



Ghana

Countdown to 2030

Women's, Children's & Adolescents' Health

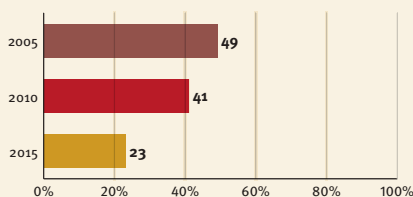
Demographics

Population	28 207 000
Annual births	870 000
Children under 5	4 085 000 (14%)
Under 5 mortality	59/1 000

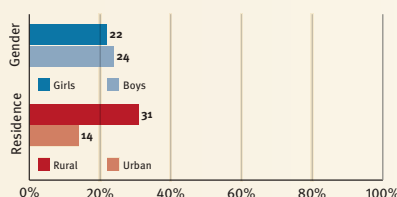
Threats to Early Childhood Development

Maternal mortality	319/100 000	Young mothers (births by 18y)	17%
Low birthweight	11%	Preterm births	1%
Child poverty	6%	Under 5 stunting	18%
Harsh punishment	94%	Inadequate supervision	40%

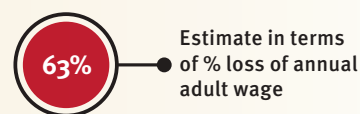
Young children at risk of poor development



Risks by gender and residence



Lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood



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

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: 56%
- Careseeking for child pneumonia: 56%
- Postnatal newborn care: 81%
- Women receive 4 antenatal care visits: 87%

Nutrition

- Early initiation of breastfeeding: 56
- Exclusive breastfeeding: 52
- Minimum acceptable diet: 13

Early Learning

- Homes have children's books: 41%
- Children have support for learning: 21%
- Children have playthings at home: 6%
- Attendance in early childhood education: 68%



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: 71
- Positive discipline: 88
- Basic drinking water: 78
- Basic sanitation: 14

Policies

✗	Paid maternity leave	✗	Paid paternity leave
✓	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