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Countdown to 2030

Women's, Children's & Adolescents' Health

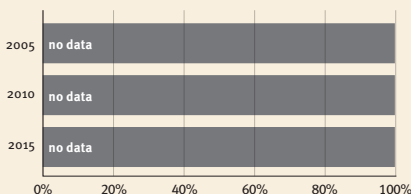
Demographics

Population (2019)	390,000
Annual births	8,000
Children under 5 (2019)	39,000 (10%)
Under-five mortality	13/1 000

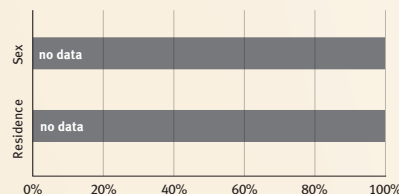
Threats to Early Childhood Development

Maternal mortality	36/100 000	Young mothers (births by 18y)	17%
Low birthweight	9%	Preterm births	10%
Child poverty	no data	Under-five stunting	15%
Violent discipline	63%	Inadequate supervision	13%

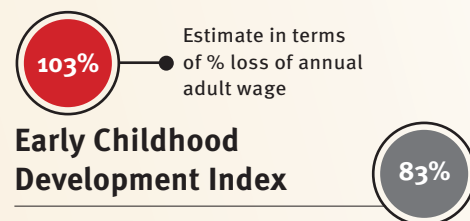
Young children at risk of poor development



Risk by sex and residence



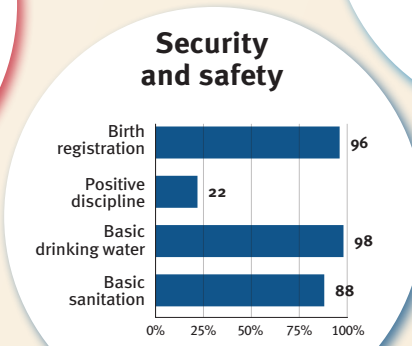
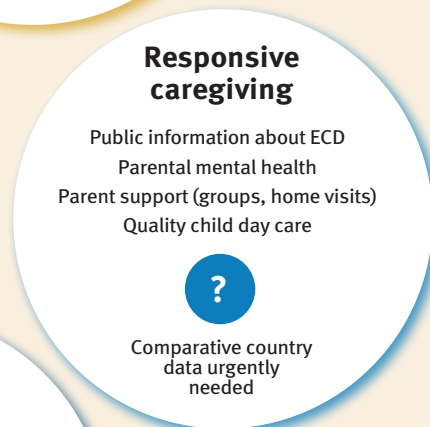
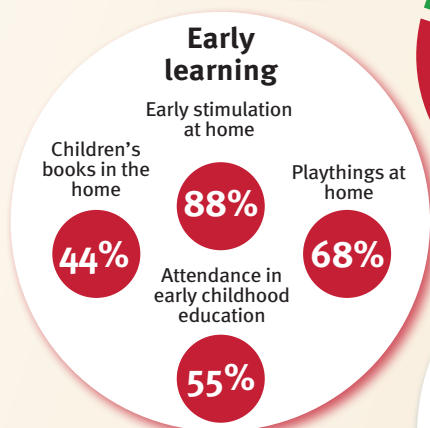
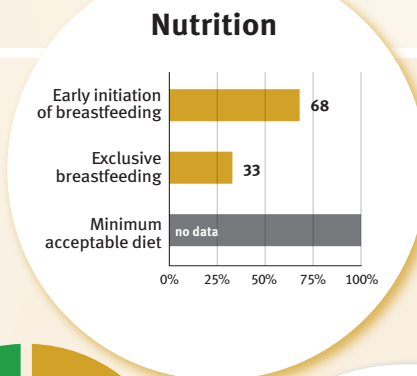
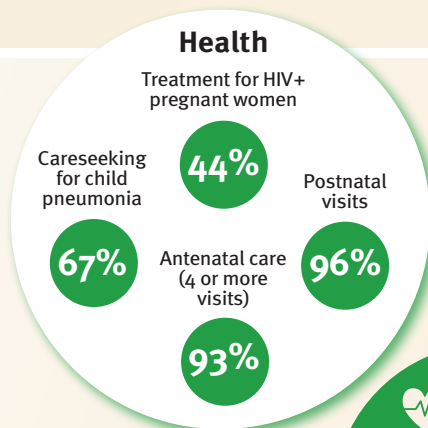
Lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood



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	✗ 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	
✓ CRC Optional Protocol on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography	
✓ Hague Convention on Protection of Children and Cooperation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption	