Table 1. Reporting guidelines for implementation research of nurturing care interventions designed to promote early child development

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| C.A.R.E. (consolidated advice for reporting ECD implementation research) guidelines |
| Section of report | Item number | Item label | Article Compliance |
| **Introduction** | 1 | Previous evidence about theintervention | Introduction paragraph 1 |
|  | 2 | Effectiveness of the presentintervention (if known) | Not yet known/published |
|  | 3 | Rationale for theimplementation research | Introduction paragraph 2 |
|  | 4 | Aims and objectives of theimplementation research | Introduction final paragraph |
| **Methods** | 5 | Context of implementationfor the intervention | Method: Study design and setting paragraph 1 |
|  | 6 | Implementation strategy forthe intervention | Method: Study design and setting paragraph 2 |
|  | 7 | Implementation recipients forthe intervention | Method: Participants and Table 1 |
|  | 8 | Intended intervention content | Method; Study design and setting paragraph 2 |
|  | 9 | Changes to interventioncontent | Not applicable |
|  | 10 | Intended intensity/totalexposure to theintervention | Included in Results Table 2 |
|  | 11 | Personnel involved insupporting theimplementation of theintervention(e.g., coordinators,trainers, supervisors, andancillary staff) | Method; Study design and setting paragraph 3 |
|  | 12 | Personnel delivering theintervention (e.g., motherleaders, community healthworkers, and teachers) | Method; Study design and setting paragraph 2 |
|  | 13 | Methods to assess fidelityregarding delivery ofintervention | Method; Study design and setting paragraph 3 |
|  | 14 | Methods to assessunderstanding andenactment of interventionskills by recipients | Method; Study design and setting paragraph 3 |
|  | 15 | Implementation research datacollection team | Method: Data collection |
|  | 16 | Sampling and datamanagement procedures | Method: Statistical methods paragraph 1 |
|  | 17 | Plan of analysis forimplementation data | Method: Statistical methods paragraph 2 |
| **Results** | 18 | Results of the implementationEvaluation | Results |
| **Discussion** | 19 | Interpretation of findings ofthe implementationevaluation | Discussion |
|  | 20 | Strengths and limitations ofthe implementationresearch | Discussion: Limitations |
|  | 21 | Scalability and sustainabilityof the intervention andimplementation strategy | Not included in this study: discussion regarding scalability included in LImitations |