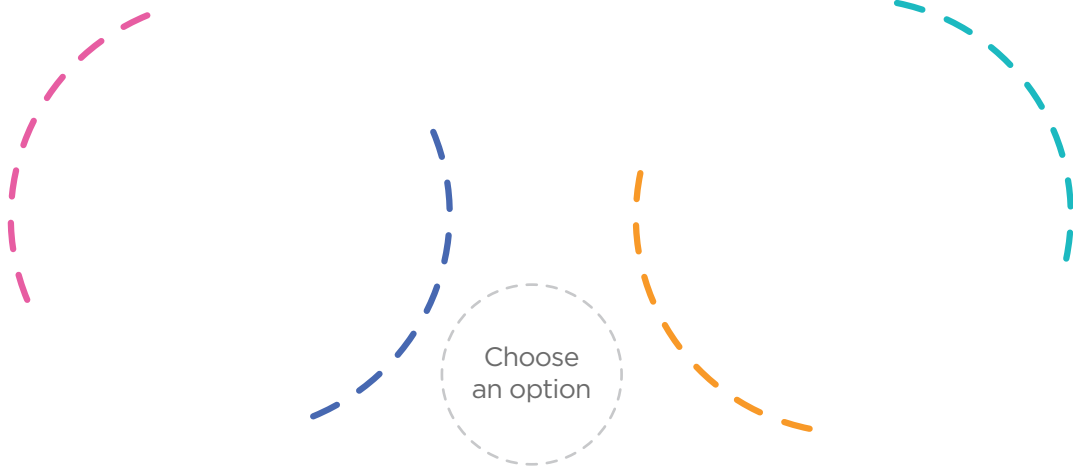


The Early Childhood Development Innovation Fund

A partnership for children
in Latin America and the Caribbean

The ECD INNOVATION FUND

We finance the design, implementation, and evaluation of innovative and scalable approaches to improve the development of children ages 0-5 of the most disadvantaged populations in Latin America and the Caribbean.



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Through grant financing and evidence generation, the ECD Innovation Fund provides an incentive for governments to try innovative approaches on Early Childhood Development (ECD).

WHY PARTNER WITH US?

The Inter-American Development Bank has invested over 4 billion dollars in more than 140 projects with an ECD component in the last 20 years. To carry out an ambitious operational and analytical agenda on ECD, the IDB has consolidated a team that brings together cutting-edge technical knowledge and a large network of partners in government, civil society, and academia. Through its projects, the IDB is in a privileged spot within the continuum of

scalability, where it can work with governments in the implementation of effective, innovative ideas at scale.

We translate science into policy, bridge efforts across the public and private sectors, and work with governments to adopt and adapt scalable, evidence-based interventions.

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3. Integration of ECD into existing health, nutrition, social protection, education or other interventions.
4. Data generation, studies, learning, and dissemination in the ECD field.
5. Activities to strengthen regional ECD networks while sharing knowledge and best practices.

HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?

The ECD Innovation Fund is inspired by the principle that greater impact is made possible by working together.

To become a partner, please contact María Fernanda García Rincón at mfgarcia@iadb.org

The first five years of life are essential for the development of the human brain. It is during this period that it experiences its fastest growth and when most neural connections develop. This is why the Early Childhood Development (ECD) Innovation Fund focuses on the youngest population.

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WHO CAN APPLY?

Any government, university, or private sector institution can apply. We seek innovative ideas that have the potential to be scaled up. We want to generate evidence about their impact. Projects must be in the Inter-American Development Bank's borrowing member [countries](#).

Find more information about the eligibility criteria [here](#)

HOW ARE PROJECTS SELECTED?

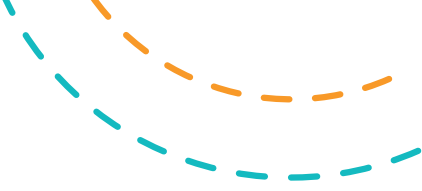


- Organizations **submit project ideas** on a **rolling basis**
- **Project** ideas are screened to verify they meet **eligibility criteria**
- Out of the pool of eligible ideas, the ECD Innovation Fund partners jointly **prioritize** a subset that is **invited to submit a proposal**

- The ECD Innovation Fund partners **evaluate project proposals** and **jointly select** projects for the next funding cycle

- Teams are **notified about funding decisions**





FUNDED PROJECTS

Click the map to see
projects per country

