Malawi

Demographics
Population 18 092 000
Annual births 653 000
Children under 5 2 908 000 (16%)
Under 5 mortality 55/1 000

Threats to Early Childhood Development
Maternal mortality  634/100 000
Low birthweight 14%
Child poverty 73%
Harsh punishment 72%

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

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 67%
Positive discipline no data
Basic drinking water 67%
Basic sanitation 44%

Early Learning

Children have support for learning 37%
Children have playthings at home 1%

Homes have children’s books 45%
Attendance in early childhood education 39%

Countdown to 2030
Women’s, Children’s & Adolescents’ Health

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

Health

Pregnant women living with HIV on treatment 83%
Careseeking for child pneumonia 84%
Women receive 4 antenatal care visits 42%

42%

Postnatal newborn care 51%

275%

Nutrition

Early initiation of breastfeeding 76%
Exclusive breastfeeding 61%
Minimum acceptable diet 8%

8%

51%

37%

1%