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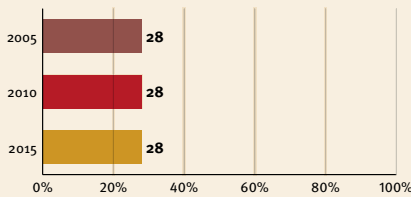
Demographics

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

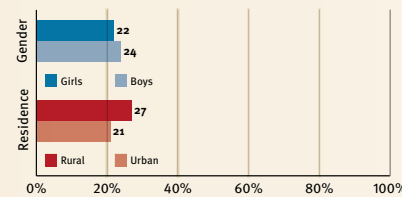
Maternal mortality	50/100 000	Young mothers (births by 18y)	12%
Low birthweight	13%	Preterm births	7%
Child poverty	2%	Under 5 stunting	26%
Harsh punishment	79%	Inadequate supervision	58%

Young children at risk of poor development

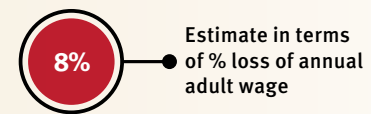


At risk in 2005, 2010 and 2015, using a composite indicator of under 5 stunting or poverty

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

Health

- Pregnant women living with HIV on treatment: 50%
- Careseeking for child pneumonia: 74%
- Women receive 4 antenatal care visits: 74%
- Postnatal newborn care: no data

Nutrition

- Early initiation of breastfeeding: 43%
- Exclusive breastfeeding: 20%
- Minimum acceptable diet: no data

Early Learning

- Homes have children's books: 34%
- Children have support for learning: 8%
- Children have playthings at home: 5%
- Attendance in early childhood education: 4%



Responsive Caregiving

- Public information about ECD
- Parental mental health
- Parent support (groups, home visits)
- Quality child day care
- Comparative country data urgently needed

Security and Safety

- Birth registration: 99%
- Positive discipline: 95%
- Basic drinking water: 86%
- Basic sanitation: 86%

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