

BENEFITS OF EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

FOR	CHANGES IN	NATURE OF THE CHANGE
CHILDREN	<i>Psycho-social Development</i>	improved cognitive development (thinking, reasoning); improved social development (relationship to others); improved emotional development (self image, security); improved language skills
	<i>Health and Nutrition</i>	increased chances of survival; reduced morbidity; improved hygiene; improved weight/height for age; improved micronutrient balance
	<i>Progress and Performance in Primary School</i>	higher chance of entering; less chance of repeating; greater learning and better performance
ADULTS	<i>General knowledge</i>	health and hygiene; nutrition (related to own status);
	<i>Attitudes and Practices</i>	leadership skills; health and hygiene; preventive medical practices; opportune treatment; nutrition; improved diet
	<i>Relationships</i>	improved self-esteem; better husband-wife, parent-child, and child-child relationships
	<i>Employment</i>	caregivers freed to seek or improve employment; new employment opportunities created by program; increased market for program-related goods
COMMUNITIES	<i>Physical Environment</i>	sanitation; spaces for play; new multi-purpose facilities
	<i>Social participation</i>	improved solidarity; increased participation of women; community projects benefitting all

INSTITUTIONS	<i>Efficiency</i>	better health attention through grouping or changed user practices; reduced repetition and drop-out in schools;
	<i>Effectiveness</i>	greater coverage;
	<i>Capacity</i>	greater ability/confidence and/or changes in organization; improved methods and curriculum content
SOCIETY	<i>Quality of Life</i>	a healthier population, reduced number of days lost to sickness; a more literate, educated population; greater social participation; an improved labor force; reduced delinquency; reduced fertility and early births; reduced social inequalities

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