



Image of a congested ECD classroom

Parental statements about ECD

The infrastructure, especially classroom space, is limiting in terms of increasing numbers” (ECD private provider)

I cannot afford to pay for ECD child to go to play when they can play here at home” (ECD parent)

‘The school is 8 kilometres away. This is not only too far for the small children to travel but there is no one to take them there without compromising other work here at home” (Parent)

‘The school environment is not the friendliest. The make-shift structures and lack of suitable toilets present a health hazard for the little one. I would they stay home.’ (ECD parent)

School feeding case study

School feeding has stopped at Dambudzo primary school. The school received grain from the government but there have been many challenges to implement the feeding scheme. Parents do not pay the agreed levy to pay the selected cooks neither do they come to take turns to cook for their children. There is no money to supplement the starch so that the children can have a balanced diet. In the face of all these challenges, the school has decided that they are not able to feed their pupils.