**EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT**

**Brazil**

### Demographics
- **Population (2019)**: 21,050,000
- **Annual births**: 2,890,000
- **Children under 5 (2019)**: 14,572,000 (7%)
- **Under-five mortality**: 14/1,000

### Threats to Early Childhood Development

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<td>Maternal mortality</td>
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### Young children at risk of poor development

- **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
- Hague Convention on Protection of Children and Cooperation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption

**Nutrition**
- Early initiation of breastfeeding
- Exclusive breastfeeding
- Minimum acceptable diet

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

**Early learning**
- Early stimulation at home
- Children’s books in the home
- Playthings at home
- Attendance in early childhood education

**Security and safety**
- Birth registration
- Positive discipline
- Basic drinking water
- Basic sanitation

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

**Lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood**

- **49%**: Estimate in terms of % loss of annual adult wage

**Early Childhood Development Index**

**Support and services for early childhood development:**

- Nurturing care

**Comparative country data urgently needed**

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