Swaziland

Demographics
Population 1,343,000
Annual births 39,000
Children under 5 180,000 (13%)
Under 5 mortality 70/1,000

Threats to Early Childhood Development
Maternal mortality 389/100,000
Low birthweight 9%
Child poverty 49%
Harsh punishment 88%

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 | 
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| ✔ Paid maternity leave | ✔ Paid paternity 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

Nutrition

Health
Pregnant women living with HIV on treatment
Careseeking for child pneumonia 95%
Women receive 4 antenatal care visits 88%
Postnatal newborn care 76%

Securities and Safety
Birth registration 54%
Positive discipline no data
Basic drinking water 68%
Basic sanitation 58%

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

Comparative country data urgently needed

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

Nutrition

Early initiation of breastfeeding
Exclusive breastfeeding
Minimum acceptable diet

Estimate in terms of % loss of annual adult wage

Homes have children’s books 67%
Attendance in early childhood education 17%
Children have playthings at home 6%
Children have support for learning 17%