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Dear friends and colleagues,

We are happy to share with you some information about ICDP developments in 19 countries for the period covering the past seven months.

We are grateful to project leaders who took time to write to us and wish you all much success in your future work. We are looking forward to hearing more for our next Newsletter!

We also wish to thank warmly all supporters of ICDP for their important contributions to our work in the world.

Best wishes to all from Karsten, Nicoletta, Ylva, Ingeborg and the rest of our ICDP international team

ICDP REPORT 2009: Click on the following link to read "ICDP in the world":

<http://www.icdp.info/ICDPintheworld09.pdf>

EVALUATION OF ICDP

Three evaluation teams have been working on evaluating the effects of ICDP. We received the final results from two studies and also the preliminary results from the third one. The studies were carried out in Mozambique, Colombia and Norway. The Mozambique study was sponsored by NORAD, the research in Colombia by UNICEF and the scientific study in Norway received funding from the Ministry of Children, Equality and Social Inclusion. These studies show very positive outcomes. To find out more about existing ICDP evaluation studies, click on the following link:

<http://www.icdp.info/evaluation.html>

NEWS FROM EUROPE

NEW INTERNATIONAL TRAINERS

A new group of ICDP International Trainers is in process of being formed. They attended a workshop held at Loudwater Farm, near Rickmansworth, on 29-31 of October 2010. The workshop reviewed the content of the ICDP programme in the light of its application in the majority world, and discussed topics linked to some key development issues.

ICDP SCANDINAVIAN NETWORK MEETING

This year ICDP Denmark hosted the Scandinavian Network Meeting which took place on 27-28th of May, gathering 250 people. Link to the Danish webpage with information about the network meeting:

www.icdp.dk. The content of the program focussed on the theme of "being present in the interaction with children". According to Anne Linder, the theme of the conference "**Moments of presence**" reflects the primary task of ICDP Denmark, which is to strengthen and enhance the relationship between children and professionals. All good moments are precious for the formation of such relationships. In order to develop a successful relationship with children adults need to be empathic and they have to take responsibility for timing and controlling their own mental attention. But to achieve this they need to be able to create *moments of presence*.

The PPR journal of educational psychology will publish a special issue concerning the conference.

The meeting organizers created excellent conditions for knowledge sharing to take place in the best possible way among the participants from different Scandinavian countries. There was ample space for the presentation of their latest projects and materials.



The song "You raise me up" by Secret Garden was played at the network meeting and some of the trainers will use it in the future to start their ICDP workshops.

NORWAY

PREVENTION OF ABUSE WITH ICDP METHODS

On the 4th of September the newspaper Bergens Tidende published an article about the worrying increase of abusive behaviour, which has according to child protection services in the Sund municipality, doubled from 2002 to 2008. The local government is now focusing on preventive measures which will include the implementation of the ICDP program. This initiative represents new cooperation involving all local institutions working for the benefit of children in the municipality. ICDP training is currently being given to staff selected from all existing kindergartens and they will run ICDP group meetings with parents.

SEMINAR IN KRISTIANSAND

ICDP participated in a seminar held in Kristiansand on the 22nd and 23rd of April on the topic of "Emergency Preparedness and Management" (EPM). The content of the ICDP program was illustrated through examples of ICDP application in Angola and Colombia, showing the relevance of ICDP in context of human stress and suffering caused by the detrimental effects of war and displacement. The second day of the event examined the teaching method, which uses web-based learning for master degree students. This innovative method was developed at the University of Agder. In Norway the Agder University is cooperating on this with the University of Stavanger, and on international levels with the University of Ruhuna, Sri Lanka and the University Gadhaj Mada, Indonesia. Professor Svein Gunnar Gundersen from the International health department invited Professor Karsten Hundeide to adapt the

ICDP program so that it can be inserted in the e-program for students at master degree level as one of the modules dealing with health and psychosocial support.

