



ARNEC

Asia-Pacific Regional Network
for Early Childhood

ARNEC Statement on COVID-19

ARNEC stands for the protection and wellbeing of young children and their families and communities, as governments work with all sectors of society to contain the spread of COVID-19 in countries in the Asia-Pacific region and the rest of the world.

ARNEC strongly supports multi-sectoral and whole-of-society measures to halt the geographical spread of the corona virus and to address unintentional impacts on young children, such as school closures, pressures on national and local health systems, squeeze on public and private investments, and financial and economic downtrend.

ARNEC is concerned on the overall burden placed on the family, especially the poor, as a result of prolonged days of non-work, the concomitant effects on household incomes, plus the adjustment measures it has to make in the face of a looming global slowdown.

ARNEC is in solidarity with partners to cushion adverse impacts, especially on young children.

At a time when most governments have urged citizens to stay home and minimise human movement and interaction outside the home, ARNEC is steadfast in promoting ways to make this period productive, meaningful, and engaging for young children and their families.

ARNEC commits to share in its website and social media platforms early learning, proper hygiene and child protection resources from partners and other stakeholders advancing early childhood development in the region and beyond for all to learn from and use, whilst most of us are at home with our children.

Visit ARNEC at <https://arnek.net> and search ARNEC in Facebook and Twitter for regular updates of early learning, hygiene and child protection resources, which you may share in your own platforms. ARNEC encourages you to do the same to foster cross-sharing of resources for young children and their families.

ARNEC takes this opportunity to remind everyone to discern information on COVID-19, as much as to enjoin getting regular updates only from competent authorities and to stay away from misinformation and unverified sources.

Finally, ARNEC calls on partners and stakeholders to work together for the protection and development of young children, as much as we keep ourselves mindful of good health, nutrition, and hygiene to help stop the transmission of COVID-19.



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