



Nicaragua

Countdown to 2030

Women's, Children's & Adolescents' Health

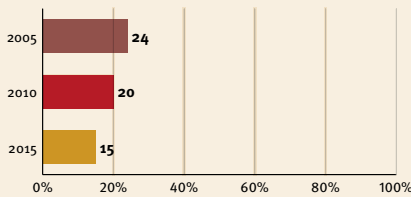
Demographics

Population	6 150 000
Annual births	121 000
Children under 5	597 000 (10%)
Under 5 mortality	20/1 000

Threats to Early Childhood Development

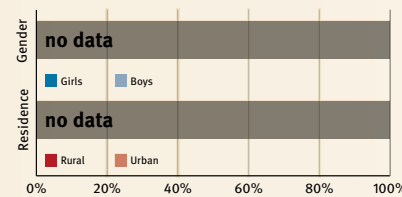
Maternal mortality	150/100 000	Young mothers (births by 18y)	28%
Low birthweight	8%	Preterm births	9%
Child poverty	no data	Under 5 stunting	21%
Harsh punishment	no data	Inadequate supervision	no data

Young children at risk of poor development

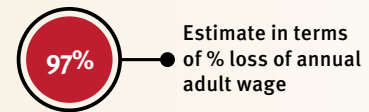


At risk in 2005, 2010 and 2015, using a composite indicator of under 5 stunting or poverty

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

Health

- Pregnant women living with HIV on treatment: 88%
- Careseeking for child pneumonia: 58%
- Postnatal newborn care: 3%
- Women receive 4 antenatal care visits: >95%

Nutrition

- Early initiation of breastfeeding: 68%
- Exclusive breastfeeding: 32%
- Minimum acceptable diet: no data

Early Learning

- Children have support for learning: no data
- Children have playthings at home: no data
- Homes have children's books: no data
- Attendance in early childhood education: no data



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: 85%
- Positive discipline: no data
- Basic drinking water: 82%
- Basic sanitation: 76%

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