Micronesia

Demographics

Population | 105,000
Annual births | 2,000
Children under 5 | 12,000 (11%)
Under 5 mortality | 33/1,000

Threats to Early Childhood Development

- Maternal mortality | 100/100,000
- Low birthweight | 11%
- Child poverty | no data
- Harsh punishment | no data
- Preterm births | no data
- Under 5 stunting | 11%
- Inadequate supervision | 23%

Young children at risk of poor development

- 2005: 27%
- 2010: 31%
- 2015: 35%

Risks by gender and residence

- Boys: 28%
- Girls: 31%
- Rural: 35%
- Urban: 29%

Lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood

- 154%

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

- Paid maternity 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

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

Health

- Pregnant women living with HIV on treatment
- 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
- Basic sanitation
- Basic drinking water

Responsive Caregiving

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

Comparative country data urgently needed

Countdown to 2030

Women’s, Children’s & Adolescents’ Health

Country profiles available from nurturing-care.org