**Bhutan**

### Demographics
- **Population**: 798,000
- **Annual births**: 15,000
- **Children under 5**: 70,000 (9%)
- **Under 5 mortality**: 32/1,000

### Threats to Early Childhood Development
- **Maternal mortality**: 148/100,000
- **Low birthweight**: 10%
- **Child poverty**: 5%
- **Harsh punishment**: no data
- **Young mothers (births by 18y)**: 15%
- **Preterm births**: 10%
- **Under 5 stunting**: 33%
- **Inadequate supervision**: 54%

### Young children at risk of poor development

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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
- **Pregnant women living with HIV on treatment**: 74%
- **Women receive 4 antenatal care visits**: 41%
- **Postnatal newborn care**: 85%
- **Minimum acceptable diet**: 129%

### Nutrition
- **Early initiation of breastfeeding**: 78%
- **Exclusive breastfeeding**: 51%

### Early Learning
- **Children have support for learning**: 14%
- **Children have playthings at home**: 6%
- **Attendance in early childhood education**: 10%

### Responsive Caregiving
- **Public information about ECD**:
- **Parental mental health**:
- **Quality child day care**:

### Security and Safety
- **Birth registration**:
- **Positive discipline**:
- **Basic drinking water**:
- **Basic sanitation**:

### 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

### Policies

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