**Early Childhood Development**

## India

### Demographics
- **Population**: 1,324,171,000
- **Annual births**: 25,244,000
- **Children under 5**: 119,998,000 (9%)
- **Under 5 mortality**: 43/1,000

### Threats to Early Childhood Development
- **Maternal mortality**: 174/100,000
- **Low birthweight**: 28%
- **Child poverty**: 14%
- **Harsh punishment**: no data
- **Preterm births by 18y**: 22%
- **Under 5 stunting**: 39%
- **Inadequate supervision**: no data

### Young children at risk of poor development

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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

### Lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood
- **Estimate in terms of % loss of annual adult wage**: 154%

### Health
- **Pregnant women living with HIV on treatment**: 73%
- **Women receive 4 antenatal care visits**: 62%
- **Postnatal newborn care**: 51%
- **Exclusive breastfeeding**: 41%
- **Careseeking for child pneumonia**: 42%

### Early Learning
- **Children have support for learning**: no data
- **Children have playthings at home**: no data
- **Attendance in early childhood education**: no data
- **Homes have children’s books**: no data

### Nutrition
- **Minimum acceptable diet**: 100%
- **Exclusive breastfeeding**: 55%
- **Early initiation of breastfeeding**: 42%

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

### Security and Safety
- **Birth registration**: 72%
- **Positive discipline**: no data
- **Basic drinking water**: 88%
- **Basic sanitation**: 44%