EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

Bhutan

Demographics
Population (2019) 763,000
Annual births 13,000
Children under 5 (2019) 64,000 (8%)
Under-five mortality 30/1,000

Young children at risk of poor development

Risk by sex and residence

Threats to Early Childhood Development
Maternal mortality 183/100,000
Low birthweight 12%
Child poverty 5%
Violent discipline no data

Lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood

129% Estimate in terms of % loss of annual adult wage

Early Childhood Development Index

72%

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

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International conventions

✓ Convention on the Rights of the Child
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DETAILED COUNTRY DATA SOURCES AND FOOTNOTES CAN BE FOUND IN THE MASTER DATABASE AT NURTURING.CARE.ORG

Health
Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women
Careseeking for child pneumonia no data
Antenatal care (4 or more visits) 74%
Care by mother 41%

Nutrition
Early initiation of breastfeeding
Exclusive breastfeeding
Minimum acceptable diet

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
Positive discipline
Basic drinking water
Basic sanitation

Early learning
Early stimulation at home
Children’s books in the home 6%
Playthings at home 54%
Attendance in early childhood education 10%

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