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Countdown to 2030

Women's, Children's & Adolescents' Health

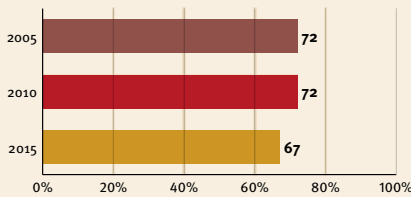
Demographics

Population	2 204 000
Annual births	61 000
Children under 5	286 000 (13%)
Under 5 mortality	94/1 000

Threats to Early Childhood Development

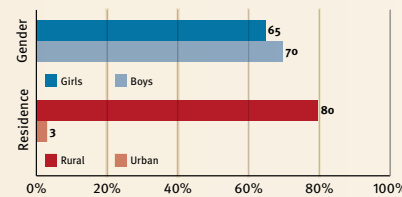
Maternal mortality	487/100 000	Young mothers (births by 18y)	14%
Low birthweight	11%	Preterm births	12%
Child poverty	54%	Under 5 stunting	33%
Harsh punishment	no data	Inadequate supervision	no data

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

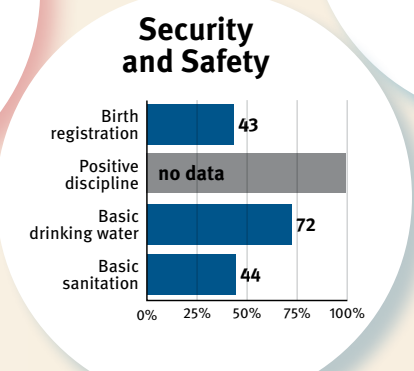
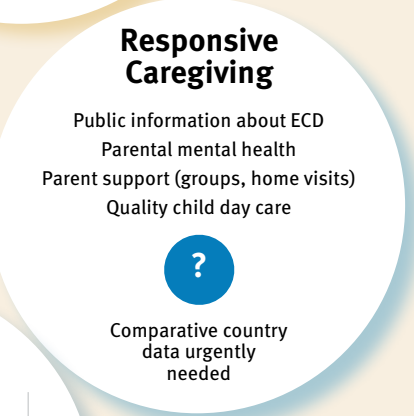
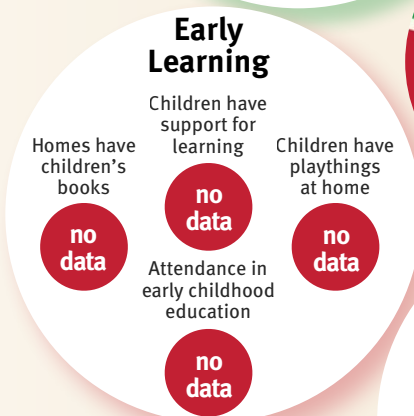
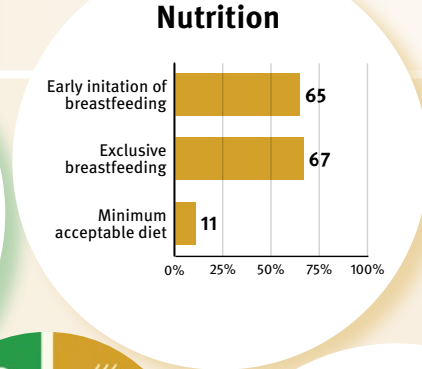
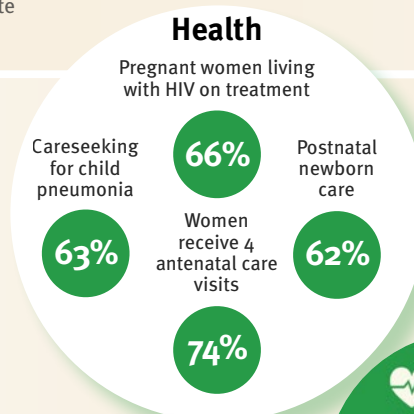


Estimate in terms of % loss of annual adult wage

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