



# Gambia

Countdown to 2030

Women's, Children's & Adolescents' Health

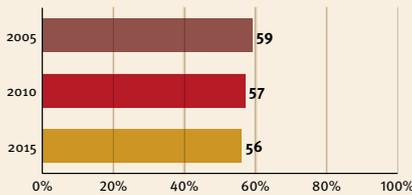
## Demographics

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

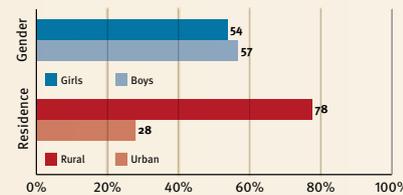
## Threats to Early Childhood Development

Maternal mortality	706/100 000	Young mothers (births by 18y)	19%
Low birthweight	10%	Preterm births	14%
Child poverty	49%	Under 5 stunting	24%
Harsh punishment	90%	Inadequate supervision	48%

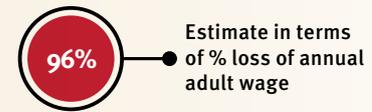
## Young children at risk of poor development



## Risks by gender and residence



## Lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood

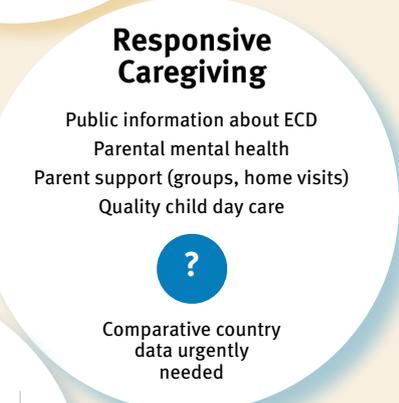
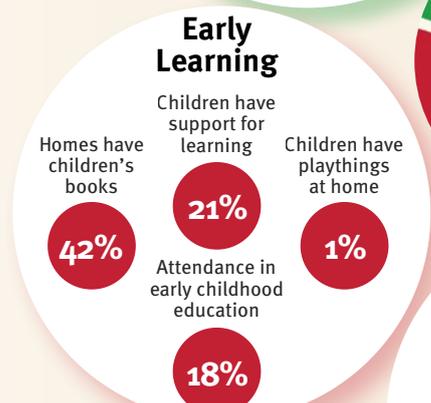
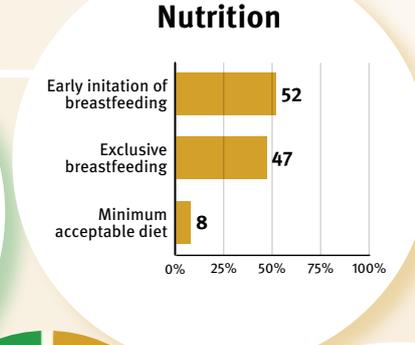
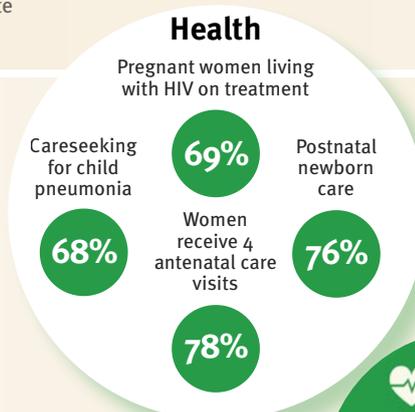


At risk in 2005, 2010 and 2015, using a composite indicator of under 5 stunting or poverty

## 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