EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

Benin

Demographics
Population (2019) 11,801,000
Annual births 423,000
Children under 5 (2019) 1,874,000 (16%)
Under-five mortality 93/1000

Threats to Early Childhood Development
Maternal mortality 397/100000
Low birthweight 17%
Child poverty 50%
Violent discipline 87%

Young mothers (births by 18y) 19%
Preterm births 11%
Under-five stunting 32%
Inadequate supervision 29%

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

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