

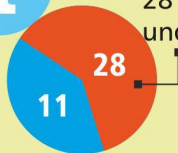
COMPARING EARLY CHILDHOOD POLICIES AROUND THE WORLD

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Early Childhood Association

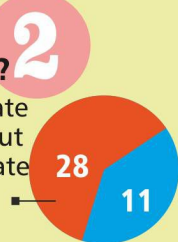


1 ECE is under which ministry?
28 out of 39 countries come under ministry of education.



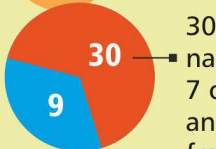
Do you have a separate ministry for early childhood?

28 out of 39 don't have a separate ministry for early childhood. 5 out of 39 countries do have a separate ministry for early childhood education.



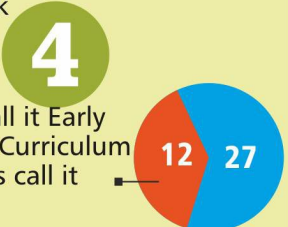
3 Does your country have an ECE national curriculum framework?

30 out of 39 have an ECE national curriculum framework. 7 out of 39 countries do not have an ECE national curriculum framework.



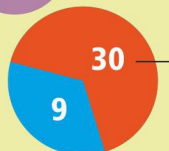
What is it called?

12 out of 39 countries call it Early Childhood Development Curriculum and 6 out of 39 countries call it Preschool Curriculum.



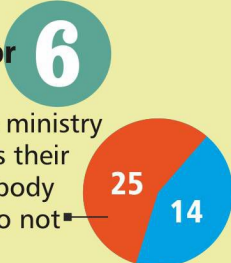
5 Do you need a license to start an ECE program?

28 out of 39 countries need a license to start an ECE program?



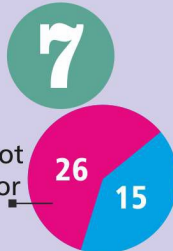
Is there any regulatory or accreditation body?

25 out of 39 countries have ministry of education and training as their regulatory or accreditation body and 9 out of 39 countries do not have it.



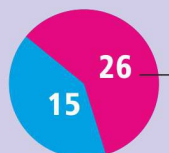
7 Are the fees charged controlled or specified by the government?

26 out of 39 countries does not have fee structure controlled or specified by the government.



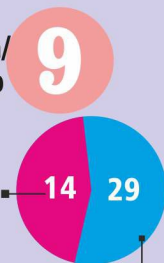
8 Is the teacher child ratio specified and fixed?

26 out of 39 countries follow specified and fixed teacher child ratio but it varies from country to country.



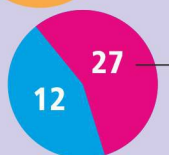
9 What is the minimum area/sqm requirement to set up an ECE program?

14 countries out of 39 have approximately 2.5 area/sqm requirement to set up ECE program and rest of the countries have 3.5 area/sqm or above to set up ECE programs.



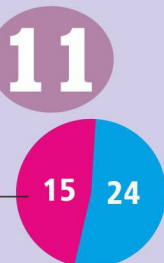
10 Are assessment guidelines given/specified by the government?

27 out of 39 countries have early childhood assessment guidelines given / specified by the government.



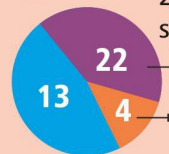
11 What subsidy on fees is given to parents by the government?

15 out of 39 do not have subsidy on fees is given to parents by the government.



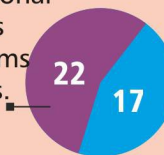
12 Is this subsidy given to the parents or the centre?

22 out of 39 countries give subsidy to the center. 4 out of 39 countries also give subsidy to the parents depending on their income.



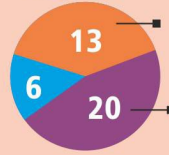
13 Are educational outcomes defined?

22 out of 39 countries educational outcomes are defined. It varies from country to country in terms of who defines their outcomes. For example: early childhood national curriculum, ministry of education, early childhood care education policy etc.



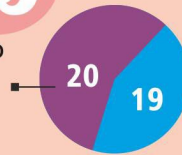
14 Is teacher salary/minimum wages fixed by government?

13 out of 39 countries do not have teacher salary/minimum wages fixed by government. 20 out of 39 countries do have teacher salary/minimum wages fixed.



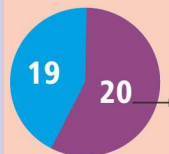
15 Are toilets for girls and boys separate?

20 out of 39 countries do not have separate toilets for boys and girls.



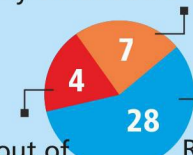
16 Any other points that can help...

20 out of 39 countries want that ECCE should receive attention in various ways like making preschool education mandatory, having no difference between childcare and preschool so that they don't have 2 separate ministries, have more funding for preschool etc.



17 How much percentage of your country's budget is allotted for early childhood education?

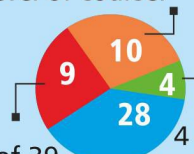
7 out of 39 countries spend between 5% to 10% of the country's budget is allotted for early childhood education and



4 out of 39 countries responded to spend between 0.3% to 4% of the country's budget is allotted for early childhood education.

18 What is the qualification required of caregivers in ECE in your country?

10 out of 39 countries require their caregivers to pass at least B.A. level of course.



9 out of 39 countries require their caregivers to pass at least 12 std pass. 4 out of 39 countries require their caregivers to pass at least 10th std.

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