



# Local government must create safe and vibrant care and learning spaces for young children

Real Reform for ECD (RR4ECD) was founded because the legal system does not enable the expansion and appropriate regulation of holistic, inclusive and quality Early Childhood Development (ECD) services for children and communities in poor areas. Right now, the future of children across the country is being impacted by onerous regulation for registration and limited support.

Many of these challenges lie at the local government level. We therefore call on YOU to support Early Childhood Development in local government by prioritising these reforms:



## Pull down the barriers to registration for ECD programmes

- Simplify health and safety standards to make it easier for ECD programmes to register.
- Municipal EHP's should issue timely health inspection reports to DSD for all ECD programmes regardless of whether or not they meet Health Certificate or Bylaw standards.
- Provide a fee waiver for all ECD programmes.
- Accept simplified, attainable and affordable land use options.
- Accept a hand-drawn site plan and floor plan instead of building plans.
- Implement rapid procedures to address delays.



**We need more ECD programmes registering and accessing government subsidies.**



## Build more and upgrade existing ECD programmes

- Upgrade existing and build new facilities for ECD programmes, for existing programmes to grow and new programmes to open.
- Provide basic services (electricity, water & sanitation) to ECD programmes free of charge.



**We need more families benefiting from more children attending ECD programmes.**



## Make ECD a local spending priority

- Include ECD in local planning (IDPs) and budgets, setting clear targets and allocating funding for new builds and upgrades.



**We need the local government to deliver on its promises to local families.**