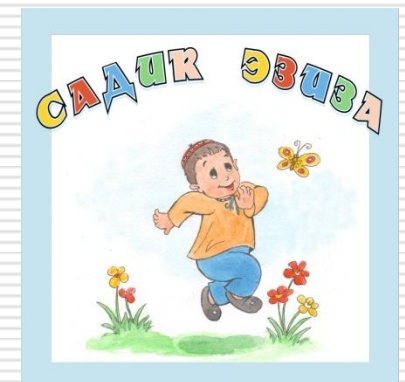


# Developing ECD in Turkmenistan

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# Every child's right

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- To survive and develop
  - To develop his or her full potential
  - To play and leisure
  - To have their views taken into account
  - Children have the right to parenting by both mother and father...
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# Protection of child's rights in Turkmenistan

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- ❑ Convention on the Rights of the Child (Turkmenistan ratified on 07.10.1993)
  - ❑ Law of Turkmenistan "On guaranties of the Rights of the Child in Turkmenistan" (adopted on 05.07.2002)
  - ❑ The code of Turkmenistan on social welfare (adopted on 17.03.2007)
  - ❑ Law of Turkmenistan "On control of Human Trafficking" (adopted on 14.12.2007)
  - ❑ UN Convention on Rights of Persons with Disabilities" (Turkmenistan ratified on 08.09.2008)
  - ❑ Law of Turkmenistan "On Education" (adopted on 20.08.2009)
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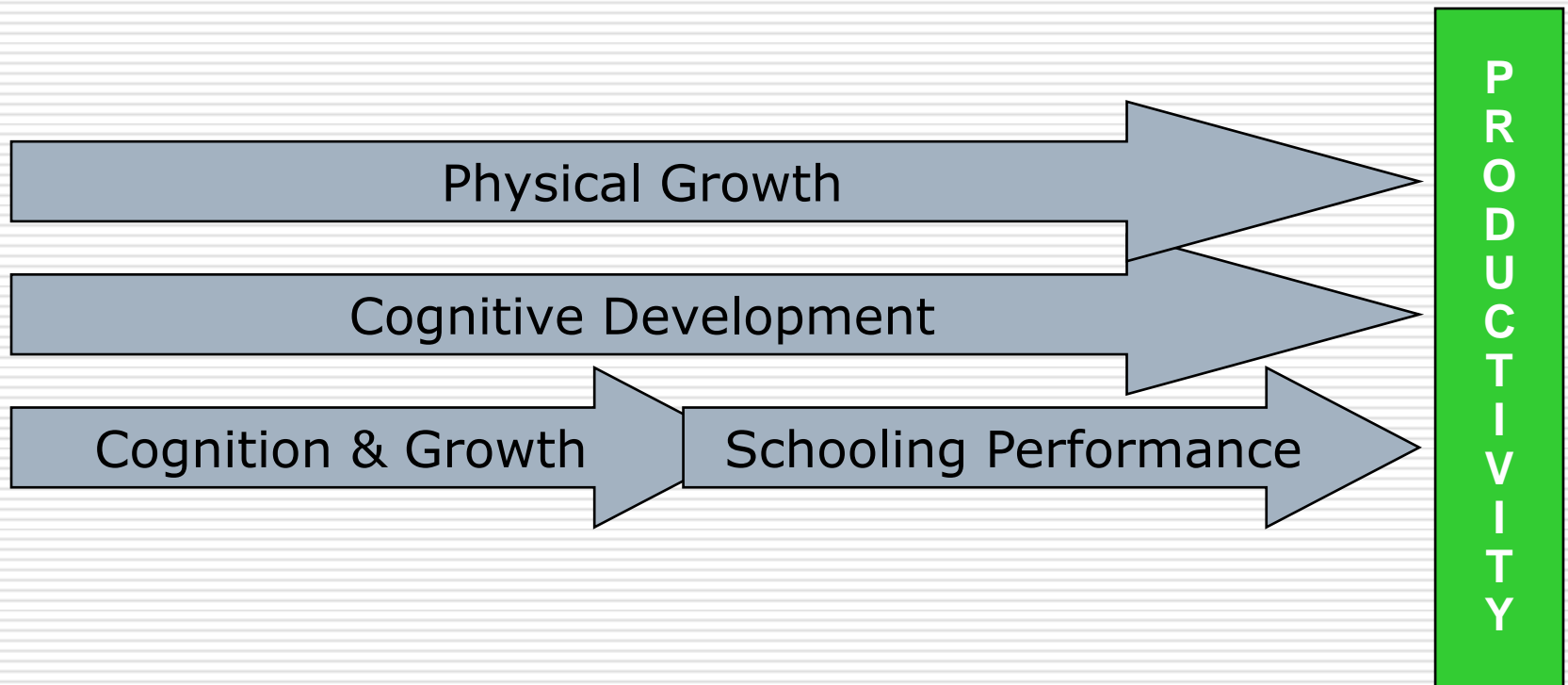
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Why invest in early  
childhood nutrition and  
development?

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# Evidence Links Stunting to Cognition, Growth and Productivity

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# 4 pathways to increasing Economic productivity

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## **Future Gains (Net Present Value)**

1. Reduce Mortality and disability in children.
  - Lost value of a future workforce.
2. Reduce Deficits in children's cognitive development
  - Lower school performance and productivity.

