Armenia

Demographics
- Population (2019): 2,958,000
- Annual births: 40,000
- Children under 5 (2019): 208,000 (7%)
- Under-five mortality: 12/1,000

Young children at risk of poor development
- At risk in 2005, 2010 and 2015, using a composite indicator of under-five stunting or poverty

Threats to Early Childhood Development
- Maternal mortality: 26/100,000
- Low birthweight: 9%
- Child poverty: 1%
- Violent discipline: 62%
- Young mothers (births by 18y): 1%
- Preterm births: 11%
- Under-five stunting: 9%
- Inadequate supervision: no data

Risk by sex and residence

Lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood
- 35%

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 in providing their young children with nurturing care.

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 Persons with Disabilities
- Hague Convention on Protection of Children and Cooperation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption

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

Healthy
- Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women
- Careseeking for child pneumonia
- Antenatal care (4 or more visits)
- Postnatal visits
- Early stimulation at home
- Children’s books in the home
- Playthings at home
- Attendance in early childhood education

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
- Basic drinking water
- Basic sanitation

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