Democratic Republic of the Congo

Demographics

- Population: 78,736,000
- Annual births: 3,269,000
- Children under 5: 14,494,000 (18%)
- Under 5 mortality: 94/1,000

Threats to Early Childhood Development

- Maternal mortality: 693/100,000
- Low birthweight: 10%
- Child poverty: 75%
- Harsh punishment: 82%
- Under 5 mortality: 94/1,000
- Preterm births: 12%
- Child poverty: 75%
- Harsh punishment: 82%
- Young mothers (births by 18y): 27%
- Preterm births: 12%
- Inadequate supervision: 52%

Young children at risk of poor development

- 2005: 98
- 2010: 90
- 2015: 82

Risks by gender and residence

- Girls: 82%
- Boys: 87%
- Rural: 97%
- Urban: 82%

Health

- Pregnant women living with HIV on treatment: 70%
- Women receive 4 antenatal care visits: 48%
- Postnatal newborn care: 44%
- Early initiation of breastfeeding: 42%
- Exclusively breastfeeding: 37%
- Minimum acceptable diet: 8%

Early Learning

- Children have support for learning: 49%
- Children have playthings at home: 1%
- Attendance in early childhood education: 27%
- Homes have children’s books: 27%

Security and Safety

- Birth registration: 7%
- Positive discipline: no data
- Basic drinking water: 42
- Basic sanitation: 20

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
- ✔ 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
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Nutrition

- Early initiation of breastfeeding: 52
- Exclusively breastfeeding: 48
- Minimum acceptable diet: 8

Responsive Caregiving

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

Lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood

Estimate in terms of % loss of annual adult wage: 101%

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