



REPORT OF THE SECOND WORKSHOP FOR TRAINEE FACILITATORS OF THE INTERNATIONAL CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

Held in Abidjan, from 4th to the 7th of September 2023



September 2023

BACKGROUND

As part of their development activities and to respond to the thorny issue of difficult relationships between children and their parents, the Evangelical and Lutheran Mission in the Ivory Coast and the Norwegian Protestant Mission (MPN) in Senegal, initiated a training of their partners on the International Child Development Program (ICDP) approach.

This training took place, in its first phase, from February 27 to March 3, in Kédougou, in the south-east of Senegal and with participants from both countries.

The second session, which will certify participants as ICDP facilitators, took place in Abidjan, in the Ivory Coast, on September 4, 5, 6 and 7, 2023.

WORKSHOP DEVELOPMENT

From September 4 to 7, 2023, the second training session for facilitators on the ICDP program took place. This second stage was to take stock of the self-training phase, to support the Facilitators with a view to improving facilitation techniques, in line with the ICDP principles - it was therefore an opportunity to revise the principles and guidelines.

The participants included 5 facilitators and 1 social worker from Senegal, 3 facilitators and 1 observer from the Ivory Coast.

The technique used to discuss the self-training phase was very participatory. Each Facilitator shared their photos and videos on one or more of the topics. They shared with the whole group the difficulties they encountered, as well as the strong positive points experienced during their self-training projects.

The main challenges are:

- Mastery of the seven principles of facilitation; the principles must be applied well in practice to facilitate parental participation. Facilitators must internalize these principles, and understand that there is no chronological order when using the seven principles.

- Facilitators need to develop several personal examples for each principle of the programme, which would help them to illustrate the meaning of these topics and make meetings with caregivers more dynamic.
- With regards to the second dialogue (comprehension dialogue), the facilitators showed some difficulty separating the three different aspects (ICDP guideline 5, 6 and 7) of this dialogue. An effort should be made to separate expansion from the other two guidelines namely, focusing and giving and meaning.
- Use of the log book: during the implementation of the ICDP programme, facilitators did not use the log book. It is important to use it as it is one of the facilitator's monitoring tools.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Facilitators should aim to work in pairs to facilitate complementarity.
- Facilitators should contextualize the guidelines by using photos of local interactions and illustrations that are culturally adequate.
- Each team should aim to document and share success stories.
- Facilitators should create a WhatsApp group to allow the sharing of experiences between facilitators from the two countries.
- The teams should aim to work on drafting project proposals for each country, aimed at promoting caregivers' sensitivity to children so that they can fulfil their essential needs.

NB: the social worker from Senegal wanted to know what ICDP expects from the Senegalese government as part of this program.

EVALUATIONS BY PARTICIPANTS

How useful was this training for you? Questions	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL
How useful was this training for you?			1	1	8	10
How clear were the trainer's explanations to you?			1	1	8	10
In your opinion, how important is the content of the program for your everyday work?			1	3	7	10
To what extent do you think you will implement the ICDP program in your work?				4	6	10

Participants' comments:

- ✚ The training went well, the trainer explained all the details well and we want to put this into practice to be good facilitators.
- ✚ Training that came at a time when we really need it.
- ✚ We should do this training or refresher courses at least twice a year
- ✚ Beyond work, it is the lives of my children that will be improved
- ✚ We did not have enough time to talk about what everyone did in the field and give the details of sessions held; this would have allowed us to better understand what was done well, fairly well or poorly.
- ✚ Mobilization of all stakeholders via WhatsApp to share field experiences in order to succeed in project interventions.
- ✚ The ICDP program has given me a lot of benefits in the way I treat my children and others.
- ✚ The trainer lived up to our expectations with his availability, his attention and his clear and illustrative explanations
- ✚ The ICDP program is a program that I really like because it helped me live well in society, especially with children, and gain a lot of experience in this area.

✚ The ICDP program is of great importance and this training has taught me a lot in everyday life and especially in my work and this will accompany me throughout my life.



One of the activities during the workshop for facilitators



Participants answering the 12 questions for facilitators



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