



# Child City: A Pilot Project for Nurturing 21st Century Global Citizens through Integrated Early Childhood Care and Education

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## **Abstract**

The *Child City* pilot project envisions a transformative environment that nurtures children's holistic growth through a balanced **Head, Heart, and Hand** approach. Drawing inspiration from UNESCO's ECCE framework-while embedding innovative, locally rooted concepts-the initiative focuses on children aged **3-18**.It integrates sustainable urban design, inclusive learning hubs, cultural enrichment, and environmental stewardship to cultivate creativity, empathy, and practical life skills.

Through active community participation—engaging parents, educators, and civic stakeholders-*Child City* aims to develop resilient, socially responsible, and globally minded citizens. Designed as a scalable and replicable model for cities worldwide, the project demonstrates that purposeful design and inclusive governance can create spaces where every child thrives. It is closely aligned with the **United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**, advancing education, sustainability, and social equity.

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