A similar initiative has also started to develop at the University in Medellin, Colombia, called "Fundacion Universitaria Católica del Norte", which aims to include the ICDP programme and adapt it as a long distance teaching method to sensitize families in the most remote areas in the country. Link to the university: <http://www.ucn.edu.co/Paginas/index.aspx>

TRAINERS' GATHERING

The Norwegian Directorate for Children, Youth and Family Affairs (BUFDIR) invited all Norwegian ICDP trainers to a gathering which took place on the 15th and 16th of September, in a hotel near the Gardemoen airport. Around seventy trainers arrived from all over Norway, from Alta in the north to Grimstad in the south, to share about their work with the ICDP program.



Photo left: trainers receiving their ICDP diploma. Photo on the right: Karsten Hundeide talking about ICDP in the context of family violence and about ICDP work with youth

The Head of the Family Counselling Department of BUFDIR, Ann Kristine Due Sørensen, opened the conference and later she handed the ICDP diplomas to newly trained professionals. Keynote speakers included Karsten Hundeide, Atnaf Berhanu Kebraab and Inger Lise Lien. The first day started with a lecture on Vygotsky. The rest of the day was used to discuss different aspects of violence in child care. The topics on the second day included ICDP and youth, ICDP for foster carers and Ane-Marte Skar presented preliminary results from the evaluation study of ICDP in Norway.

SEMINAR ORGANIZED BY NORAD

The Norad's Civil Society Department organized a seminar which took place in Oslo, on Tuesday 27th of April, from 12.00 to 15.00 pm. The title of the seminar was: "Psychosocial Interventions for Children in Development Countries: The Case of International Child Development Programme (ICDP)". The background for this seminar is the recent evaluation of ICDP in Mozambique. The report from this evaluation was presented at the seminar, followed by questions and discussions.

NEW GROUP OF TRAINERS IN NORWAY:



Photo of a new group of accredited ICDP Trainers in Norway

DENMARK

GR Psykologerne Centre for Relations in Skive has, according to supervisor Annette Groot, educated during the past year more professionals than ever before: - Our primary focus are professionals who work with children age 0-6 and teachers who work with children aged 6-18. We educate professionals in ICDP on level I & II and we have had a few groups on level III. Our training at level I & II in Denmark each last 6 days, whereas level III takes 8 days of training. One of our achievements has been to produce a DVD called "Golden moments' in kindergarten". It has two parts: the first part illustrates the way different kindergartens integrated ICDP in their daily work with children; it is about the teachers' awareness of all their children's needs. The second part of the DVD goes deeper into the meaning of the 8 interaction themes of the ICDP program. We are considering translating this DVD into English depending on the interest it generates. At the moment it can be found on our homepage www.g-r.dk ICDP Denmark is on Facebook.

From an update by psychologist Anne Linder, founder of "Authenticus" www.authenticus.dk: - For three years now we have run a project using ICDP to assist parents in the Vordingborg commune. It is called "Helping ordinary parents with normal children with common problems". The project was evaluated by the University of Pedagogues DPU, and supported by the Ministry of Social Affairs.

In the Randers commune we have developed a pilot project in a public library for children, where 24 members of staff have been receiving ICDP training. This represents a new exciting challenge, but we have already received some positive feedback. The project will be researched by the university and if it proves successful it may lead to ICDP being incorporated as part of the general training for librarians.

CONSTITUTION OF THE DANISH FUND

Two Danish organizations, the University College, Nordjylland, represented by Jesper Carlsen and the GR Pskologerne ApS, represented by Finn Godrim joined forces and formed The Danish Fund. The aim is to cooperate together on the promotion, training and expansion of ICDP in Denmark. The Danish Fund will organize yearly national conferences on ICDP and will continue to participate in the yearly Scandinavian Network Meetings attended by facilitators and trainers from Norway, Denmark and Sweden. In addition the chairpersons of the three Scandinavian countries will hold meetings together on regular basis and they are also invited to cooperate with the ICDP International board by being part of the ICDP International Professional Committee and by joining the international board skype meetings.

SWEDEN

ICDP Sweden has continued to expand its activities, both by training new trainers and by working more extensively in the area of evaluation, which was started in the previous year. There has been a re-organization of the board's functions and there is stronger emphasis on hiring existing trainers for new assignments. There are over 100 trainers and over 1200 facilitators.



