**Venezuela**

**Demographics**
- Population: 31,568,000
- Annual births: 602,000
- Children under 5: 2,974,000 (9%)
- Under 5 mortality: 16/1,000

**Threats to Early Childhood Development**
- Maternal mortality: 95/100,000
- Low birthweight: 9%
- Child poverty: no data
- Harsh punishment: no data
- Young mothers (births by 18y): 24%
- Preterm births: 8%
- Under 5 stunting: 9%
- Inadequate supervision: no data

**Young children at risk of poor development**

**Risks by gender and residence**

**Lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood**

- Estimate in terms of % loss of annual adult wage

**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
- ✓ 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