



Cameroon

Countdown to 2030

Women's, Children's & Adolescents' Health

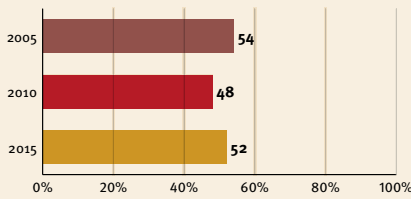
Demographics

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

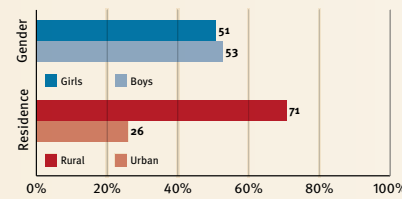
Maternal mortality	596/100 000	Young mothers (births by 18y)	28%
Low birthweight	11%	Preterm births	13%
Child poverty	34%	Under 5 stunting	32%
Harsh punishment	85%	Inadequate supervision	44%

Young children at risk of poor development

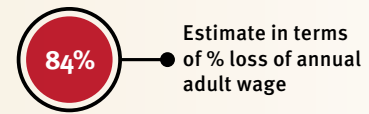


At risk in 2005, 2010 and 2015, using a composite indicator of under 5 stunting or poverty

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

- Pregnant women living with HIV on treatment: 74%
- Careseeking for child pneumonia: 28%
- Women receive 4 antenatal care visits: 59%
- Postnatal newborn care: 65%

Nutrition

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

Early Learning

- Homes have children's books: 53%
- Children have support for learning: 34%
- Children have playthings at home: 4%
- Attendance in early childhood education: 28%



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: 66
- Positive discipline: 82
- Basic drinking water: 65
- Basic sanitation: 39

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