Childhood experiences affect the course of our entire lives, from our health to our success to our happiness, and even our lifespan.
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2.2.A MADRASA PRESCHOOL, EAST AFRICA

Madrasa preschool programmes in Kenya, Tanzania’s Zanzibar region and Uganda are an example of community-based early childhood programmes for children that build social capital in the respective communities. Listen as Najma Rashid, former Regional Program Director for Madrasa Resource Centres, East Africa, describes how these programmes began.

View | Rashid – Madrasa preschool programmes (3:10)

By early 2000, there were more than 130 communities in East Africa that have established their own preschools. By 2008, over 200 community preschools existed in Kenya, Tanzania’s Zanzibar region and Uganda. Financial support comes from the Aga Khan Foundation and one or more bilateral or other organization for each school in the form of initial startup money and mini-endowments given to schools that provide a quality learning and teaching and environment. Local communities provide the balance of resources needed to operate the programmes through in-kind resources, fundraising, contributions etc. The long-term goal is to develop mechanisms that enable the schools to become self-sustaining without outside resources.
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