**Iraq**

**Demographics**
- Population: 37,203,000
- Annual births: 1,212,000
- Children under 5: 5,738,000 (15%)
- Under 5 mortality: 31/1,000

**Threats to Early Childhood Development**
- Maternal mortality: 50/100,000
- Low birthweight: 13%
- Child poverty: 2%
- Harsh punishment: 79%
- Young mothers (births by 18y): 12%
- Preterm births: 7%
- Under 5 stunting: 26%
- Inadequate supervision: 58%

**Young children at risk of poor development**

**Risks by gender and residence**

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

**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

**Nutrition**
- **Minimum acceptable diet**
- **Exclusive breastfeeding**
- **Early initiation of breastfeeding**

**Health**
- Careseeking for child pneumonia
- Women receive 4 antenatal care visits
- Postnatal newborn care

**Early Learning**
- Children have support for learning
- Children have playthings at home
- Attendance in early childhood education

**Security and Safety**
- Birth registration
- Positive discipline
- Basic drinking water
- Basic sanitation

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

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

**Estimate in terms of % loss of annual adult wage**

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