The team has completed a new webpage, <http://www.icdp.se/>, and has produced new ICDP materials, such as manuals, booklets and leaflets. ICDP Sweden has also introduced an on-line bookshop on their website - follow this link to it: <http://www.icdp.se/bocker.aspx> . The innovative way of applying ICDP with the elderly is in process of being systematized and a report is under preparation. ICDP Sweden and ICDP International signed an agreement for cooperation and with it came also a more active role for the Swedish team on the international arena, as well as a financial contribution to the international operation.

FINLAND

Klara Shauman Alhberg is a Finish psychologist working in the Family Centre in Paragas, near Åbo. Last year while on a visit to Sweden, Klara was introduced to ICDP. Afterwards she decided to try to bring

ICDP to Finland. Her vision is becoming a reality as a group of her colleagues including, psychologists, teachers, pedagogues and family workers have now started to receive training in ICDP. The first ICDP training workshop was held by Annelie Waldau, chair of ICDP Sweden, who is also an experienced ICDP trainer.

PORTUGAL

The preparation of the new "Pedagogic Project for the Education and Community Centre Roda Viva" took place throughout August. The project is based on the principles of the ICDP Program. Its activities began in September, with the start of the new school year and will continue over the next three to four years. It is a further step in consolidating the work which ICDP has been developing with the technical team of this institution, since 2007.



All activities will be guided by ICDP principles; the work with staff, as well as the work with infants, children, young people and their families.

ICDP AT THE TECHNICAL SEMINAR IN LISBON

On 16th of April 2010, the ICDP programme was presented at a workshop in Lisbon, as part of the "I Technical Seminar", organized by the government agency "Santa Casa da Misericórdia das Caldas da Rainha". The seminar was attended by various experts, including kinder garden teachers, psychologists, sociologists, practitioners of social inclusion techniques among others. There was common understanding that the quality of the relationship between the caregivers and the children is the key for the success of psychosocial interventions.

NEWS FROM AFRICA

NETWORK MEETING FOR THE SOUTHERN AFRICAN REGION

ICDP has held regular training workshops in the Southern African region for several years now. Participants include representatives from Mozambique, Tanzania, South Africa, Lesotho, Zimbabwe, Malawi and Ethiopia. The overarching development goal is to improve the psychosocial and educational care of orphans and vulnerable children, in the wake of poverty and the AIDS pandemic in the Southern African region. The training is given to representatives from different international, national, governmental and private agencies. ICDP received support for the workshops from the Bernard van Leer Foundation and the Norwegian and South African research councils. The trained groups requested further support and training for the purpose of sustaining and expanding their ICDP work. The idea of a Southern African ICDP network is basically about support for competence building inside a context of South – South cooperation and autonomy. This year the ICDP Network meeting for the Southern African region will be held in Pietermaritzburg in South Africa.

MOZAMBIQUE

ICDP sensitisation projects are ongoing in Mozambique and different activities are continuously developing in relation to community groups such as the Organization of Mozambican Women and the Maputo Social Services, as well as many other groups. From the report by Maria Teresa Mendes:



ICDP INSERTED AT THE UNIVERSITY

In August, the ICDP program was introduced at the Pedagogical University in Maputo through a series of lectures for twenty four post graduate students. There was also a public talk about 'Education and Gender' for the University staff and students. The Pedagogic University in Maputo officially inserted the ICDP program in the curriculum of post-graduate students, as part of Master courses in psychotherapy.

As part of this agreement ICDP developed two training modules. The modules include field work for students, who will be accompanied by ICDP in their practical application of the ICDP program, whereas their written work will be examined and supported via internet.

ICDP SENSITIZATION SEMINAR

From the report by Maria Teresa Mendes: - Caregivers from different organizations from the “Rede Criança” network attended an ICDP sensitization seminar, which we held at the “Mozambican Hotel”, in Maputo. There were 29 participants who worked intensively together over five days and freely shared their experiences, including talking about their own wrong attitudes towards children. All seemed to show keen interest in ICDP and were deeply affected when we talked about the importance of empathic communication with children and expressions of love even before the child is born. It was like receiving a revelation when they heard about the positive effect this had on children’s development. Our seminar facilitators were frequently interrupted by participants’ questions and desire to share their experiences. Singing, dancing and clapping, was always present as a daily manifestation of their feelings of appreciation. The way they were thanking ICDP and asking us to come back was extremely rewarding. At the end of the seminar, representatives of practically all network organizations that were present expressed their interest to incorporate ICDP in their work. A representative from the local authority, the Quarter Secretary, came to thank ICDP and said that he is still trying to understand the reasons for the enormous impact of ICDP on women in the community.

