



## HOME PROGRAMME

A home programme is a programme by which women in the community are trained to follow educational programmes to stimulate children to be ready for school while, during daytime, they are looking after their own children. These moms are encouraged to invite a few children from the neighbourhood to her house where they not only can play in a safe environment, but are also exposed to a structured day programme.

This type of programme has various benefits: It is cheap, expensive infrastructure is not necessary, the children stay in their natural environment and enjoy the benefit of a structured development programme.

Women are trained by a facilitator such as a retired teacher or just a keen church member to be able to use a “toolkit”. This “toolkit” has all the apparatus for each day’s lesson. The mom is also provided with a daily *lesson plan that is easy to follow* and is compiled in such a way that provision is made for the development needs of the small child.

The ideal is that church members and women who are involved with this programme compile the “toolkit” for the home teacher.

It is important to remember that the moms are not paid for their services to the kids. The mom may negotiate a price per child with the parents to which all agree.

The success of this service is the ongoing involvement of a facilitator who sees to it that the home mom's challenges are addressed. We must remember that these moms do not always know how to stimulate these children and need to receive guidance from time to time.