



Sierra Leone

Countdown to 2030

Women's, Children's & Adolescents' Health

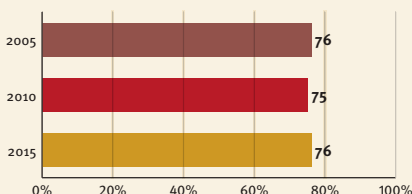
Demographics

Population	7 396 000
Annual births	258 000
Children under 5	1 141 000 (15%)
Under 5 mortality	114/1 000

Threats to Early Childhood Development

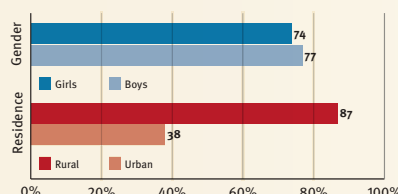
Maternal mortality	1360/100 000	Young mothers (births by 18y)	36%
Low birthweight	11%	Preterm births	10%
Child poverty	60%	Under 5 stunting	38%
Harsh punishment	82%	Inadequate supervision	54%

Young children at risk of poor development

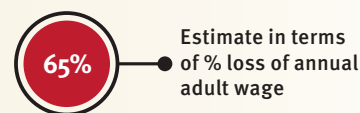


At risk in 2005, 2010 and 2015, using a composite indicator of under 5 stunting or poverty

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: 76%
- Careseeking for child pneumonia: 72%
- Postnatal newborn care: 73%
- Women receive 4 antenatal care visits: 87%

Nutrition

- Early initiation of breastfeeding: 54%
- Exclusive breastfeeding: 32%
- Minimum acceptable diet: 7%

Early Learning

- Homes have children's books: 35%
- Children have support for learning: 32%
- Children have playthings at home: 2%
- Attendance in early childhood education: 14%



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: 77%
- Positive discipline: 93%
- Basic drinking water: 58%
- Basic sanitation: 15%

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