**Niger**

**Demographics**
- Population: 20,673,000
- Annual births: 967,000
- Children under 5: 4,218,000 (20%)
- Under 5 mortality: 91/1,000

**Threats to Early Childhood Development**
- Maternal mortality: 553/100,000
- Low birthweight: 27%
- Child poverty: 57%
- Harsh punishment: 82%
- Young mothers (births by 18y): 48%
- Preterm births: 9%
- Under 5 stunting: 43%
- Inadequate supervision: no data

**Young children at risk of poor development**

**Risks by gender and residence**

**Lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood**

-Estimate in terms of % loss of annual adult wage

209%

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**

**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

**Nutrition**
- Early initiation of breastfeeding: 53%
- Exclusively breastfeeding: 23%
- Minimum acceptable diet: 6%

**Health**
- Pregnant women living with HIV on treatment: 59%
- Women receive 4 antenatal care visits: 37%
- Postnatal newborn care: 38%

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

**Security and Safety**
- Birth registration: 64%
- Positive discipline: no data
- Basic drinking water: 46%
- Basic sanitation: 13%

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

Comparative country data urgently needed