



# Syria

## Countdown to 2030

Women's, Children's & Adolescents' Health

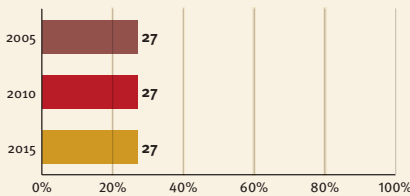
### Demographics

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| Population        | 18 430 000      |
| Annual births     | 427 000         |
| Children under 5  | 2 100 000 (11%) |
| Under 5 mortality | 18/1 000        |

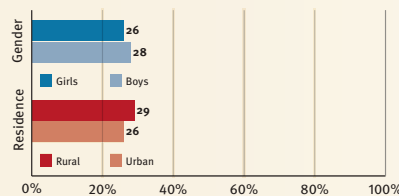
### Threats to Early Childhood Development

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| Maternal mortality | 68/100 000 | Young mothers (births by 18y) | 9%  |
| Low birthweight    | 10%        | Preterm births                | 11% |
| Child poverty      | 2%         | Under 5 stunting              | 26% |
| Harsh punishment   | 89%        | Inadequate supervision        | 70% |

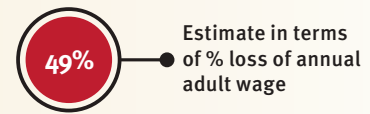
### Young children at risk of poor development



### 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: 77%
- Careseeking for child pneumonia: no data
- Postnatal newborn care: no data
- Women receive 4 antenatal care visits: 64%

### Nutrition

- Early initiation of breastfeeding: 46%
- Exclusive breastfeeding: 43%
- Minimum acceptable diet: no data

### Early Learning

- Homes have children's books: 52%
- Children have support for learning: 17%
- Children have playthings at home: 30%
- Attendance in early childhood education: 8%



### 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: 96%
- Positive discipline: 77%
- Basic drinking water: 97%
- Basic sanitation: 93%

### Policies

|   |   |   |                      |
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| ✓ | Paid maternity leave                                      | ✗ | Paid paternity leave |
| ✓ | National minimum wage                                     |   |                      |
| ✗ | Child and family social protection                        |   |                      |
| ✓ | International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes |   |                      |

### International Conventions

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| ✓ | 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 |