



## **EARLY START AFRICA - ECD CENTRE – KORR**

### **ANNUAL PROGRAMME REPORT 2025**

#### **1. Executive Summary**

The Early Start Africa ECD program at Korr Centre continued to deliver quality early childhood education throughout 2025, contributing significantly to the holistic development of children and the overall well-being of their families and the wider community. The program recorded positive outcomes in learning achievement, child behavior, parental engagement, and increased community awareness on the importance of early childhood education.

#### **2. Program Overview**

The ECD program at Korr Centre is designed to support early learning, promote holistic child development, and strengthen community participation in education. During the reporting period, the program focused on improving literacy and numeracy skills, enhancing learner engagement in the classroom, and nurturing positive values and social skills among children.

#### **3. Impact on Learners**

Throughout the year, learners demonstrated measurable progress in reading, writing, and numeracy skills. There was a notable improvement in learner confidence, classroom participation, and social interaction. Children actively engaged in co-curricular and play-based activities such as singing, group work, and structured play, which contributed positively to their cognitive, emotional, and social development.

Teachers reported improved attendance rates, enhanced discipline, and better overall learner behavior. As a result, the learning environment became more structured, supportive, and conducive to effective teaching and learning.

#### 4. Impact on Families

The program positively influenced family dynamics and strengthened parental involvement in children's learning. Parents reported that their children became more responsible and proactive at home, willingly participating in age-appropriate household tasks. In addition, parents observed that children shared knowledge acquired at school, particularly in basic reading and counting.

These interactions strengthened parent-child relationships and increased parental appreciation for early childhood education. Families expressed increased trust and confidence in the ECD program and its long-term benefits.

#### 5. Community-Level Outcomes

At the community level, the program recorded increased enrolment and sustained school attendance among children, reflecting growing confidence in the ECD center. Community members expressed optimism about the future of their children and acknowledged education as a critical driver of sustainable development.

Local leaders commended the program for its contribution to child protection, noting a reduction in cases of early marriage and child labour as more children remained enrolled in school. The program has also enhanced community awareness on the importance of investing in early childhood education.

#### 6. Stakeholder Feedback

Feedback from parents, community members, and local leadership was overwhelmingly positive. Stakeholders acknowledged that the ECD program has fostered growth, hope, and unity within families and across the wider community, and emphasized the importance of sustaining and expanding the initiative.

#### 7. Conclusion and Way Forward

Early Start Africa remains committed to sustaining and strengthening the ECD program at Korr Centre. Moving forward, the organization aims to enhance learning resources, strengthen parental engagement, and expand community outreach initiatives to ensure that every child receives a strong foundation for lifelong learning and development.