Sierra Leone

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: 1,360/100,000
- Low birthweight: 11%
- Child poverty: 60%
- Harsh punishment: 82%
- Under 5 stunting: 38%
- Inadequate supervision: 54%

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

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

International Conventions

Nutrition
- Early initiation of breastfeeding: 54%
- Exclusive breastfeeding: 32%
- Minimum acceptable diet: 7%

Health
- Women living with HIV on treatment: 87%
- Careseeking for child pneumonia: 72%
- Women receive 4 antenatal care visits: 73%
- Postnatal newborn care: 76%

Early Learning
- Children have support for learning: 32%
- Children have playthings at home: 2%
- Attendance in early childhood education: 35%
- Homes have children’s books: 14%

Security and Safety
- Birth registration: 77%
- Positive discipline: 93%
- Basic drinking water: 58%
- Basic sanitation: 15%

Risks by gender and residence

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

Estimate in terms of % loss of annual adult wage
65%