Syria

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
Low birthweight 10%
Child poverty 2%
Harsh punishment 89%

Young children at risk of poor development

Risks by gender and residence

Lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood

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

Nutrition
- Exclusive breastfeeding 46%
- Minimum acceptable diet no data

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%

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