**Country Profiles Available from nurturing-care.org**

## Nepal

### Demographics
- **Population**: 28,983,000
- **Annual births**: 573,000
- **Children under 5**: 2,756,000 (10%)
- **Under 5 mortality**: 35/1,000

### Threats to Early Childhood Development
- **Maternal mortality**: 258/100,000
- **Low birthweight**: 18%
- **Child poverty**: 12%
- **Harsh punishment**: 82%
- **Under 5 stunting**: 37%
- **Inadequate supervision**: 67%
- **Young mothers (births by 18y)**: 16%
- **Preterm births**: 14%

### Risks by gender and residence

#### Young children at risk of poor development
- 2005: 53%
- 2010: 38%
- 2015: 34%

#### Lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood
- Estimate in terms of % loss of annual adult wage: 164%

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

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### Health
- **Pregnant women living with HIV on treatment**: 85%
- **Careseeking for child pneumonia**: 64%
- **Women receive 4 antenatal care visits**: 57%
- **Postnatal newborn care**: 69%

### Nutrition
- **Early initiation of breastfeeding**: 55%
- **Exclusive breastfeeding**: 66%
- **Minimum acceptable diet**: 32%

### Responsive Caregiving
- **Public information about ECD**: 66%
- **Parental mental health**: 69%
- **Parent support (groups, home visits)**: 57%
- **Quality child day care**: 69%

### Early Learning
- **Children have support for learning**: 21%
- **Children have playthings at home**: 5%
- **Attendance in early childhood education**: 59%

### Security and Safety
- **Birth registration**: 58%
- **Positive discipline**: no data
- **Basic drinking water**: 88%
- **Basic sanitation**: 46%

### Policies
- 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

### Comparativecountrydata urgently needed

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