## **Current Ongoing Gains**

3. Deficits in productivity among working adults
  4. Excess healthcare and welfare utilization
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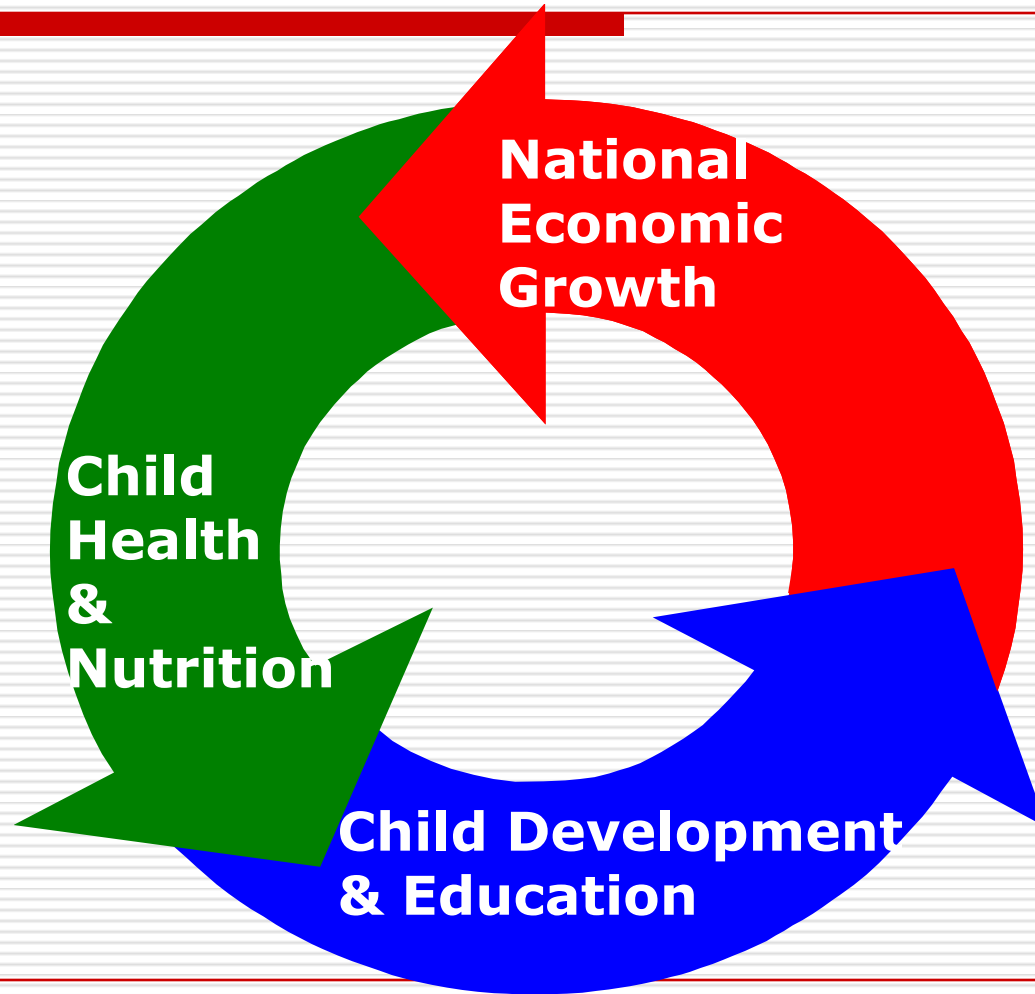
Economic gains from reducing stunting and improving Early Childhood Development: 1.7% of GDP of Turkmenistan

Half of these gains can be achieved with strategic government investment in Inexpensive, Simple and Preventative Nutrition & Early Child Development interventions in the medium term

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# Investing in Human Capital for Economic Development

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# Stages of ECD implementation in Turkmenistan

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- ❑ Adoption of ECD norms by joint decree of the Ministry of Education and Ministry of Health
  - ❑ Implementation of ECD norms in pilot etraps (districts)
  - ❑ Establishment of the National Working group on ECD
  - ❑ Development of comprehensive national program on ECD (in process) including costing of gradual implementation
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# Study visit on ECD to California, US

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- ❑ Parenting program involving both parents
  - ❑ Short stay preschool models
  - ❑ Use of IT for children of preschool age
  - ❑ Parenting kits for first time mothers
  - ❑ Nurse family partnership program
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# National program on ECD (draft)

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- ❑ Monitor the Legislative Base related to ECD
  - ❑ Adapt preschool and parenting curriculum and programs for children 3-6 years and develop adolescent girls' program
  - ❑ Adapt health delivery Systems for Pregnant Women and Children 0-36 months
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# National program on ECD (draft)

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- ❑ Improve pre-service curriculum for medical and pedagogic students to use norms as a tool for ECD
  - ❑ Improve the capacity of current healthcare and educational professionals of ECD in using norms as a tool for ECD through in-service training
  - ❑ Development of methodologies for using informational technologies in pre-school education and health clinics that use ELDS as a tool for ECD
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# National program on ECD (draft)

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- ❑ Develop Monitoring Plan for MOE and MHMI Implementation Plans
  - ❑ Develop a communication strategy to promote Early Child Development and increase awareness on all levels to help children achieve the ECD norms in all domains
  - ❑ Development of state standards with consideration of ECD norms
  - ❑ Implementation
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# Expected results of implementation of the national programme on ECD

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- ❑ Children are less likely to be stunted
  - ❑ Lower rates of anaemia
  - ❑ Higher on 10 key ECD norms
  - ❑ More likely to attend preschool
  - ❑ Children score higher on achievement in primary school
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This is what your indicators might look like based on well planned state investments nation-wide

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- Reduced mortality
  - Improved nutrition
  - Improved Parenting skills
  - Increased Preschool coverage
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# Early Childhood Development

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- WHO: Responsibility of state and parents
  - WHY:
    - Right of every child; part of country's CRC reporting obligation
    - Justified investment
  - HOW:
    - Quality based on ECD norms
    - Increase ECD coverage
    - Good health and adequate nutrition
  - WHEN: Now
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