Getting Children Ready for School

Tayari
Early Childhood Development Programme

Overall objectives of the Programme

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- To support the national and county governments to test and expand quality ECDE provision across the four selected counties.
- To enable global uptake of tested ECDE models based on Kenya's experience.

Tayari's key components

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Expected Outcome

Improved learning outcomes for 108,000 children in 1,700 early childhood centers in Kenya by 2018 within four selected counties namely: Uasin Gishu, Laikipia, Nairobi and Siaya.

Global Advocacy

The programme will enable regional and global uptake of tested, scalable ECDE models by making all materials open source through evidence sharing and dissemination of activities at the global level.

Key partners in Tayari:

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• Kenya Institute of Curriculum Development (KICD)
• Ministry of Health
• Children's Investment Fund Foundation (CIFF)
• Nairobi City County Government
• Laikipia County Government
• Uasin Gishu County Government
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