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CHILD CARE ACCESS

- Support research and advocacy and provide tools so that MBOs have the capacity to negotiate with the state for access to child care
- Assess the direct/indirect costs borne by informal workers when child care provision is inadequate
- Help women informal workers engage in international policy spaces (i.e. ILC, ASEAN People's Forum, UN HLP) around child care
- Promote WIEGO's child care campaign publicly, expand MBO involvement, and build alliances between informal workers, formal workers, women's rights groups and child rights groups in the interest of promoting better child care for all workers



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