

Early Childhood Education in ECA

Overview of the World Bank's activities in the Europe and Central Asia Region



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Engagement in the ECA Region

□ **Purpose:**

- ✓ Increasing activities to promote, expand and improve the quality of education in pre-primary levels.

□ **Instruments:**

- ✓ Financing
- ✓ Technical Assistance and Policy Dialogue
- ✓ Research

Focus of cooperation

Operations focusing in expansion Early Childhood Education mainly for students aged 3-6 in Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, Kyrgyz Republic, Moldova, Romania, Russian, Federation, Tajikistan, Turkey, and Uzbekistan :

- ✓ Assistance to support the development of flexible forms of ECCE service provision.
- ✓ Activities to engage parents and children in early reading at home.
- ✓ Communication campaigns focusing on the critical role of parents as children's first teachers, in providing stimulating ECD.
- ✓ Training of teachers and school principals through learning materials and mentoring.
- ✓ Building and renovating adapted school facilities.
- ✓ Development of curriculum with methodological guidance, quality standards for programs and materials.
- ✓ Development of school readiness assessment tools.

An innovative tool: SABER-ECD

- ❑ SABER (Systems Approach For Better Education Results) collects and analyses policy data on education systems around the world. It covers key domains of the education system such as Teacher Quality, Student Assessment, Workforce Development, School Autonomy and Accountability, or ECD.
- ❑ The ECD module looks three policy goals: establishing and enabling environment, implementing widely, and monitoring and assuring quality.
- ❑ **How are countries finding SABER-ECD useful ?**
 - ✓ They see a complete picture of ECD in a country- it's a holistic and multi-sectoral assessment
 - ✓ They identify policy options to improve ECD
 - ✓ They use international and regional comparisons to generate options and inform policy decisions

SABER-ECD

- ❑ Countries implementing SABER-ECD so far:
 - ✓ Albania (2014)
 - ✓ Armenia (2013)
 - ✓ Bulgaria (2014)
 - ✓ Russian Federation (2014)
 - ✓ Kyrgyz Republic (2013)
 - ✓ Tajikistan (2013)
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