**Gambia**

**Demographics**
- Population: 2,039,000
- Annual births: 79,000
- Children under 5: 360,000 (18%)
- Under 5 mortality: 65/1,000

**Threats to Early Childhood Development**
- Maternal mortality: 706/100,000
- Low birthweight: 10%
- Child poverty: 49%
- Harsh punishment: 90%
- Young mothers (births by 18y): 19%
- Preterm births: 14%
- Under 5 stunting: 24%
- Inadequate supervision: 48%

**Risks by gender and residence**

**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.

**Facilitating Environments**

- Nutrition
  - Minimum acceptable diet: 8
  - Exclusive breastfeeding: 47%
  - Early initiation of breastfeeding: 52%
- Health
  - Pregnant women living with HIV on treatment: 68%
  - Women receive antenatal care visits: 69%
  - Postnatal newborn care: 76%
- Early Learning
  - Children have support for learning: 42%
  - Children have playthings at home: 21%
  - Attendance in early childhood education: 1%
- Security and Safety
  - Birth registration: 72%
  - Basic drinking water: 80%
  - Basic sanitation: 42%

**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 ✘