

TIMING INVESTMENTS IN YOUNG CHILDREN GLOBALLY

Childhood is not Las Vegas. What happens in childhood does not stay in childhood. It keeps with you through the rest of your life.

Parfait Eloundou-Enyegue, Cornell University

AS WE MOVE FORWARD IN TIME, how do we synchronize our efforts in making investments in children across diverse sectors of development?

INVESTING in the healthy growth and development of a population refers not just to allocating dollars, pesos, and yen but also to using scientific, natural, and social resources most effectively. An Institute of Medicine and National Research Council workshop explored the linkages between research on development from preconception to age eight and the economics of investment across the sectors of health, education, nutrition, and social protection, focusing on the cost of inaction.

LEARNING TO PRODUCTIVITY

Skills we might learn in school are critical for getting jobs, but those jobs also produce goods and services, which lead to long-term economic growth.

Paul Gertler, University of California, Berkeley

SCIENCE TO SOCIAL PROTECTION

There is a lot of evidence that maternal depression has a very strong impact on child development – including less adequate prenatal care, lower maternal coping skills, and increased family stress.

Atif Rahman, University of Liverpool

FOOD TO THOUGHT

Nutritional condition can be related to the child's affective and psychological development. Therefore, services must be comprehensive and address all aspects of child and family development.

Constanza Alarcón, Presidency of the Republic, Colombia

SURVIVE TO THRIVE

Children with HIV are living longer, which is good news. But they don't just need to survive, they need to thrive.

Amina Abubakar, KEMRI Wellcome Trust Research Labs

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