Some of the participants’ comments:

- “After this ICDP intervention, one cannot wait for other people to change. We must become the starting point for the needed changes. I pray to God to give me the capacity to maintain alive all that we received here. Everything will start to happen due to our changed behaviour, caring not only for our children, but also for our parents, friends...”
- “God has led us to come here to start teaching others ICDP. From the second day of this ICDP intervention, I stopped yelling at my grandchildren. In fact my grandchildren are confused and comment among themselves: “Granny changed! What is she learning over there?” What happened is that with this, our minds and our hearts were opened!”
- One of the few young mothers present, said: “I feel very happy, but very sad too, because our work together is coming to an end. I know that this kind of change will not happen suddenly, but little by little. Anyway, I feel that I changed a lot in my relationships with my children, my brothers and even with the people I come across in the streets.”
- “It is amazing but the ICDP program is like some church teachings. I want to be able to stop, listen and advise my children when they have problems. But now, all of us need to work to spread ICDP, instead of staying at home. It is as if we are starting to live in another world. Street children need ICDP, in order for them not to feel lonely and empty any more. I found here the way to put in practice what Church teaches us.”
- “One of my grandchildren spoke disrespectfully to the maid. I immediately called his attention saying that although being a maid, she is older than he and that he should respect her. What was funny was that I intervened without thinking and only later I understood that it was a fruit of ICDP intervention!”

- “The ones who had ears ... heard! The ones who have heart ... changed! Nowadays I can open myself and communicate even with men. Everyday, since I came to know this program, I feel the reward from it, its ‘juice!’”
- “Please, whenever you have more teachings, come and share with us. The door is opened. I myself used to beat a lot; I was very violent and once the neighbours told me that one day they would come to put me in jail, where I would be beaten too. Today, I feel so guilty and I know that when I was telling to my children that they were dumb - the one who was dumb was I. My neighbours, one day, might tell me that my children got lost in life ... How bad and ashamed would I feel, knowing that I acted wrongly!!”
- One participant lost all her four children through AIDS and is now looking after all her grandchildren, in spite of her advanced age. In addition to taking good care of her grandchildren, she is determined to sensitize her neighbours who don't care for their children as they should.
- “Please don't stop and have the courage to spread this teaching into all the Mozambican communities. This has to be conveyed from one generation to the other.”

Link with Lesotho

During the sensitization week two ICDP facilitators from Lesotho, Lineo and Marurissa, arrived. The visit was part of their ICDP training and their participation was very positive and friendly. They went back to Lesotho with extremely positive impressions about ICDP and asked to join the ‘ICDP African Network’. They are now trying to get funds to return to Mozambique in order to become ICDP Trainers.

EVALUATION

An evaluation study of the ICDP work in Mozambique was commissioned by NORAD and was carried out by a team of independent consultants led by professor Lorraine Sherr. It showed very positive outcomes. To read more follow the link: <http://www.icdp.info/evaluation.html>

MALAWI

ICDP training was initially given to professionals linked to a Norwegian organization called PiV (Psychiatri of Vestfold). They are using the program as part of a project called “ Psychosocial support for vulnerable children “ , which is supported by the Norwegian Church Aid. ICDP has continued to develop and this year training of a new group of facilitators has been initiated. Hege Vilberg is one of the key persons in charge of planning and running the projects.

TANZANIA



The ICDP work in Moshi and its surrounding areas has been ongoing since July 2004, when the first psychosocial training seminar took place, as a collaboration between the University of Bergen and a local organization called Kiwakkuki.

There are now 65 facilitators and 12 trainers in the Kilimanjaro region, and a new group of 28 facilitators have started their process of ICDP training - see photos above from the workshops.



Photo on the left shows a group of caregivers participating in an ICDP meeting. The Tanzanian government is currently developing an Early Childhood Development policy, in cooperation with UNICEF, the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Social Welfare, the Ministry of Community Development, as well as some other local organizations - the plan is to implement this new ECD strategy in a pilot project in 6-8 districts of Tanzania. Interest has been expressed to include the ICDP programme in this pilot.

