



Supporting early childhood development

Extensive empirical research has demonstrated that developmental stimulation during the earliest years of childhood is critical to future intellectual, emotional and physical wellbeing. In South Africa, Standard Bank and the Tutuwa Community Foundation support early childhood development (ECD) through a number of targeted initiatives. We invested more than R11.6 million in 2018.



The Tutuwa Community Foundation in collaboration with the DG Murray Trust and the National Department of Social Development aims to improve the effectiveness of the ECD Conditional Grant implementation. If the project is successful and achieves the defined outcomes, National Treasury will institutionalise the ECD conditional grant framework. This will provide greater equity and access, improved efficiencies, and improved delivery of ECD programmes for the children being subsidised.

The Tutuwa Community Foundation is part of the Impact Bond Innovation Fund (IBIF), a first-of-its-kind social impact bond for ECD. The IBIF was launched in September 2018, in collaboration with Mothers2Mothers and Foundations for Community Work. It's led by the Western Cape Department of Social Development, in a matched funding arrangement with ApexHi Charitable Trust, and supported by a coalition of investors, including Tutuwa. With an investment of R3.5 million over three years, the IBIF aims to improve the cognitive and socio-emotional development outcomes of more than 3 000 children in two low-income communities in the Western Cape. If successful, the IBIF model could be replicated and scaled up, creating a new model for public-private funding to tackle pressing social challenges.

The Tutuwa Foundation and Standard Bank CSI are investing in upskilling ECD practitioners. The Tutuwa Foundation partners with the Bright Kid Foundation, while Standard Bank CSI works with the Ntataise Lowveld Trust in Mpumalanga and Fundisani Thuto in the Eastern Cape.

