EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

**China**

### Demographics
- Population (2019): 1,433,784,000
- Annual births: 16,539,000
- Children under 5 (2019): 85,041,000 (6%)
- Under-five mortality: 9/1,000

### Threats to Early Childhood Development
- Maternal mortality: 29/100,000
- Low birthweight: 5%
- Child poverty: 3%
- Violent discipline: no data
- Young mothers (births by 18y): no data
- Preterm births: 7%
- Under-five stunting: 8%
- Inadequate supervision: no data

### Young children at risk of poor development

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

### Risk by sex and residence

#### Lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood
- Estimate in terms of % loss of annual adult wage

#### Early Childhood Development Index
- no data

### 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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