

## **The Best Start in Life Course Syllabus**

### **Module 1: Introduction**

- 1.1 Early Childhood Development for Sustainable Development
- 1.2 The State of the World's Children
- 1.3 How Brain Architecture Develops
- 1.4 The Impact of Adversity & Toxic Stress
- 1.5 Resilience & How to Foster It

### **Module 2: Child Development: Prenatal to Age 3**

- 2.1 Development in Culture & Context
- 2.2 Physical Development
- 2.3 Cognitive Development and Perception
- 2.4 Language Development
- 2.5 Social Development
- 2.6 Emotional Development & Temperament

### **Module 3: Child Development: Ages 3 to 8**

- 3.1 Physical Development
- 3.2 Cognitive Development & Executive Function
- 3.3 Language
- 3.4 Socio-emotional Development

### **Module 4: Tour of ECD Programs and Sectors Part I**

- 4.1 Introduction to Multi-sector Aspects
- 4.2 Health Programs
- 4.3 Nutrition & Parenting Programs

### **Module 5: Tour of ECD Programs and Sectors Part 2**

- 5.1 Social Protection Programs
- 5.2 Early Care & Education Programs
- 5.3 Child Protection Programs

### **Module 6: Communities and Situations of Conflict and Migration**

- 6.1 Uganda Case Study
- 6.2 Community Based Programs
- 6.3 Conflict & Migration

### **Module 7: From Programs to Policies**

7.1 How is Policy Created?

7.2 Quality, Governance & Sustainability

7.3 Financing ECD Policies

**Module 8: The Future: Innovations and Growth**

8.1 Innovation in ECD

8.2 Innovation from Around the World

8.3 Conclusion: The Future of ECD