### Dominican Republic

#### Demographics

- **Population**: 10,649,000
- **Annual births**: 216,000
- **Children under 5**: 1,060,000 (10%)
- **Under 5 mortality**: 31/1,000

#### Threats to Early Childhood Development

- **Maternal mortality**: 92/100,000
- **Low birthweight**: 11%
- **Child poverty**: 2%
- **Harsh punishment**: 63%
- **Young mothers (births by 18y)**: 21%
- **Preterm births**: 11%
- **Under 5 stunting**: 7%
- **Inadequate supervision**: 58%

#### Young children at risk of poor development

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

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#### Risks by gender and residence

- **Residence**: Rural, Urban
- **Gender**: Girls, Boys

- **No data** for Girls and Boys in 2005 and 2010.

#### Lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood

- Estimate in terms of % loss of annual adult wage: 51%

### 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.

#### Early Learning

- **Homes have children’s books**: 57%
- **Children have support for learning**: 5%
- **Children have playthings at home**: 10%
- **Attendance in early childhood education**: 16%

#### Security and Safety

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### Support and services for Early Childhood Development: Facilitating Environments

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- **Exclusive breastfeeding**: 5
- **Minimum acceptable diet**: 45

#### Health

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