**Bangladesh**

### Demographics
- Population (2019): 163,046,000
- Annual births: 2,913,000
- Children under 5 (2019): 14,419,000 (9%)
- Under-five mortality: 30/1,000

### Threats to Early Childhood Development

- Maternal mortality: 173/100,000
- Low birthweight: 28%
- Child poverty: 22%
- Violent discipline: 78%

- Young mothers (births by 18y): 36%
- Preterm births: 14%
- Under-five stunting: 36%
- Inadequate supervision: 12%

### Young children at risk of poor development

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

### 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
- National minimum wage
- Child and family social protection
- International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes
- Paid paternity leave

#### 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

### CountDown to 2030

**Women’s, Children’s & Adolescents’ Health**

**Nutrition**

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

### Early Childhood Development Index

64%

### Risk by sex and residence

- Girls vs. Boys
- Rural vs. Urban

### Lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood

121%

**Children’s books in the home**

- 9%

**Attendance in early childhood education**

- 78%

**Playthings at home**

- 60%

**Birth registration**

- 20%

**Positive discipline**

- 18%

**Basic drinking water**

- 48%

**Basic sanitation**

- 97%

**Public information about ECD**

- Parental mental health
- Parent support (groups, home visits)
- Quality child day care

**Comparative country data urgently needed**

### Comparative data

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**Health**

- Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women
- Careseeking for child pneumonia
- Antenatal care (4 or more visits)
- Postnatal visits

**Responsive caregiving**

- Early stimulation at home
- Playthings at home

**Security and safety**

- Birth registration
- Positive discipline
- Basic drinking water
- Basic sanitation

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