Mauritania

Demographics
Population 4,301,000
Annual births 145,000
Children under 5 655,000 (15%)
Under 5 mortality 81/1,000

Threats to Early Childhood Development
Maternal mortality 602/100,000
Low birthweight 35%
Child poverty 10%
Harsh punishment 80%

Young children at risk of poor development

Risks by gender and residence

Lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood

50% 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