Central African Republic

Demographics
Population 4,595,000
Annual births 166,000
Children under 5 730,000 (16%)
Under 5 mortality 124/1,000

Threats to Early Childhood Development
Maternal mortality 882/100,000
Low birthweight 14%
Child poverty 64%
Harsh punishment 92%
Young mothers (births by 18y) 45%
Preterm births 13%
Under 5 stunting 41%
Inadequate supervision 71%

Young children at risk of poor development

Risks by gender and residence

Health
Pregnant women living with HIV on treatment 30%
Careseeking for child pneumonia 81%
Women receive 4 antenatal care visits 38%
Postnatal newborn care no data

Early Learning
Children have support for learning 61%
Children have playthings at home 1%
Homes have children’s books 49%
Attendance in early childhood education 6%

Nutrition
Early initiation of breastfeeding 44%
Exclusive breastfeeding 34%
Minimum acceptable diet no data

Responsive Caregiving
Public information about ECD
Parental mental health
Parent support (groups, home visits)
Quality child day care

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

Policies
- Paid maternity 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
- Convention on the Rights of the Child
- CRSC Sale of Children, Child Prostitution & Child Pornography
- Convention on Protection of Children and Cooperation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption

Lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood

Estimate in terms of % loss of annual adult wage

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