



**FORUM ON INVESTING IN YOUNG CHILDREN GLOBALLY (IYCG)
SUPPORTING FAMILY AND COMMUNITY INVESTMENTS FOR YOUNG CHILDREN
GLOBALLY**

Joint with the Ethiopian Academy of Sciences
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

MEETING OBJECTIVES

Part 1 aims to highlight the science and economics of family and community investments in children and their caregivers using coordinated approaches across the areas of health, education, nutrition, and social protection. Specific areas include:

1. Definitions and dynamics determining investment across a diversity of contexts
2. Examples of coordination across sectors, funding entities, and the life course
3. Models of financial and human capital investments in young children and their caregivers
4. Evidence of effectiveness related to investments in families and communities
5. Public and private sector approaches to supporting families to invest in young children
6. Innovative potential that is occurring regionally and globally in family and community investments in young children

Part 2 aims to address the impacts of acute disruptions on investments in young children and their caregivers across three broad areas: human-induced disasters, natural disasters, and outbreaks. Specific questions to be addressed include:

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3. How can the lessons learned from these examples lead to investments to strengthen families and communities to minimize the damage from acute disruptions on the health and well-being of children and their caregivers in the future?

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Taha Taha, Johns Hopkins University (Meeting Chair Part 2)

SUNDAY, JULY 26th (closed session)

[Hilton Hotel- Harrar Grill Room, conference table] 45 pp

5:30 – 6:30 Moderator: Kofi Marfo

Keynotes: Masresha Fetene, Executive Director, Ethiopian Academy of Sciences
Theresa Betancourt, Harvard University

MONDAY, JULY 27th

Hilton Hotel, Ballroom II/Ibex Nyala

8:00 – 8:30 Networking Breakfast

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8:30 – 9:00 Welcome Messages

Demissie Habte, President, Ethiopian Academy of Sciences
Ann Masten & Zulfiqar Bhutta, iYCG Forum Co-Chairs
Gary Darmstadt & Amina Abubakar, iYCG Workshop Co-Chairs

9:00 – 10:00 Keynotes: Defining Family and Community Investments

Objective: Define social and cultural factors that influence investments in young children

Moderator: Larry Aber, New York University

Speakers: Alex Coutinho, Institute for Child Wellness in Africa's Ambassador, Accordia Global Health
Gillian Mellsop, UNICEF, Ethiopia

10:00 – 10:30 Break

10:30 – 12:00 Public & Private Sector Views on Financing Models that Meet the Needs of Families and Communities

Objective: Highlight examples of financing models for coordinated investments, including how governments are structured and how governments mobilize financial support; and examine examples of private sector funding models and perspectives on balancing profit with value and impacts related to early childhood development

Moderators: Simon Sommer, Jacobs Foundation

Speakers: Bill Guyton, World Cocoa Foundation
Afzal Habib, Kidogo—Kenya
David Harrison, DG Murray Trust
Policy Reaction: Joe Amoako-Tuffour, African Centre for Economic Transformation (ACET)

12:00 – 1:00 Lunch

1:00 – 2:30 Views from the Ground on Investing in Young Children and their caregivers

Objective: Highlight the innovative programming that is occurring on the ground in family and community investments in young children globally through grassroots models that have been evaluated

Moderator: Alan Pence, University of Victoria, British Columbia
Speakers: Frealem Shibabaw, Ethiopia School Meal Initiative
Jeffrey Edmeades, International Center for Research on Women
Menelik Desta Argaw, School Readiness Initiative (SRI)
Research Reaction: Lorraine Sherr, University College London

2:30 – 3:00 Break

3:00 – 4:30 Community Viewpoints on Investing in Young Children and Their Caregivers

Objective: Highlight perspectives from communities that represent different views on investing in children, including how families prioritize and negotiate financial decisions

Introduction: Jocelyn Widmer & Charlee Alexander, Institute of Medicine
Moderator: Amina Abubakar, Center for Geographic Medicine, KEMRI Wellcome Trust Research Labs
Video Perspectives: Series of Videos from the Field

- Haiti
- Rwanda
- Ethiopia

Research Reaction: Yisak Tafere and Nardos Chuta, Young Lives Project, Ethiopia

4:30 – 5:00 Poster Session Presentations and Networking Reception for Young Influencers

Format: 2-Minute Presentations in Person or via Video Submission
Moderator: Gary Darmstadt, Stanford University

