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