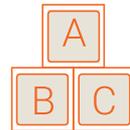




Development Workshop (DW) Namibia started the **Play for All** early childhood development (ECD) programme at the end of 2019 by reading to children and providing library boxes in two ECD centres in Windhoek's informal settlements (slums). Since then, the programme has grown to reach children across six towns in Namibia in the following areas.

1. Educarer training
2. Parents engagement sessions
3. Provision of teaching and learning materials
4. Centre improvements including sanitation
5. Nutrition programme

QUICK OVERVIEW



251

ECD centres reached in 2022.

8,751

children reached by at least one DW ECD programme in 2022. Around **52% of these are girls.**

Play for All employs an integrated approach, with the majority of ECD centres reached with more than one programme area. This means providing holistic support to young children for a more profound impact.

Play for All is data-driven, reactive to need, and adapted to local contexts.

1. EDUCARER TRAINING RESULTS

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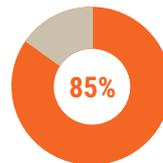
educarers benefited from training 2022, of which **95%** were women. The training delivered over nine weeks is based on Government curricula, using a child-centred and play-based approach. It is continually developed in line with feedback received from educarers.

3,505

children are taught by these educarers.

108

Play for All facilitated support visits to trained educarers in their classrooms were conducted in 2022, with challenges and solutions co-identified.

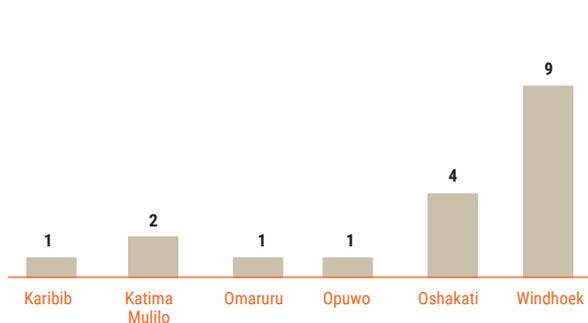


reported that they were able to update their knowledge on early childhood education.

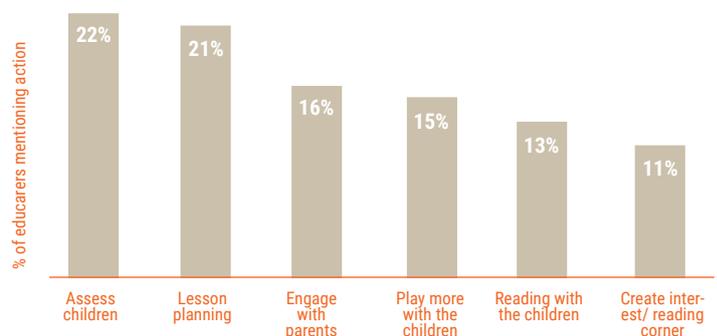
Meanwhile, **84%** reported that they had acquired new and/or advanced skills in working with children in ECD centres.

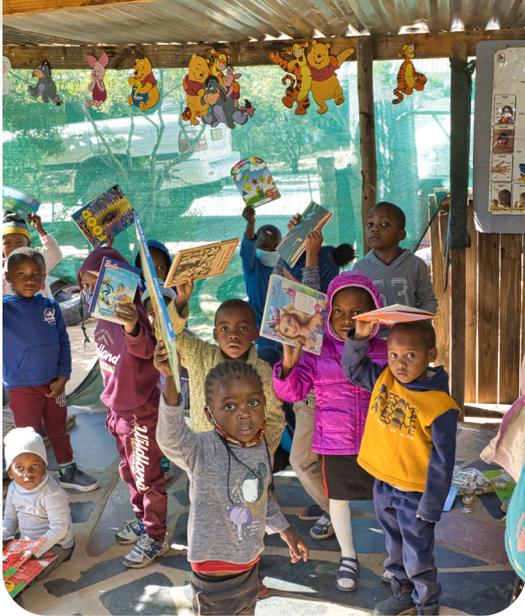
"I already saw the impact of the training on my job. It's very effective." (quote from an educarer)

Number of educarer trainings by city, 2022



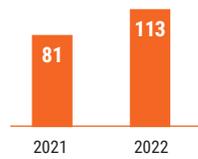
Actions following the training most mentioned by educarers when asked to list up to three



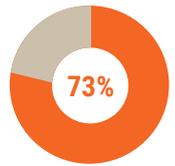


2. PARENTING SESSIONS RESULTS

Parents' workshops convened by year



In 2022, **113** parents' workshops were facilitated by trained educators across Namibia, reaching **2,322** parents (of which **78%** were women) to promote positive child-rearing practices while sensitively challenging harmful ones.



As part of the Government's RightStart campaign, DW also teamed up with Minderoo and Ministry of Gender Equality, Poverty Eradication and Social Welfare on the Thrive by Five parenting content, to provide parenting resources.

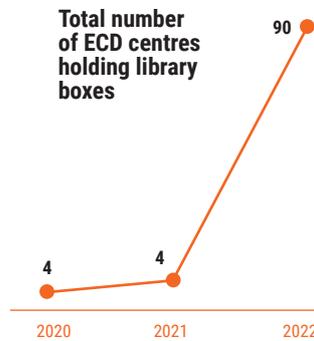


3. TEACHING AND LEARNING MATERIALS

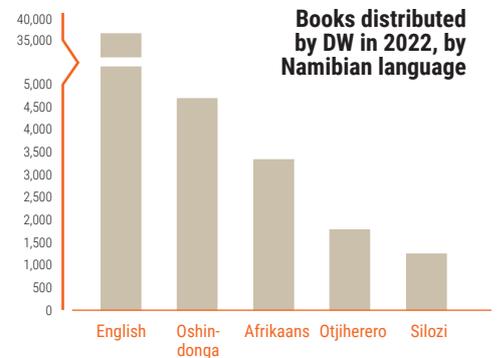
In a context of limited supply of teaching and learning materials, and especially those relevant to local languages and context, **Play for All** distributed **47,241 books** for 0-6 year olds in 2022. This includes four books about Namibia created in-house, as well as open-source storybooks translated into Namibian languages.

These distributions include library boxes for ECD centres. ECD centres can loan these books to educators and parents.

Total number of ECD centres holding library boxes



Books distributed by DW in 2022, by Namibian language



4. CENTRE IMPROVEMENTS INCLUDING SANITATION

Since 2021, **51** ECD centres have benefited from centre improvement support.



10 new and improved classrooms.

39

new toilets at ECD centres where **1,528** children previously practised open defecation.

Centres apply for grants to improve the learning environment under the **Play for All** programme. Centres indicate their needs and fund usage is monitored by the DW team.

5. NUTRITION PROGRAMME

Since August 2021, DW has been implementing a cash-based supplementary feeding programme in the town of Omaruru, which expanded to the town of Karibib in 2022.



41,100

meals have been served since the launch of the programme.

DW collaborates closely with our partners and donors on the ECD programme



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