5:00 – 6:00 Reception

TUESDAY, JULY 28TH
Hilton Hotel, Ballroom I

8:00 – 8:30 Networking Breakfast

- 8:30 – 8:45 Welcome**
Amina Abubakar & Gary Darmstadt, Workshop co-Chairs
- 8:45 – 10:15 Ethiopian Ministry Policy Perspectives**
Objective: Discuss the national policy perspectives that weigh the benefits and costs for financial and human capital investments in young children and their caregivers.
- Chair: Prof. Aderemi Kuku, President, African Academy of Sciences
Moderator: Helia Molina, Vice Dean of Research and Development in Faculty Medica Sciences at the University of Santiago de Chile;
Past Minister of Health, Chile
Panelists: Mr. Yasabu Birkenen, Director of Early Childhood Education, Ministry of Education
Mrs. Yayesh Tesfahuney, Director of Child Rights and Promotion
Dr. Ephrem Tekle, Director for Maternal and Child Health Directorate, Ministry of Health, Ethiopia
Reaction: Dr. Kebede Worku, State Minister, Ministry of Health
- 10:15 – 10:45 Break**
- 10:45 – 12:15 Breakout Session: Decision Support Tools for Countries and Localities**
Objective: Explore multiple decision support tools in breakout groups to identify audience for each tool, what the tool aims to do, how the tools might be integrated into a strong decision support tool
- Group Leads: Guru Madhavan, Institute of Medicine (SMART Tool)
Constanza Alarcon, Presidency of Colombia (Tools in Colombia)
Ann Masten, University of Minnesota (ECD Policy Planning Tool)
- 12:15 – 1:00 Lunch**
- 1:00 – 1:45 Report Out from Breakout Sessions**
Moderator: Simon Sommer, Jacobs Foundation
- 1:45 – 3:00 Policies that Support Families/Community Investment**
Objective: Examine systems and governance issues that facilitate or create barriers to increasing opportunities for financial and human capital investments in young children and their caregivers.
- Moderator: Angela Diaz, Mount Sinai Hospital
Speaker: Jody Heymann, UCLA
Paper Presentation: Quentin Wodon, World Bank
Research Reaction: Amina Abubakar, Center for Geographic Medicine, KEMRI
Wellcome Trust Research Labs
- 3:00 – 3:15 Concluding Remarks**
Gary Darmstadt & Amina Abubakar, Workshop Co-Chairs
- 3:15 – 3:30 Break**

End Part 1 on Family and Community Investments in Young Children

ACUTE DISRUPTIONS

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3:30 – 3:50 Welcome and Overview of the Epidemiology of Ebola Outbreaks

Taha Taha, Johns Hopkins University & Workshop Chair

3:50 – 5:15 Keynotes on the Ebola Outbreak: Lessons Learned

Objective: Speakers will present data/observations and also provide recommendations, solutions, strategies that have worked. This session will help to guide the breakout discussions.

Moderator: Janna Patterson, The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation

Opening remarks on the collateral damages to children and families as a result of acute disruptions

Presenters: Janice Cooper, Country Lead for the Liberia Mental Health Initiative, The Carter Center

Lessons Learned toward Building Resilience

Alex Coutinho

5:15 – 5:45 Keynote: Effective Technology Applications to Infectious Disease Threats

Mapping health care services and equipment using data systems

Moderator: Masresha Fetene, Director, Ethiopian Academy of Sciences

Speaker: Steve Adler, IBM

5:45 – 6:00 Closing remarks

Taha Taha, Workshop Chair

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29th

Hilton Hotel, Ballroom I

8:00 – 8:30 Networking Breakfast

8:30 – 8:40 Welcome

Taha Taha, Workshop Chair

8:40 – 9:30 Challenges and Opportunities for an Integrated Response

Arnaud Conchon, UNICEF

Objectives of Working Groups [Video]

Zulfiqar Bhutta, iYCG Forum co-Chair

9:30 – 11:30 Working Group Sessions

Goal: at the end of the day we will draw on the discussions in the work groups to identify 3 areas of potential policy actions in the context of acute disruptions

- Group 1 *Human-Induced Disasters* (e.g., armed conflict—Sierra Leone, DRC, Syria, Rwanda)
Chair: Christine Mutaganzwa, Partners in Health
Moderator: Amina Abubakar, Center for Geographic Medicine, KEMRI Wellcome Trust Research Labs
Perspective: Bonita Birungi, SAVE the Children, Africa Regional Technical Team
- Group 2 *Natural Disasters* (e.g., earthquake, tsunami, drought)
Chair: Joan Conn, Restavek Freedom, Haiti
Moderators: Tina Hyder, Open Society Foundations
Perspective: Bishnu Bhatta, Association for Childhood Education International, Nepal
- Group 3 *Outbreaks* (e.g., Ebola, SARS, AIDS)
Chair: Valerie Bemo, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation
Moderator: Taha Taha, Johns Hopkins University
Perspective: Mulugeta Gebru, Executive Director, Jerusalem Children and Community Development Organization, Ethiopia

11:30 – 12:00 Break

12:00 – 1:00 Reporting Out Synthesis of 3 Areas of Potential Policy Action

Moderator: Taha Taha, Workshop Chair

1:00pm Adjourn