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Project Time Period: 01/2017 – 05/2019

Project Impact areas: Health; Food Security & Nutrition; Responsive caregiving; Security and safety; Early Learning and stimulation; Gender policies with impact on ECD

Project Funding: National Budget / Global Partnerships or Initiatives; £4 million over 2 years

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Project Website: programme Annual Review 2018 will be available from November 2018 via the UK’s DevTracker https://devtracker.dfid.gov.uk/
https://www.thebritishacademy.ac.uk/blog/early-childhood-development-programme-transform-destinies-children-developing-countries

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The project seeks to achieve new knowledge and understanding of ECD interventions across low and middle-income countries, delivering inter-disciplinary research on how to maximise the impact of existing sectoral interventions on early child development outcomes.

- The intended programme impact is that improved ECD policies are implemented, driving better outcomes for all children, value for money and shared prosperity.
- Intended programme outcomes are:
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  2) decision makers access and use evidence on ECD;
  3) there is methodological innovation and best practice in interdisciplinary research.
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  1) Policy-relevant interdisciplinary research,
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  4) Interdisciplinary ECD community of practice.

Program Evaluation:

DFID’s usual Annual Review process.