

ICDP IN THE IVORY COAST

November 2024 update

In 2023, three employees in the Mission Evangelique Lutherienne en Cote d'Ivoire (MELCI) began training to become ICDP facilitators, with the aim of starting ICDP in the Youpogon district of Abidjan. In 2024 they have been working on further developments of ICDP in Abidjan.

During the spring, 12 participants attended an ICDP caregiver level course that was held in MELCI's partner church. The ICDP training resulted to be very popular and therefore we have started the training of a new group of caregivers in the same church. Participants of the first group felt encouraged and gave positive feedback.

A mother of two said: "You have helped us see how we can show our children that we love them".

My colleague Luce and I are certified as facilitators and this November we will arrange the first of the three workshops to train more facilitators in Abidjan. Joyce Larnyoh from ICDP Ghana will give the training.

The workshops for future facilitators will also be attended by some of the employees in MELCI as well as employees from other potential partner organisations. Several of the participants were recruited during our Open Day that took place in September 2024.

During this open day the Yopougou town hall representative showed a real interest in using ICDP. Later he invited us to meet the mayor of Yopougou who approved our plans. We are in process of exploring ways of cooperating together to reach this large, troubled and diverse district.



Photo: Caregivers at an ICDP meeting on church premises, in Yopougon, in spring 2024.