Local ICDP trainers Verynice Monyo and Lui Mfangavo organized network meetings, which were conducted in four districts: Moshi municipal, Moshi rural west, Moshi rural east and Mwanga. The aim was to link the new group of facilitators who are just starting their training with the more experienced group. In all 4 districts the experienced facilitators shared about their achievements and challenges in using the ICDP programme, and in addition they talked about the positive impact of the programme in their personal lives. Their stories illustrate how as result of ICDP there are improvements in caregivers' attitudes and behaviour towards their children and also positive changes in children's behaviour.

Click to the following link to read some of these comments by caregivers and ICDP trained facilitators:
<http://www.icdp.info/Tanzaniastoriesbyfacilitatorsandcaregivers.pdf>

ICDP INTRODUCTORY WORKSHOP IN SOUTH AFRICA

The CINDI Network is organizing an ICDP Introductory workshop, which is going to take place in Pietermaritzburg, from the 16th to 18th of November 2010. Due to the high interest in ICDP a second ICDP introductory training workshop may follow in February 2010. The CINDI Network (see website www.cindi.org.za) has 150 member organizations (CBO's and NGO's). Of the 150, approximately 93 are CBO members working in communities in and around the KwaZulu Natal Province. Members are congregated in 4 districts - 1.Umgunglovu & Sisonke; 2.Ladysmith, Escourt & Newcastle; 3. Majuba; 4. Mkhanyakude.

The November workshop will be conducted by Karsten Hundeide. It will be attended by a maximum of twenty five participants, who will come from 10 different organizations from the Psycho-Social support cluster. The recommendation is that two people attend from each of the ten organizations, so that there are two trained people per organization who can work together on implementing ICDP after the workshop. The scaling up of ICDP in KwaZulu Natal will take place in two phases:

- Phase 1 - Training of Facilitators. - This training will include training of key persons selected by each organization who will form a "core group" for the province.
- Phase 2 - Training of Trainers. - From the initial training of facilitators a group will be selected to represent each organization in Trainers training.

SOUTH AFRICA



experiences and will also receive their ICDP diplomas.

NEW PROJECT

ICDP Norway in cooperation with RBUP and Gamalacke Stiftelse, started a new ICDP initiative in the township of Gamalacke, in the province of Natal. In March and September, Astri Johnsen and Ingeborg Tegebjerg held ICDP training workshops for twenty local caregivers. These caregivers came from different crèches to receive training to become ICDP Facilitators. As a part of their field work task they are currently implementing ICDP with groups of parents. In November they will attend a third ICDP workshop at which they will present the field work

LESOTHO

A successful ICDP training programme has been developing throughout the year, at the Thaba-Bosiu Centre in Maseru. After attending several ICDP workshops, participants developed local “self training” projects in their communities. These projects or field work were carried out by a core group of professionals who will become qualified ICDP facilitators. They are applying the ICDP methodology in their work with families and children who are affected by problems of alcohol and substance abuse. ICDP cooperates with a very committed and resourceful team from the Centre, and this work is sponsored by the Blue Cross Norway.

Quotes from the ICDP international trainer’s notes:

- I was impressed by the way most trainees reported about their field work. They were very responsible and have prepared carefully their presentations, mainly through written reports and some material with pictures, drawings and personal comments or stories. I believe that an interesting capable ‘Reference Group’ may come out of these participants.

I went on a field visit to observe an ICDP meeting with a group of local women. It was quite positive but at the same time it revealed the huge difficulties people have to deal with: alcohol, drugs, violence, gender conflicts, HIV and grief ... children and women experiencing loneliness and abandonment. Most of men working at South African mines are alcohol dependent and HIV positive.

One interesting case was reported about a very recent widow; her husband was an alcoholic who died of HIV. She was in a group sensitized by one of the local ICDP Promoters and became extremely enthusiastic about ICDP. Through ICDP she could express her grief and it was helped her to share numerous stories about her husband and his death process, and to talk about what that process caused psychologically and emotionally to the family.

