Central African Republic

Demographics
Population (2019) 4,745,000
Annual births 167,000
Children under 5 (2019) 731,000 (15%)
Under-five mortality 16/1,000

Threats to Early Childhood Development
Maternal mortality 829/100,000
Low birthweight 15%
Child poverty 64%
Violent discipline 90%

Young mothers (births by 18y) 45%
Preterm births 13%
Under-five stunting 40%
Inadequate supervision 61%

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

International conventions
✓ Convention on the Rights of the Child
✓ Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
✓ Hague Convention of Protection of Children and Cooperation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption

At risk in 2005, 2010 and 2015, using a composite indicator of under-five stunting or poverty

Health
Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women
Careseeking for child pneumonia 30%
Antenatal care 40%
Postnatal visits

Early learning
Early stimulation at home
Children’s books in the home 1%
Playthings at home 74%

Early Childhood Development Index
47%

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

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

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