

LET'S CREATE SPACES FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES TO THRIVE

 Format

 checklist

 Group size

 small or individual

 Image: 1-2 hours

 Facilitation experience

 beginner



Child-centred activity checklist

What is it? This is a checklist to help you embed a child-centred approach into the activities you are implementing, including engagement activities. You can run this checklist when designing a new activity or you can use it to reflect on already planned activities.

How to use it? Test your project against the **questions** on the right. After an initial run, try to reshape your activity making sure to cover as many points as your project can accommodate.

Keep in mind: A series of activities can work as a **system** over time. If you have not managed to incorporate a certain consideration into an activity, explore the possibility of covering that point in a coming activity. Also, if you find yourself not knowing how to approach a missing point, look for the practical guidance throughout the *Implement steps* of this Design Guide, or consider partnering with relevant experts.

Is your activity contributing to achieve the vision and goals that you have set out to deliver for young children and caregivers?
Can your activity accommodate the schedules of caregivers with young children? Think of details like the early bedtime or the nap times of children 0-3 or breastfeeding schedules.
Is the venue for your activity universally accessible for strollers/prams or for the reduced mobility of a pregnant woman?
Is your activity taking place in an environment suitable for breastfeeding?
Are you considering good neighbourhood practices around site safety, noise and environmental pollution or employee behaviour that could have an impact on the presence of young children, their caregivers or pregnant women?
Are you monitoring and documenting the outcomes of your activity to be able to demonstrate its impact and benefits experienced by children, caregivers, and pregnant women?
Particularly for engagement activities, is this a one-off engagement or have you planned and budgeted for further ongoing activation events? Do you have a plan for communicating this with participants?
Is there a maintenance/operation plan for the child-centred outcomes of your activity?
Are you sharing the details of your project and its results with caregivers and pregnant women?
Is your activity raising awareness of the community or decision makers on the specific needs of young children, their caregivers, and pregnant women?
Are you leveraging on the value that a child-centred approach can add to your activity, project or development, and to the local area?
Are you creating synergies with other relevant actors, institutions, programmes, projects or activities that could help you create benefits for our target communities?

