# Rwanda

## Demographics
- **Population**: 11,918,000
- **Annual births**: 370,000
- **Children under 5**: 1,740,000 (15%)
- **Under 5 mortality**: 39/1,000

## Threats to Early Childhood Development
- **Maternal mortality**: 290/100,000
- **Low birthweight**: 7%
- **Child poverty**: 68%
- **Harsh punishment**: no data

## Young children at risk of poor development

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

## Risks by gender and residence

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## Lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood

- Estimate in terms of % loss of annual adult wage: 380%

## 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

## Health
- Pregnant women living with HIV on treatment: 54%
- Careseeking for child pneumonia: 44%
- Women receive 4 antenatal care visits: 43%
- Postnatal newborn care: 44%

## Nutrition
- Early initiation of breastfeeding: 81%
- Exclusive breastfeeding: 87%
- Minimum acceptable diet: 19%

## Early Learning
- Children have support for learning: 35%
- Children have playthings at home: 1%
- Attendance in early childhood education: 30%

## Security and Safety
- Birth registration: 56%
- Positive discipline: no data
- Basic drinking water: 57%
- Basic sanitation: 62%

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

## Comparative country data urgently needed