Global best practices in care work

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Best practices

Rural electrification in South Africa: time women spent on housework decreased, leading to a 9% increase in the female labour empowerment rate.

Better childcare in India: NGO Mobile Crèches provides childcare services for women employed on public works programmes on construction sites.

Expanded pre-school hours in Kenya, as an alternative to public day-care, increased female labour force participation.

Care wages in Turkey: care wages were given to grandmothers to take care of the children of their daughters. Despite enabling mothers to continue working, this reinforced gender stereotypes.

Tackling entrenched gender stereotypes in Zimbabwe: “Africare’s Male Empowerment project” challenges existing gender norms by increasing male involvement in home-based care services given to rural people living with AIDS.

National Integrated Care System in Uruguay: a co-responsible model of care shared by families, governments, community, and the market.


In focus: Uruguay’s SNIC

COMPREHENSIVE NATIONAL CARE SYSTEM

The SNIC covers health, education, social security sectors as well as new policies for priority populations (e.g. people with disabilities, young children).

The SNIC encompasses actions in childcare services, care services for people in situations of dependency, care system trainings, parental leave.

The National Care Secretariat at the Ministry of Social Development is advised by a group of experts composed of diverse stakeholders (CSOs, academia, private providers, etc.).

Figures: coverage of 50% for children under 3, 20% among people with severe dependency, 1,300 received care training, and 3,000 Early Childhood training.

A local dimension through Local Care Initiatives and the Local Initiatives for Gender Co-responsibility and Care has contributed to the success by adapting main guidelines to the local context.

Thank you for your attention!

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