BELARUS

**EARTLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT**

**Belarus**

**Demographics**
- Population (2019): 9,452,000
- Annual births: 110,000
- Children under 5 (2019): 556,000 (6%)
- Under-five mortality: 3/1,000

**Young children at risk of poor development**

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**Threats to Early Childhood Development**
- Maternal mortality: 2/100,000
- Low birthweight: 5%
- Child poverty: no data
- Violent discipline: 68%

**Young mothers (births by 18y):** 3%
- Preterm births: 4%
- Under-five stunting: 4%
- Inadequate supervision: 4%

**Lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood**
- Estimate in terms of % loss of annual adult wage

**Nutrition**
- Early initiation of breastfeeding: 53%
- Exclusively breastfeeding: 99%
- Minimum acceptable diet: no data

**Health**
- Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women: 90%
- Careseeking for child pneumonia: 93%
- Antenatal care (4 or more visits): 100%
- Postnatal visits: 100%

**Early learning**
- Early stimulation at home: 96%
- Playthings at home: 79%
- Children’s books in the home: 92%
- Attendance in early childhood education: 88%

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

**Security and safety**
- Birth registration: 100%
- Positive discipline: 30%
- Basic drinking water: 96%
- Basic sanitation: 98%

**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

**Detailed Country Data Sources and Footnotes can be found in the Master Database at NurturingCare.org**