



Afghanistan

Countdown to 2030

Women's, Children's & Adolescents' Health

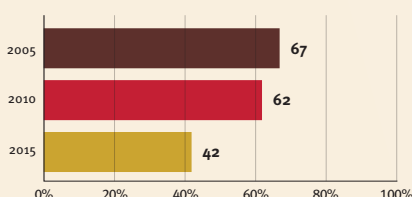
Demographics

Population (2019)	38,042,000
Annual births	1,212,000
Children under 5 (2019)	5,639,000 (15%)
Under-five mortality	62/1 000

Threats to Early Childhood Development

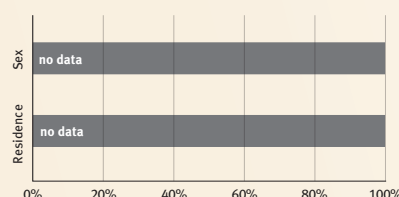
Maternal mortality	638/100 000	Young mothers (births by 18y)	20%
Low birthweight	no data	Preterm births	12%
Child poverty	no data	Under-five stunting	41%
Violent discipline	63%	Inadequate supervision	40%

Young children at risk of poor development

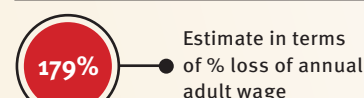


At risk in 2005, 2010 and 2015, using a composite indicator of under-five stunting or poverty

Risk by sex and residence



Lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood

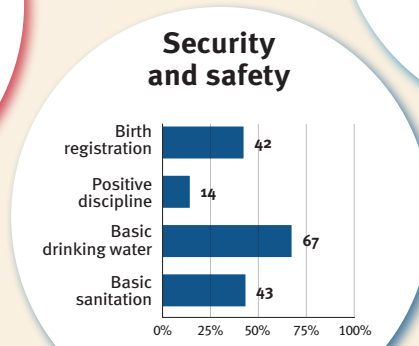
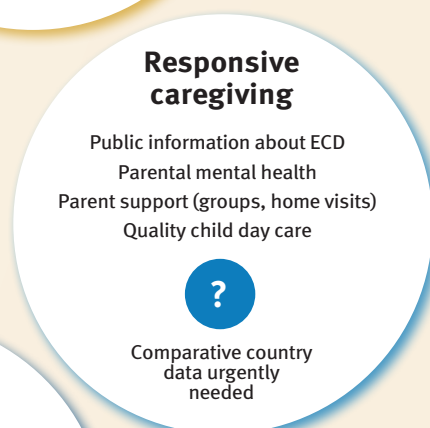
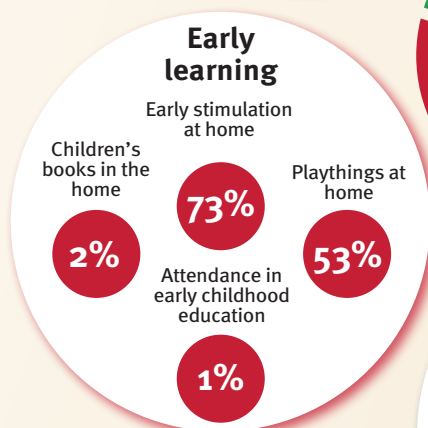
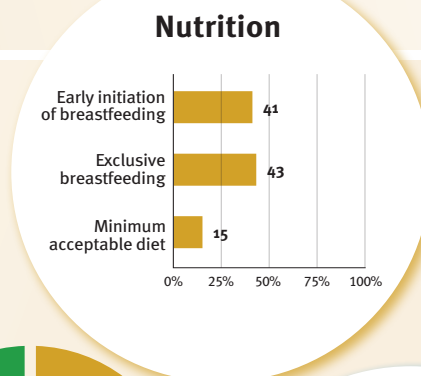
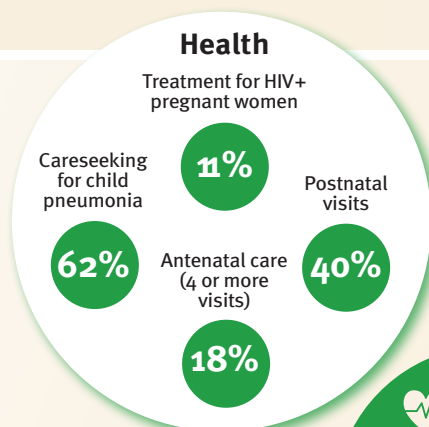


Early Childhood Development Index



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 in providing their young children with nurturing care.



Facilitating environments

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 Persons with Disabilities
✓	CRC Optional Protocol on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography
✗	Hague Convention on Protection of Children and Cooperation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption