**EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT**

**Botswana**

### Demographics
- Population (2019): 2,304,000
- Annual births: 56,000
- Children under 5 (2019): 272,000 (12%)
- Under-five mortality: 36/1,000

### Threats to Early Childhood Development

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<td>Maternal mortality</td>
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<td>Low birthweight</td>
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<td>Violent discipline</td>
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<td>Young mothers (births by 18y)</td>
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<td>Under-five stunting</td>
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### Early Childhood Development Index
- 190% Estimate in terms of % loss of annual adult wage
- 18%

### 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

**Countdown to 2030**

Women’s, Children’s & Adolescents’ Health

**Nutrition**

- Early initiation of breastfeeding: 40%
- Exclusive breastfeeding: 20%
- Minimum acceptable diet: no data

**Health**

- Careseeking for child pneumonia: 98%
- Antenatal care (4 or more visits): 14%
- Postnatal visits: 73%

**Early learning**

- Early stimulation at home: no data
- Playthings at home: no data
- Children’s books in the home: no data
- Attendance in early childhood education: no data

**Responsive caregiving**

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

**Security and safety**

- Birth registration: 88%
- Positive discipline: no data
- Basic drinking water: 90%
- Basic sanitation: 77%