Timor-Leste

Demographics
Population 1,269,000
Annual births 44,000
Children under 5 206,000 (16%)
Under 5 mortality 50/1,000

Threats to Early Childhood Development
Maternal mortality 215/100,000
Low birthweight 12%
Child poverty 44%
Harsh punishment no data

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

Health
- Pregnant women living with HIV on treatment: 74%
- Postnatal newborn care: 24%
- Children have support for learning: 55%

Nutrition
- Exclusive breastfeeding: 93%
- Minimum acceptable diet: 18%

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

Security and Safety
- Birth registration: 55%
- Basic sanitation: 44%
- Basic drinking water: 70%
- Positive discipline: no data