

# **Early Childhood Education in Fragile Settings blog series – First SIPP blog post**

The South African partner community is Vrygrond, 20 kilometers from Cape Town central. Vrygrond or 'free ground', was one of the first informal settlements in South Africa. The Overcome Heights section still lacks municipal infrastructure – roads, sewage system and piped water.

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## **Launch of the Early Childhood Education in Fragile Settings SIPP blog series**

Early childhood education has increasingly been recognised as a societal priority. We know from research that children can be seriously disadvantaged when they – and their communities – face such factors as discrimination, violence, and poverty. We also know the value that focusing on early childhood and early childhood education can bring to addressing such disadvantages. We can support young children themselves, their parents and other kin and early years practitioners, resulting in improved respect for young children's human rights, improved gender equality and inclusion, and better outcomes for both individuals and communities.