Due to the general enthusiasm, some of the facilitators are already working with a second group of caregivers.

ZIMBABWE

The Community Foundation for the Western Region of Zimbabwe is working on expanding its work and plans to include the ICDP principles in its Home-based Orphan Care Programme. As the name implies, home based orphan care is providing a family support or community support system to orphans and vulnerable children to experience quality family life and all safety nets that family life provides. Some of the activities include sensitization workshops on family life, Early Childhood Development, child care skills, learning exchange/sharing experiences, health clinics, children's rights, psychosocial support, resource mobilization for children's activities, child protection mainstreaming, child participation and capacity building of care givers. Currently the program is covering 9 districts but it is planned to extend it to all 25 districts in the western part of Zimbabwe. The intention is to employ the ICDP principles in achieving all the above stated activities.

NEWS FROM LATIN AMERICA

COLOMBIA

EVALUATION STUDY PRESENTED IN NEIVA, CAPITAL OF HUILA

Professional evaluator Oscar Solano presented very positive outcomes of the ICDP evaluation study sponsored by UNICEF. The meeting was attended by representatives from UNICEF, ICDP, IICRD, the ministries of health and education (SED and SEM) and the regional director of ICBF. They discussed future expansion of ICDP in the Huila province and tried to define ways of incorporating ICDP within the framework of local public policy for early childhood and youth. Link to the website with the evaluation study: <http://www.icdp.info/evaluation.html>

LAUNCH OF ICDP IN SANTANDER

On the 19th of April in the town of Bucaramanga, the First lady of the department officially launched an ICDP project, which will spread the program to 38 towns of the Santander province. ICDP is now being implemented in three different areas of the department of Santander, in the province de Velez, de Mares and de Garcia Rovira. ICDP Colombia signed an agreement of cooperation with the Health Ministry and has already started the process of training of a core group of health agents who will later become ICDP trainers. At the same time another group of professionals are currently receiving training to become ICDP facilitators whose task will be to apply the ICDP program directly with families.



The main task of the core group of trainers will be to supervise the ICDP developments and sustain the quality of the work in the department - so there is a strong emphasis on monitoring and evaluation procedures. ICDP ran a series of workshops in May in Bucaramanga, Malaga and Barrancabermeja. ICDP workshops are attended by 121 participants including psychologists, ICBF staff, community mothers, health personnel and their coordinators.

NEW PROJECT WITH YOUTH

ICDP was invited by a Catholic priest, called Padre Dario to work in the Barrio Genesis community, in the town of Armenia. Padre Dario has been working on a project for the community called "Peace and Art project for sustainable human development" that focuses on art and culture, nutrition and health programs. Barrio Genesis was known as the most dangerous part of Armenia characterized by unemployment, drug addiction, prostitution, sexual abuse, violence, delinquency and many young people's involvement in the armed conflict. Thanks to the extraordinary dedication of Padre Dario there has been a dramatic reduction of violent incidents in this community and a real transformation in young people as a result. Now the young people are developing their talents, forming music bands and art groups, and they actively participate in the cultural and social development of their community. An ICDP project for young people has been developing since March. Fourteen young people attended seven ICDP workshops, which were held on Sundays, and in between the workshops they practiced ICDP with younger children in their community. After this initial experience they decided to become ICDP facilitators and started working with groups of families. Some of the ICDP sessions with families are held in the chapel after the Sunday service by Padre Dario. Two young facilitators are now giving an ICDP course to 17 year old students from the local school called La Popa.



Young people preparing to sing at the Sunday service



Padre Dario with ICDP trainers

RATE OF VIOLENCE REDUCED IN BOYACA PROVINCE

Five years ago, the Boyaca health authorities became concerned about the high incidents of violent behaviour, which led to the introduction of a new strategy for the province. The ICDP programme with its focus on improving interpersonal relationships was implemented widely as part of that new strategy. The monitoring indicators are now showing a reduction in violent behaviour for the period between 2007 and 2010.

ICDP RADIO PROGRAMME

In the department of Boyaca, Colombia, the RCN radio station broadcast a series of programs about "The Eight ICDP Guidelines for Good Interaction". The meaning of each guideline was first explained

theoretically and then it was followed with a story illustrating the importance of the message. The aim of the radio programme is to raise awareness against violence and promote positive relationships in the family and community.

