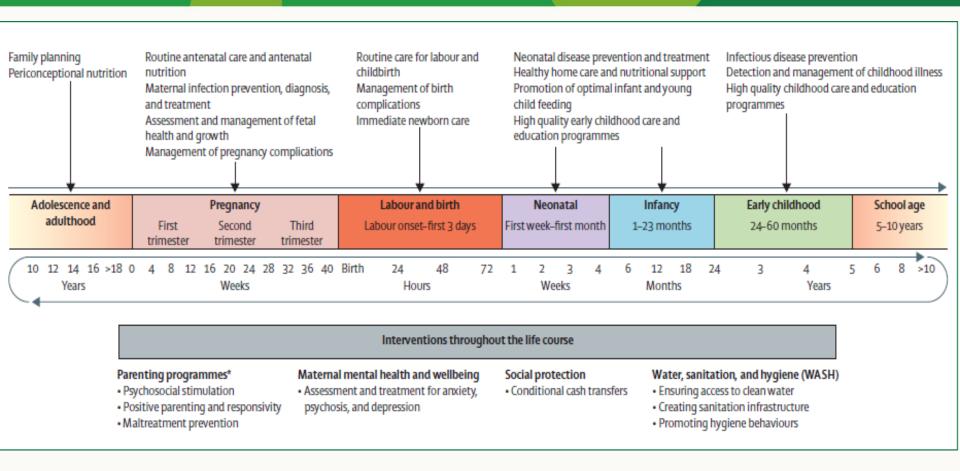


Risks to brain development

- Individual level (e.g. preterm birth, stunting, disability)
- Family level (e.g. poverty, poor caregiving, few learning opportunities)
- Community level (e.g. unclean and unsafe environments, crime)
- Systems level (e.g. poor health care, low quality child care)
- Societal level (e.g. conflicts)



Multi- sectoral interventions have an impact on brain development



Source: Britto, Lye, Proulx, Yousafzai, Matthews, Vaivada, et. al. (2017)



Effective interventions

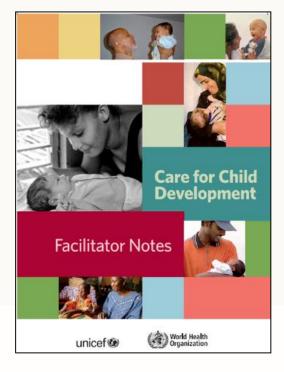
Parental mental health

Responsive care and Opportunities for early learning



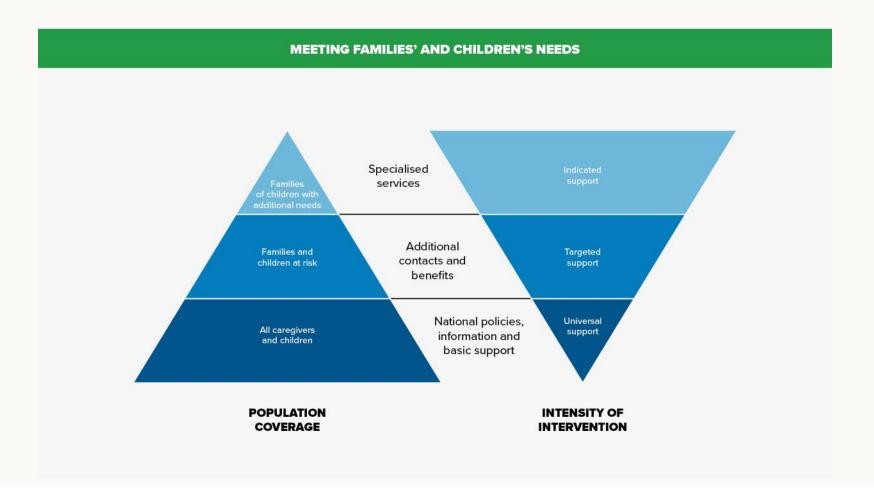
UNICEF/WHO Care for Child Development (CCD)





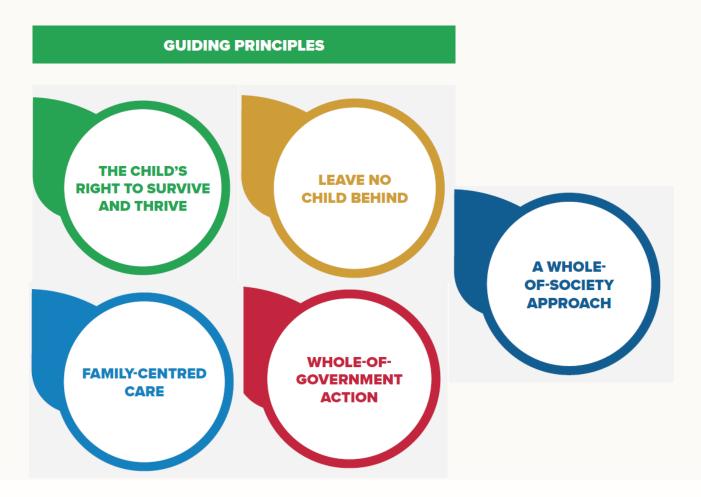


Policies, information, and services tailored to needs





The framework's guiding principles





Five strategic actions

FIVE STRATEGIC ACTIONS Strengthen services Lead and invest Focus on families Monitor progress se data and innovate



Sectors and stakeholders working together

EVERY SECTOR AND ALL STAKEHOLDERS COMMITTING TO ACTION Multilateral Bilateral organizations organizations Governments Media Nutrition **Agriculture** Labour **Finance** Health Civil **Business** society community Child Social Education . protection protection Academic Philanthropic and research organizations institutions PEOPLE/GROUPS



Nurturing care for sustainable development

NURTURING CARE AT THE CENTRE OF THE GLOBAL STRATEGY AND THE SDGs





Milestones for the next five years

MILESTONES TO BE ACHIEVED IN THE NEXT 5 YEARS (BY 2023)

	NATIONAL MILESTONES	GLOBAL MILESTONES
iii	All countries have developed a national coordination mechanism and a plan to address nurturing care in a holistic way.	Global stakeholders have established functional mechanisms for multi-sectoral coordination and harmonized action in support of nurturing care.
ŤŧŤ	All countries are addressing nurturing care in national communication strategies and through community structures and local leaders.	Global stakeholders have launched a global advocacy campaign for nurturing care and promote effective approaches for engaging communities and giving them agency.
\$	All countries are strengthening their workforce's capacity to support responsive caregiving and early learning – among all families and children, including those with additional needs.	Global stakeholders have developed and updated guidelines, service packages and implementation guidance for nurturing care, and promote their use
Q	All countries are collecting data about the quality and coverage of interventions for all five components of nurturing care.	Harmonized global indicators and measurement framework for nurturing care are available and used to assess implementation and impact.
•	All countries are investing in local research to strengthen implementation of nurturing-care interventions.	Global stakeholders have identified research priorities for nurturing care and invest in studies to address them.















