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FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES AND IMPACT OF THE CORONAVIRUS DISEASE ON FOOD SECURITY, NUTRITION AND WELL-BEING

VIRTUAL SIDE-EVENT DURING THE 54TH SESSION OF THE COMMISSION ON POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT

Wednesday, February 21th, 2021

10.00-11.30 am (New York Time)

Registration

1. Presentation of the report on 'Looking beyond COVID-19: Strengthening the role of Family Support Services'

The COVID-19 pandemic and the associated disruption of many education, health, social and family services have emphasized their importance, including health care and mental health services, child protection, supports towards basic material needs such as food and housing, and specialized services for vulnerable families. For many families, a whole range of needs have to be addressed simultaneously. The challenge for policymakers is to develop a package of family services that address the needs of different families, both in crisis times and in the longer term, that is delivered in an integrated manner across different public agencies and a range of service providers.

The supply and quality of family support services vary across and often within countries. Strengthening countries' family support delivery requires clear policy frameworks, appropriate funding of services, but also that service providers and policymakers have sound evidence about what works, for whom and under what circumstances. Sharing evidence on good service delivery practices and on efficient service organization is crucial to ensure that the services provide benefit to families who need them most.

The new OECD study on family supports analyzes these aspects and will be useful for policy-makers, family professionals and researchers from OECD countries and beyond.

2. Good Practices on Food Security, Nutrition and Well-being during the Coronavirus Disease

The International Federation for Family Development (IFFD), as a non-governmental, independent, and non-profit federation whose primary mission is to support families through parenting education, promotes and witnesses worldwide the complementary work of other civil society organizations in their task for the necessary sustainable transformation of food and agricultural systems through international cooperation and engagement with stakeholders.

The Centre for Nutritional Recovery and Education (CREN) is an international reference in the area of nutritional education and treatment of primary nutritional disorders (malnutrition, meaning undernutrition and obesity) working in Brazil. It is a place that proves how much good a person is capable of promoting when their ideas are not excessive and unrealistic, and when the goal is not the achievement of a defined plan, but is in favour of the person and helps in their needs.

PROGRAMME

Opening Remarks

Nora Urrea, Vice President at IFFD

Presentation of the OECD study findings

Olivier Thévenon, OECD

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The investment in assistance, research and training to fight hunger

Maria Paula de Albuquerque, Gerente Geral Clínica at CREN

Closing Remarks

Guido Santini, Programme Coordinator at FAO (TBC)

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