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Abstract title: Expert Panel – A strategic response to improve the development of children
Addressing the needs of the 200 million children who are not achieving their developmental potential is now part of the UN Sustainable Development Goals. The majority of these children live in low and middle income countries (LMICs). There is an unacceptable disparity between how healthcare services

Background: address the needs of these children in high income countries(HICs) and LMICs. The International Developmental Pediatrics Association (IDPA) was created in 2015 to address this disparity. The vision of IDPA is to achieve equity in developmental pediatrics and related services for children and families around the world.

Method: IDPA has created a international scientific platform to connect and support clinicians, researchers and policy makers working in the field of Developmental Pediatrics and allied disciplines. The IDPA members and participants in the congress share common core values of using science and partnership for equity, and the belief in holistic, family-centered, strengths-based, community oriented and transdisciplinary capacity building. Additionally IDPA committees have been formed, that will carry the field forward.

Results: The first and second IDPA congresses were held in Istanbul in 2015 and in Mumbai in 2017. Each had over 500 participants from 58 and 33 countries respectively. Collaborations were created which have resulted in sharing of resources and capacity building. For instance the Extended Community Health Outcomes (ECHO) online case based training for Autism was initiated after IDPA congress 2017 at Ummeed in Mumbai. It has had 27 participants from 6 different countries and was the first ECHO module on childhood disability in Asia. Additional research and capacity building partnerships are emerging and are being tracked.

Discussion: Partnerships between professionals in the global south as well as north to south are critical to our vision of achieving equity for young children across the world, to optimise their developmental potential. The IDPA 2019 Congress will be held in Manila, Philippines.
Priority actions for IDPA in the coming year are

- Advocating for Developmental Behavioral Pediatrics as a professional discipline at all levels (community, government, academia)
- Creating a shared interactive platform for collaborations
- Create alliances with professional organization and allied disciplines

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