Nicaragua

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

Risks by gender and residence

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

Policy
- 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 68%
Exclusive breastfeeding 32%
Minimum acceptable diet no data

Health
Pregnant women living with HIV on treatment 58%
Women receive 4 antenatal care visits 3%
Postnatal newborn care 88%

Early Learning
Children have support for learning no data
Children have playthings at home no data
Attendance in early childhood education no data

Security and Safety
Birth registration 85%
Positive discipline no data
Basic drinking water 82%
Basic sanitation 76%

Risks by gender and residence

Lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood
97% Estimate in terms of % loss of annual adult wage

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