**South Africa**

### Demographics

- **Population**: 56,015,000
- **Annual births**: 1,176,000
- **Children under 5**: 5,705,000 (10%)
- **Under 5 mortality**: 43/1,000

### Threats to Early Childhood Development

- **Maternal mortality**: 138/100,000
- **Low birthweight**: no data
- **Child poverty**: no data
- **Harsh punishment**: no data
- **Young mothers (births by 18y)**: 15%
- **Preterm births**: 8%
- **Under 5 stunting**: 23%
- **Inadequate supervision**: 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

### 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

- **Homes have children’s books**: no data
- **Children have support for learning**: no data
- **Children have playthings at home**: no data
- **Attendance in early childhood education**: no data
- **Birth registration**: 85%
- **Positive discipline**: no data
- **Basic drinking water**: 85%
- **Basic sanitation**: 73%

### Policies

- ✔ Paid maternity leave
- ✔ National minimum wage
- ✔ Child and family social protection
- ✔ International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes
- ✗ Paid paternity leave
- ✔ Nation minimum wage

### 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**: 88%
- **Careseeking for child pneumonia**: 95%
- **Postnatal new born care**: 76%
- **Women receive 4 antenatal care visits**: 84%

### Nutrition

- **Early initiation of breastfeeding**: 61%
- **Exclusive breastfeeding**: 32%
- **Minimum acceptable diet**: 23%

### Early Learning

- **Children have support for learning**: no data
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### Security and Safety

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### 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

- **174%**

### Comparative country data urgently needed