**Evaluation and number of participants:**

- No. of government-municipal early age day-cares – 5
- No. of children benefitting from the day cares – 500 (during the next few months we will get to 630)
- No. of caregivers leading the government day cares, trained at Mesila – 14
- No. of “babysitters” intensively guided by Mesila – 20
- No. of children benefitting from our guidance at the “babysitters” – 720
- No. of volunteers at the “babysitters” – 45
- Percentage of children registered to municipal kindergartens and schools – 95%

We have developed anonymous questionnaires for the caregivers in order to evaluate their satisfaction from the program, mainly our pedagogical guidance and courses. Here are the main findings:

The following topics were ranked on a scale from 1-5 (5 being the highest) did the program contribute to your work?

![Graph showing evaluation results](image)
In response to the question what are the important topics you have learned from the program:

- I feel like I have a profession! I am a teacher!
- That the most important thing is that children need to be supervised. That when a kid is sick he needs to see a doctor.
- How to create my own games and toys for the kids without having to spend money on it.
- Children nutrition and safety. These are topics that are not discussed where I come from.
Some of the verbatim feedback that we received when asked at the end if there is anything else you would like to add:

- **It's all the time in my heart, what a child wants.** I learned from my instructor that I need to talk to him, smile at him and help him with all my heart.

- “Thank you Mesila for this program. It has given me so much education that I use also with my own kids. It has made me what I am today which is a real teacher”

- The things my instructor taught me are the basis for who I am today. Today I work at the new daycare center.

  I learned a lot from her about children. She also helped me and brought me many games and that saved me money. My instructor was like my mother, she was not angry with me and always understood me.

- "I feel that I have a profession in my hand, I am a teacher! Love and knowledge are the two things I learned. It gives me a sense of success in life and a reason to live, without it I was nothing here."

They stated that main difficulty in implementing what they learned is keeping a daily routine.

Most caregivers did not want any changes to be made in the program and all of them stated that they would (and did) recommend their friends to join it.