Namibia

Demographics
Population 2,480,000
Annual births 72,000
Children under 5 344,000 (14%)
Under 5 mortality 45/1,000

Threats to Early Childhood Development
Maternal mortality 265/100,000
Low birthweight 16%
Child poverty 19%
Harsh punishment 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

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

Nutrition
Minimum acceptable diet

Early Learning
Children have support for learning
Children have playthings at home

Security and Safety
Birth registration
Positive discipline
Basic drinking water
Basic sanitation

Health
Pregnant women living with HIV on treatment
Careseeking for child pneumonia
Women receive 4 antenatal care visits

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

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

Policies
✘ Paid maternity leave
✘ Paid paternity leave
✘ National minimum wage
✔ Child and family social protection
✘ International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes

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

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