Cameroon

**Demographics**

- **Population**: 23,439,000
- **Annual births**: 842,000
- **Children under 5**: 3,804,000 (16%)
- **Under 5 mortality**: 80/1,000

**Threats to Early Childhood Development**

- **Maternal mortality**: 596/100,000
- **Low birthweight**: 11%
- **Child poverty**: 34%
- **Harsh punishment**: 85%

**Young children at risk of poor development**

- **2005**: 54%
- **2010**: 48%
- **2015**: 52%

**Risks by gender and residence**

- **Pregnant women living with HIV on treatment**: 74%
- **Women receive 4 antenatal care visits**: 65%
- **Early initiation of breastfeeding**: 59%

**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**

**Nutrition**

- **Early initiation of breastfeeding**: 31%
- **Exclusive breastfeeding**: 28%
- **Minimum acceptable diet**: 17%

**Responsive Caregiving**

- **Public information about ECD**: 65%
- **Parental mental health**: 34%
- **Quality child day care**: 53%

**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**

**Values for Health**

- **Postnatal newborn care**: 57%
- **Pregnant women living with HIV on treatment**: 74%
- **Women receive 4 antenatal care visits**: 65%

**Values for Early Learning**

- **Children have support for learning**: 33%
- **Children have playthings at home**: 4%
- **Attendance in early childhood education**: 4%

**Values for Security and Safety**

- **Birth registration**: 66%
- **Positive discipline**: 82%
- **Basic drinking water**: 65%
- **Basic sanitation**: 39%

**Values for Education**

- **Early Learning**: 71%
- **Early Learning**: 66%
- **Early Learning**: 57%
- **Early Learning**: 48%

**Values for International Conventions**

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**Values for Health**

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