

Recommendations

Policy Leadership and Governance

- ❖ Greater need for advocacy for F1KD to rise in the LGU priorities; using hard evidence is very essential
- ❖ Need for more conscious effort for joint planning/targeting; activities and inputs link to desired outcomes; joint accountability;
- ❖ Financing: Greater political will and advocacy to increase resources for F1KD; allocation/budgeting of resources must be needs-based and evidence-based (e.g. increased number of volunteers requires increased budget for capacity building)

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- ❖ M&E is crucial; LGUs keep on working/doing but they do not invest in M&E and centralized (transparent) databases
- ❖ OPT must be improved; need for adequate equipment; tools must be properly calibrated, personnel must be trained/re-trained
- ❖ Roles must be made clearer; processes be standardized as much as possible

Program and Service Delivery

- ❖ There is a need for improving awareness about ECCD-F1KD at the local level, among implementers
- ❖ There is an urgent need to add health personnel, particularly midwives to improve delivery of service.
- ❖ LGUs must also revisit the work assignments of midwives to even out the workload; schedules of community visits have to be well-communicated
- ❖ Frontline workers must also be better compensated and given trainings in basic anthropometric measurement, data encoding, effective stakeholder communication.

Program and Service Delivery

- ❖ Greater effort and resources for providing services to GIDAs
- ❖ Investment in well-provisioned and well-manned health facilities is also crucial in providing swift response to needs of GIDA residents
- ❖ Need for more holistic approach for those in GIDA (accounting for their special circumstances → remoteness, problem of armed conflict)

Nurturing Care and Practices

- ❖ LGUs must continue utilizing and strengthening platforms such as the Family Development Sessions (and similar venues) to educate parents of nurturing care practices.
- ❖ Need for more innovative ways to entice people to participate in government campaigns/programs
- ❖ LGUs must effectively enforce initiatives on maintaining clean surroundings and mitigating violence in the community, which are essential to the proper development of children.

Other Contextual Factors

- ❖ Enhancing economic opportunities is crucial
- ❖ Addressing poverty is a must → prevent further malnutrition in the future
- ❖ Need to understand more deeply the reasons behind the lack of participation/cooperation of households in government efforts → devise more effective ways to get them to improve their health-seeking behavior

Thank you!
