



Democratic Republic of the Congo

Countdown to 2030
Women's, Children's & Adolescents' Health

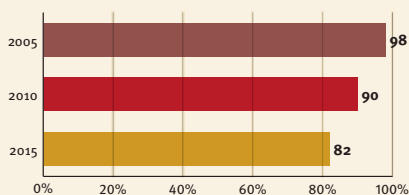
Demographics

Population	78 736 000
Annual births	3 269 000
Children under 5	14 494 000 (18%)
Under 5 mortality	94/1 000

Threats to Early Childhood Development

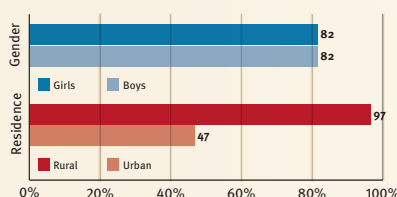
Maternal mortality	693/100 000	Young mothers (births by 18y)	27%
Low birthweight	10%	Preterm births	12%
Child poverty	75%	Under 5 stunting	43%
Harsh punishment	82%	Inadequate supervision	52%

Young children at risk of poor development

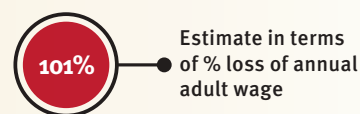


At risk in 2005, 2010 and 2015, using a composite indicator of under 5 stunting or poverty

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.

Support and services for Early Childhood Development: Facilitating Environments

Health

- Pregant women living with HIV on treatment: 70%
- Careseeking for child pneumonia: 42%
- Postnatal newborn care: 44%
- Women receive 4 antenatal care visits: 48%

Nutrition

- Early initiation of breastfeeding: 52%
- Exclusive breastfeeding: 48%
- Minimum acceptable diet: 8%

Early Learning

- Homes have children's books: 27%
- Children have support for learning: 49%
- Children have playthings at home: 1%
- Attendance in early childhood education: 7%



Responsive Caregiving

- Public information about ECD
- Parental mental health
- Parent support (groups, home visits)
- Quality child day care
- Comparative country data urgently needed

Security and Safety

- Birth registration: 25%
- Positive discipline: no data
- Basic drinking water: 42%
- Basic sanitation: 20%

Policies

✓	Paid maternity leave	✓	Paid paternity leave
✓	National minimum wage		
no data	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