BRAZIL

ICDP IN FORTALEZA

In September, ICDP trainer Eleazar Luft started new cooperation with IPREDE in Fortaleza by holding a workshop for members of their technical team. IPREDE was formed in 1986 and is working in the area of nutrition and childhood development. Their intention is to launch a program for their municipality using the ICDP methodology as an official part of their program.

ICDP AND PADIN



Eriton Araújo is the chairman of PADIN – Program of Assistance for the Development of Infants, in the municipality of Iguatu, state of Ceará, Brazil. He visited Oslo to start cooperation with ICDP International on the integration of the ICDP program in a new service for marginalized communities which is now starting to be provided by PADIN. Eriton (on photo, on the far right) explains: - In PADIN we have created a new program called “Godmothers of Child Development” (represented on the T-shirt on the photo) with the aim of assisting pregnant women and caregivers of children 0 to 6 years old. We placed a special focus on promoting good interaction between caregivers and children, in addition to covering some micro-areas related to health assistance. This program has become a new public policy by the local authorities in Iguatu and one of its main reference is the ICDP Method. Since April 2010 we have been developing a pilot project with the idea to use the ICDP method by first training a group of health workers (the Godmothers of Child Development) and then it is the godmothers who will work with local communities at high risk, such as the community of Villa Mora for example. Each of the twelve godmothers will visit families three times a week, each visit lasting four hours. We will be monitoring developments very closely, seeking feedback from the families and adapting our way of working accordingly.

NEW PROJECT IN PERNAMBUCO

ICDP has started cooperation with Save the Children Fund in Recife, working on a multi-institutional project in the semi-arid region of Pernambuco and Bahia states in North East Brazil. The project is sponsored mainly by the European Community. During the first two and a half years of the project new models for integrated services for early childhood development will be created, implemented, and evaluated. After that, these experiences will be analysed, documented, published and shared in a variety of existing networks for child survival, education and protection.

The action is targeted at the three following groups:

1. 52,400 Children under five from poor and excluded populations, and their caregivers;

2. Non-State Actors and Local Authorities in 36 municipalities in Pernambuco and Bahia states in Brazil;
3. National, international -and European- networks and forums on early childhood development, education, child rights and child survival

The community groups will receive an initial training from the different partner organizations. The training will cover three thematic areas: a) Care and Psychosocial Development in Early Childhood (ICDP); b) Health and Nutrition in Early Childhood (CNMP); c) Protection of Child Rights and Combating Domestic and Sexual Violence Against Children (CENDHEC).



A group of 22 professionals, mainly educators, psychologists and social workers from an NGO called ACARI are this year being trained in ICDP, by attending workshops led by Nicoletta Armstrong. They have already started to implement ICDP with families and children linked to local day centres, schools and preschools and are also beginning to train professionals in charge of the program called Mãe Coruja, which provides health education, literacy classes and a variety of life skills to pregnant women. ICDP is currently being introduced in 19 towns. Polyanna Magalhães from Save the Children office in Recife is coordinating this initiative. An ICDP workshop will take place at the end of November.

EL SALVADOR:

In 2006, Marina Morales, from the UNICEF El Salvador office, asked ICDP to deliver a training program to a group of professionals from key government and non-government networks in the country. Marina has continued to oversee the ICDP developments and here is her recent update: - We have been applying the ICDP programme all over our country for almost four years now and the experiences have been very good. Carolina Guevarra, from ISNA (social services) is coordinating the practical sides of the ICDP implementation, together with the core group of local ICDP trainers. Carolina's great enthusiasm for ICDP has spread to the leadership of ISNA, and there is now a strong institutional commitment to continue to support and expand the ICDP initiative. This year, UNICEF and ISNA made a major effort to involve in the ICDP process both the local authorities and the local community. As a result of this strategy we have succeeded to reach a significantly higher number of families with ICDP.

PARAGUAY



News from ICDP trainer Benita Gavilan:

- Together with a Swedish expert from an organization called TAMAM, we have been working on a strategic plan for our foundation "Vida Plena", hoping to scale up ICDP developments in this country.

