

# Sierra Leone

### Countdown to 2030

Women's, Children's & Adolescents' Health

#### **Demographics**

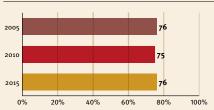
Population	7 396 000	
Annual births	258 000	
Children under 5	1 141 000 (15%)	
Under 5 mortality	114/1 000	

#### Threats to Early Childhood Development

Maternal mortality	1360/100 000
Low birthweight	11%
Child poverty	60%
Harsh punishment	82%

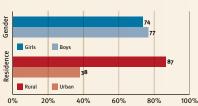
Young mothers (births by 18y)	36%
Preterm births	10%
Under 5 stunting	38%
Inadequate supervision	54%

#### 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.

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## **Facilitating Environments**





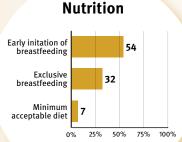
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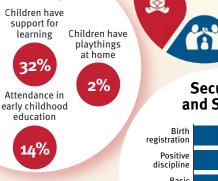
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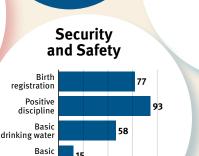
Postnatal





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#### Responsive Caregiving

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



Comparative country data urgently needed

Policies					
×	Paid maternity leave	X	Paid paternity leave		
×	National minimum wage				
X 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		

25% 50% 75% 100%