## NQF Evaluation Framework - Program Logic Model

### NQF objectives

- To ensure the safety, health and wellbeing of children attending education and care services
- To improve the educational and developmental outcomes for children attending education and care services
- To promote continuous improvement in the provision of quality education and care services
- To improve efficiency in the regulation of education and care services, including the reduction of regulatory burden
- To improve public knowledge and access to information about the quality of education and care services

### Activities

- Monitor and enforce compliance with the National Law
- Assess and rate education and care services against the National Quality Standard and National Regulations, including ratios and qualifications
- Support and promote continuous improvement in quality
- Monitor and promote consistency in the implementation of the NQF
- Educate and inform public and sector

- Quality rating results
- Serious incident data
- Enquiries data
- Complaints data
- Waivers data
- Investigation and enforcement activities
- National consistency strategy and implementation plan
- Administrative burden research
- Good practice guides (e.g. Operational Policy Manual, NQF Resource Kit)
- Communication, engagement and educational activities

### Outputs

All parties to the NQF recognise the national benchmark set by the National Quality Standard for the quality of education and care services across seven quality areas, including structural and process aspects of quality such as:

- educator-to-child ratios
- educator qualifications
- approved learning frameworks
- minimum operating requirements in the National Law and Regulations

### Short term (0-4 years) outcomes

- Providers of services and educators are guided by the National Quality Standard in the provision of quality education and care, including through:
  - supporting children’s safety, health and wellbeing
  - the development of quality educational programs
  - the implementation of a cycle of continuous improvement

- Governments and the sector recognise efficiencies gained through streamlined regulatory arrangements following the introduction of the NQF

### Medium term (4-8 years) outcomes

- Governments and the sector benefit from:
  - a more effective regulatory model
  - reduced regulatory burden

- All parties to the NQF realise the efficiency benefits and cost-effectiveness of a unified national system

### Long term (8+ years) outcomes

- Children, families and the wider community realise the individual, economic and societal benefits of quality children’s education and care, including:
  - improved transition to school
  - positive educational and developmental outcomes for children
  - better social inclusion
  - reduced disadvantage

- Families and the wider community give increased priority to information about the quality of education and care services

- Families and the wider community are more engaged with the NQF, including the benefits of quality education and care