**Nigeria**

**Demographics**
- Population: 185,990,000
- Annual births: 7,141,000
- Children under 5: 31,802,000 (17%)
- Under 5 mortality: 104,100

**Threats to Early Childhood Development**
- Maternal mortality: 814/100,000
- Low birthweight: 15%
- Child poverty: 54%
- Harsh punishment: 91%
- Young mothers (births by 18y): 29%
- Preterm births: 12%
- Under 5 stunting: 33%
- Inadequate supervision: 65%

**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: 64%

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

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**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.

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**Support and services for Early Childhood Development:**

**Facilitating Environments**

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**Policies**
- paid maternity leave
- paid paternity leave
- national minimum wage
- child and family social protection
- international code of marketing of breastmilk substitutes

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**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