We are trying to improve our NGO profile and increase our fundraising efforts, and we hope to have more people involved with our organization. TAMAM is a support organization, whose main task is helping the integration of immigrant children and youth in Sweden, but they also have

an outreach program outside Sweden.

They contacted us in 2008 and have so far sent three people to accompany our work in the Day-care Centre for children in the Asunción Gross Market area - read previous report by a volunteer. TAMAM have also provided funding for children's outings and have organized an interchange of volunteers. We are continuing to hold ICDP sensitization meetings with the parents of the market children and we are also giving ICDP training on regular basis to the educators in the Day-care Centre.

We have recently started organizing additional courses for the parents developing their skills in handicrafts, in the hope of increasing their source of income. Follow the link to read a previously written report by a volunteer: <http://www.icdp.info/VidaPlenareport.pdf>

GUATEMALA

ICDP TRAINING FOR CHILD WORKERS



ICDP was established in Guatemala through the cooperation of ICDP with UNICEF and Plan Guatemala. For four years now ICDP training programs have been developing in many communities all over the country. An evaluation study by Plan about the impact of ICDP in Guatemala is under preparation and will be ready by November. This year the mayor of the Guatemala City requested ICDP training to be given to caregivers working with children in the city of Guatemala. As a result, from the 13th to the 17th of September ICDP trainer Julio Martinez held the first of a series of ICDP workshops, which are planned to take place in the

future. He started the training of 54 members of staff from day centres, preschools and crèches.
Photo: Julio Martinez in a sensitization meeting

MEXICO:

Casa de la Niñez Poblana, is a government institution for abandoned children in the town of Puebla. It provides protection to children of all age groups. The director is open to innovative programs and his institution relies on a dynamic team of psychologists who were trained in ICDP and have been applying it in their work with great enthusiasm. During 2010 this institution has incorporated ICDP as one of their methodologies and all of its 72 members of staff have received training in the ICDP program. The institution has high standards of care providing high quality services based on a personalized approach with each child.



Photo above illustrates the latest ICDP initiative at Casa de la Niñez Poblana: ICDP facilitator Julieta Hernández is holding ICDP sensitization meetings with members of the local police

AUSTRALIA

FIRST ICDP PROJECT IN REDHILL, BRISBANE

Anne Moore (on the photo) successfully implemented ICDP at the Moonyah Rehabilitation Centre for people with alcohol and drug addiction problems.

Anne writes:

"It is so nice that young men are interested in the program and want to be able to connect with their children. Their Case manager was a bit wary when I first told him what the ICDP program was about, as he felt that their men may not really relate; but by getting them on board right from day one they were happy to attend. They were also used to sharing and talking honestly as they do that as part of their rehabilitation program. They were trying really hard to stay connected to their children. It was very

moving at times when the participants were sharing about how they felt as children and of the impact their addiction has had on their own children.



One participant father had a 14 year old girl that he was really having trouble with, she was really angry and acting out and he did not seem to be able to connect with her. In the group there was also another father who had had the same problems with one of his girls, so he shared some stories about his child and gave some ideas about what he thought might help. The following week, we discovered that his advice worked as the father of the 14 year old girl came to the meeting really excited and told about how he had been able to talk to his daughter really openly and discovered why she was so upset. I found that to be one of the most powerful things about the program. "

Click on the following link to read more about Anne's work:
<http://www.icdp.info/AUSTRALIANNEWSLETTER.pdf>

INDIA

Over the past five years Professor Karl-Peter Hubbertz has been instrumental in developing ICDP in many communities in West Bengal. In April he sent us an update:

"My colleague Maria Chatterjee who is coordinating the work of ICDP on the ground, has just sent me a report about her field visits in Kharagpur. Kharagpur is one of the more distant regions of West Bengal where last year Maria and I conducted together an ICDP workshop. Maria went on supervising the training of the workshop participants who came from different villages and eventually they started to implement ICDP in practice by running their own ICDP groups with local caregivers.



Maria's reports that their ICDP work has demonstrated very good results. I am very happy to hear that ICDP managed to develop even in this very remote and difficult area. Maria will conduct new ICDP-courses in West Bengal over the next few months and I will join her later on."