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Countdown to 2030

Women's, Children's & Adolescents' Health

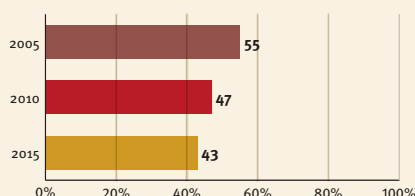
Demographics

Population	6 758 000
Annual births	163 000
Children under 5	766 000 (11%)
Under 5 mortality	64/1 000

Threats to Early Childhood Development

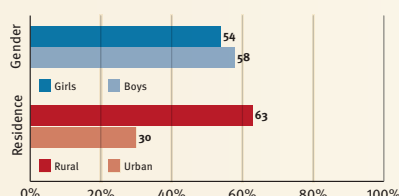
Maternal mortality	197/100 000	Young mothers (births by 18y)	18%
Low birthweight	15%	Preterm births	11%
Child poverty	30%	Under 5 stunting	41%
Harsh punishment	76%	Inadequate supervision	57%

Young children at risk of poor development

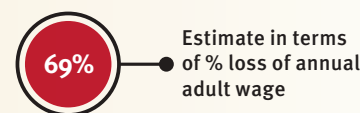


At risk in 2005, 2010 and 2015, using a composite indicator of under 5 stunting or poverty

Risks by gender and residence



Lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood

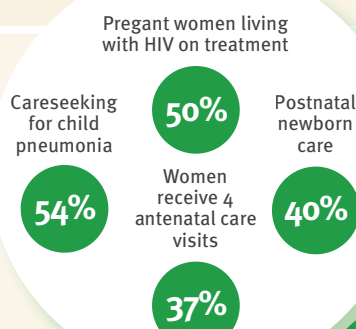


Support and services for Early Childhood Development: Nurturing Care

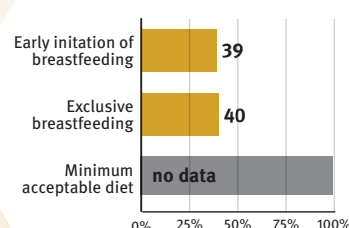
Parents and caregivers need a facilitating environment of laws, policies, services and community support to assist them to provide their young children with nurturing care.

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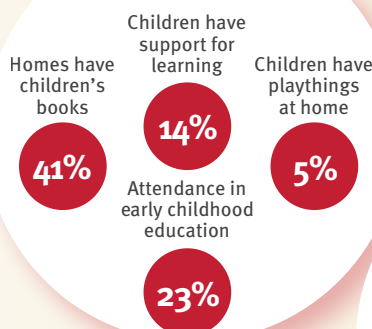
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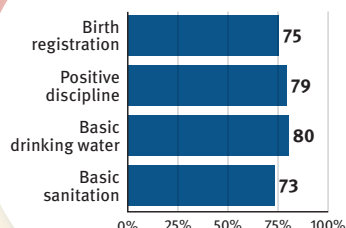
Nutrition



Early Learning



Security and Safety



Responsive Caregiving

Public information about ECD
Parental mental health
Parent support (groups, home visits)
Quality child day care



Comparative country data urgently needed

Policies

✓	Paid maternity leave	no data	Paid paternity leave
no data	National minimum wage		
✗	Child and family social protection		
✓	International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes		

International Conventions

✓	Convention on the Rights of the Child
✓	Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities
✓	CRC Sale of Children, Child Prostitution & Child Pornography
✗	Convention on Protection of Children and Cooperation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption