Solomon Islands

Demographics
Population: 599,000
Annual births: 17,000
Children under 5: 83,000 (14%)
Under 5 mortality: 26/1,000

Threats to Early Childhood Development
Maternal mortality: 114/100,000
Low birthweight: 13%
Child poverty: no data
Harsh punishment: 86%
Young mothers (births by 18y): 15%
Preterm births: 12%
Under 5 stunting: 31%
Inadequate supervision: no data

Young children at risk of poor development
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
- Paid paternity leave
- National minimum wage
- Child and family social protection

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: 75%
Exclusive breastfeeding: 74%
Minimum acceptable diet: no data

Health
Pregnant women living with HIV on treatment: no data
Careseeking for child pneumonia: 79%
Women receive 4 antenatal care visits: 69%
Postnatal newborn care: 69%

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

Security and Safety
Birth registration: no data
Positive discipline: no data
Basic drinking water: 31%
Basic sanitation: 64%

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

Comparative country data urgently needed

217% Estimate in terms of % loss of annual adult wage

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