**Early Childhood Development**

### Colombia

#### Demographics
- Population (2019): 50,339,000
- Annual births: 732,000
- Children under 5 (2019): 3,730,000 (7%)
- Under-five mortality: 14/1,000

#### Threats to Early Childhood Development
- Maternal mortality: 83/100,000
- Low birthweight: 10%
- Child poverty: 7%
- Violent discipline: no data
- Young mothers (births by 18y): 20%
- Preterm births: 9%
- Under-five stunting: 13%
- 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

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

- Estimate in terms of % loss of annual adult wage
- 93%

**Health**
- Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women: 90%
- Careseeking for child pneumonia: 64%
- Postnatal visits: 1%
- Antenatal care (4 or more visits): 21%

**Nutrition**
- Early initiation of breastfeeding: 63%
- Exclusive breastfeeding: 47%
- Minimum acceptable diet: 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**

**Policy**
- Paid maternity 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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