

## **Coaching of ECD Practitioners**

### **Programme Objective**

To coach and support 60 ECD practitioners in meeting the minimum standards defined by the Department of Social Development in an 11-month period in terms of five areas of intervention:

- ❖ Premises and equipment
- ❖ Health, safety and nutrition
- ❖ Management and governance
- ❖ Working with families and communities
- ❖ Active learning

### **Programme Description**

The project is based in the broader Khayelitsha community and seeks to provide coaching and support to 60 ECD practitioners based in 30-40 educare centres (reaching approximately 2 000 children and 257 households) in the above five areas of early childhood development.

Under this programme, 3 qualified pre-school teachers are employed to visit each pre-school once a month and assist them with practical issues such as room arrangement, pre-school daily programme, the policies required by the Department of Social Development, registers and reports, parent meetings etc.

The 60 ECD practitioners attend the introductory course on Early Childhood Development. The Coaching and Support Programme assists them in practically implementing the learning areas as taught in the course.

### **Intended Outcomes**

- ❖ To improve the operating standards of ECD sites in Khayelitsha.
- ❖ To increase health, safety and nutrition at ECD sites.
- ❖ To enable the registered ECD sites to benefit from government subsidies.
- ❖ To make Grade R classes fully functional and improve numeracy and literacy at the basic level.
- ❖ To increase the quality of services offered to children in the ECD centres.
- ❖ To increase the number of women able to sustain ECD centres through quality management systems and programmes.
- ❖ To increase the number of children able to access ECD services.
- ❖ To increase awareness of the importance of education at foundational phase by stakeholders.
- ❖ To empower ECD practitioners with knowledge of the New Curriculum (OBE related activities).

### Budget for Coaching and Support Programme - 2011

<b>Coaching and Support Programme</b>	
Coaching and site visitation	R97 500
Telephone costs	R1 500
Travelling costs	R10 800
Programme Management	R59 140
<b>Total</b>	<b>R168 940</b>