

ARNEC conference

The ARNEC conference was held from 4-8th of July 2022 in Paro and had a total of 35 participants including officials from Save the Children, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Education and Khesar Gyalpo University of Medical Sciences of Bhutan. It focused on the substantial threats young children are facing due to the multiple crisis affecting them that is COVID-19, climate change and environmental degradation.

PDSA training

PDSA (Plan-Do-Study-Act) training was aimed at ensuring the quality improvement of project activity through PDSA framework and its learning tools. 12 selected health workers from five Districts and a Thromde (municipality) were trained.

Training new HAs

11 health assistants (HAs) were transferred from other non-project Districts to the 5 pilot Districts where P2P is rolled out. Since the new health assistants were not trained on P2P interventions and activities, a 12 days training was conducted in August 2022 for the new HAs.

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Prescription to Play

Save the Children Bhutan Country Office is implementing a project called Prescription to Play (P2P): A Framework to Integrate, Scale-up, and Sustain Playful Parenting in Health Systems in partnership with the Ministry of Health and the Khesar Gyalpo University of Medical Sciences of Bhutan with support from LEGO Foundation. P2P demonstrates how playful parenting can be institutionalized and effectively delivered in national health services and sustained at

scale to serve all children under three, including the geographically disadvantaged, while providing more intensive support to children with developmental delays and disabilities. The P2P project's monthly group/individual sessions are delivered by the Health Assistants at the Public Health Centers in urban and rural areas and outreach clinics in the remote areas with focus on play, health, safety and positive discipline and screen children for developmental delays.