



# Syria

Countdown to 2030

Women's, Children's & Adolescents' Health

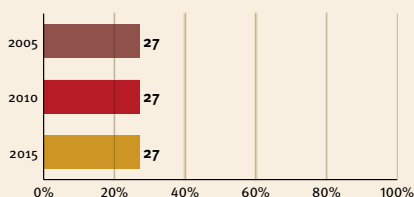
## Demographics

Population	18 430 000
Annual births	427 000
Children under 5	2 100 000 (11%)
Under 5 mortality	18/1 000

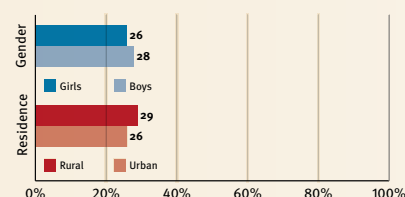
## Threats to Early Childhood Development

Maternal mortality	68/100 000	Young mothers (births by 18y)	9%
Low birthweight	10%	Preterm births	11%
Child poverty	2%	Under 5 stunting	26%
Harsh punishment	89%	Inadequate supervision	70%

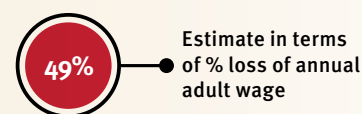
## Young children at risk of poor development



## Risks by gender and residence



## Lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood



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

### Health

- Pregnant women living with HIV on treatment: 77%
- Careseeking for child pneumonia: no data
- Postnatal newborn care: no data
- Women receive 4 antenatal care visits: 64%

### Nutrition

- Early initiation of breastfeeding: 46%
- Exclusive breastfeeding: 43%
- Minimum acceptable diet: no data

### Early Learning

- Homes have children's books: 52%
- Children have support for learning: 17%
- Children have playthings at home: 30%
- Attendance in early childhood education: 8%



### Responsive Caregiving

- Public information about ECD
- Parental mental health
- Parent support (groups, home visits)
- Quality child day care
- Comparative country data urgently needed

### Security and Safety

- Birth registration: 96%
- Positive discipline: 77%
- Basic drinking water: 97%
- Basic sanitation: 93%

### Policies

✓ 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