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It is recommended that district and provincial level action should be initiated to strengthen the developmental monitoring system and household risk factor surveillance system by means of advocacy to the top-level managers at provincial and national levels and training to the public health staff. Widespread behavior change activities should be launched among the public to address the food taboos and other detrimental behavior elements. Continuous awareness programmes on childrearing practices for the community was recommended as another important intervention. Combined activities of health and educational sectors were recommended to improve the preschool system. Further it was recommended that use of herbal preparations and traditional games should be explored further in order to study their usefulness.