**Zimbabwe**

**Demographics**
- Population: 16,150,000
- Annual births: 535,000
- Children under 5: 2,539,000 (16%)
- Under 5 mortality: 561,000

**Young children at risk of poor development**
- 2005: 51%
- 2010: 47%
- 2015: 46%

**Risks by gender and residence**
- Rural Girls: 51%
- Urban Girls: 49%
- Rural Boys: 46%
- Urban Boys: 56%

**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

**Nutrition**
- Early initiation of breastfeeding
- Exclusive breastfeeding
- Minimum acceptable diet

**Health**
- Pregnant women living with HIV on treatment
- Careseeking for child pneumonia
- Women receive 4 antenatal care visits
- Postnatal newborn care

**Early Learning**
- Children have support for learning
- Children have playthings at home
- Attendance in early childhood education

**Security and Safety**
- Birth registration
- Positive discipline
- Basic drinking water
- Basic sanitation

**Countdown to 2030**
- Women’s, Children’s & Adolescents’ Health

**Lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood**
- 71%

**Threats to Early Childhood Development**
- Maternal mortality: 443/100,000
- Low birthweight: 11%
- Child poverty: 23%
- Harsh punishment: 63%
- Young mothers (births by 18y): 22%
- Preterm births by 18y: 17%
- Under 5 stunting: 27%
- Inadequate supervision: 43%

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

**Country Profiles Available from NurturingCare.org**

**Comparative country data urgently needed**