Country profiles
for early childhood development
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Introduction

These profiles of 138 low- and middle-income countries are an important step towards establishing a global monitoring and accountability system for early childhood development (ECD), affiliated with the Countdown to 2030 for Women's, Children's and Adolescents' Health (www.countdown2030.org).

The decision to assemble available data in country profiles was first taken by authors of the *Lancet* series ‘Advancing Early Childhood Development: From Science to Scale’, during its 2016 launch. The initiative was carried forward by a subgroup supporting the Nurturing Care Framework developed by the World Health Organization (WHO), UNICEF and partners.

An initial set of 91 country profiles was released in May 2018. Subsequently, a decision was made to expand and update the profiles for 138 low- and middle-income countries in 2019.

The profiles are an attempt to compile, in one place, the available data for country and cross-country monitoring and to provide a baseline against which progress can be monitored. More comparable country data and analysis are needed to propel the early childhood development agenda, monitor impact, direct attention to areas requiring additional effort and resources, and measure progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Progress is being made, and opportunities exist for further analyses with currently available data. For example, with adequate resources, country micro-data could be disaggregated further. Nevertheless, the country profiles draw attention to significant gaps, especially in extracting data pertaining to the youngest children and measuring services to improve nurturing care. It is hoped that the country profiles will prompt advocacy and action to refine measurement parameters and to collect comparable country data.

How the profiles were developed

Authors of the *Lancet* series collaborated on the initial selection of countries and indicators. Several authors contributed new or additional analyses. For example, the Composite Risk Index used to estimate the number of children under 5 years of age at risk for poor early childhood development was updated using the poverty line published by the World Bank, extending the trend from 2005 to 2010 to 2015.

Updates on progress on the selection and refinement of countries and indicators were presented at several meetings: one at an early childhood development guidance meeting in Geneva in June 2017, and another during the Countdown to 2030 Measurement Conference in Stellenbosch, South Africa, in February 2018. Following this, the Nurturing Care ECD Metric Joint Technical Working Group was formally established in September 2018. The working group provided input for the preparation of the updated profiles.

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1 The exception is Panama, which is a high-income country. A profile was prepared given that Panama was among the original set of Countdown countries.
Following the release of the initial set of country profiles in May 2018, a decision was taken by the Steering Committee of Countdown to 2030 to have UNICEF serve as the institutional home of the Countdown to 2030 ECD country profiles and to take the lead in their preparation and subsequent updating.

Data from the sources listed in the Technical Appendix were compiled into a master database, with detailed information on country-specific data sources and footnotes. A flat Excel spreadsheet, summarizing the information into a single file, was created to populate the country profiles and is available on the Nurturing Care website (www.nurturing-care.org).

Countries

Profiles are provided for 138 low- and middle-income countries. The complete list can be found in the Technical appendix.

Selection of the 91 countries for which profiles were originally produced in 2018 was based on at least one of three criteria:

1. Countries with 30 per cent or more of children under age 5 at risk of poor development as a result of stunting or extreme poverty (less than US$1.90 a day) in 2010. This threshold was selected as the cut-off since, according to WHO, stunting is a public health concern in a country if at least 20 per cent of children are stunted, and since an estimated 10 per cent of the world population live in extreme poverty.

2. Developing countries that accounted for 95 per cent of children under age 5 estimated to be at risk of poor development in 2010 due to exposure to stunting or extreme poverty. Many of these are countries with large child populations, including Brazil, China, Mexico and Turkey.

3. Countries included in the Countdown to 2030.

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Indicators

Indicators were included based on the following criteria:

1. The data relate to the conceptual framework for early childhood development published in the *Lancet* series. That is, the data provide information on threats to early childhood development, aspects of the facilitating environment, or on support and services in the five components of the Nurturing Care Framework: health, nutrition, early learning, responsive caregiving, and security and safety.

2. The data are largely comparable across countries and publicly available, either through a UN agency or in a peer-reviewed publication that provides a technical appendix with country-level data.

Definitions of the indicators and data sources are provided in the Technical appendix. Two household surveys are the main data sources – Demographic and Health Surveys (DHS), supported by the United States Agency for International Development, and Multiple Indicator Cluster Surveys (MICS), supported by UNICEF. Additional data sources include other nationally representative household surveys, censuses and administrative records, as indicated. While the original intention was to have all data refer to children under the age of 5 years, and even under 3 years where possible, this could not be accomplished for all indicators without significant additional time and resources. Definitions make clear the parameters of the indicators – by year/s and age group.

Many more indicators are needed to track threats to early childhood development, financing, responsive caregiving in the home and coverage of services to improve early childhood development. Some of these are referred to in the indicator list in the Technical appendix. That said, the data presented on the following pages can help generate the motivation, advocacy and additional resources needed for new comparable cross-country data collection through DHS and MICS, as well as through other national household surveys.

How the profiles are organized

Indicators have been assembled on the country pages as follows:

- **Demographics** providing basic information about the country.
- **Threats to early childhood development** indexed by maternal mortality, having a young mother, low birthweight and preterm births, inadequate supervision, violent discipline, stunting, and children under 5 years of age living in poverty.
- **The prevalence of inequality among children at risk of poor development**, indexed by the composite indicator of the prevalence of children exposed to stunting or extreme poverty in 2005, 2010 and 2015, and differences in prevalence between boys and girls and between children living in urban and rural areas (based on surveys conducted...
Betweeen 2006 and 2015).

- Estimated economic costs of poor early development were produced by calculating the cost of the child growth deficit as a percentage of adult annual wages lost.

- Early childhood development outcomes, as measured by the Early Childhood Development Index.

- Support and services for early childhood development indexed by the five components of the Nurturing Care Framework described in the *Lancet* series, and by indicators of the facilitating environment of laws, conventions and policies.
  - Nurturing care comprises five essential elements: health, early learning, security and safety, responsive caregiving and nutrition.
  - The facilitating environment is indicated by relevant policies and conventions:
    - Policies for which there are comparable country data relevant to early childhood development include those related to paid maternity and paternity leave, whether a country has a national minimum wage and non-contributory child and family social protection benefits, and whether the country has adopted many or all of the provisions of the International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes.

**Next steps**

The country profiles are intended to be used by countries to raise awareness about early childhood development, to disseminate information, and to advocate for resources, services and data to improve early childhood development.

Funding needs to be mobilized to support data collection and country, regional and global analyses that can contribute to knowledge and progress in improving children’s prospects during this formative stage of life.

**September 2019**
Country profiles
**EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT**

**Afghanistan**

**Demographics**
- Population (2019): 38,042,000
- Annual births: 1,212,000
- Children under 5 (2019): 5,639,000 (15%)
- Under-five mortality: 62/1,000

**Threats to Early Childhood Development**
- Maternal mortality: 638/100,000
- Low birthweight: no data
- Child poverty: no data
- Violent discipline: 63%
- Young mothers (births by 18y): 20%
- Preterm births: 12%
- Under-five stunting: 41%
- Inadequate supervision: 40%

**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.

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

**Nurturing care**

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**Facilitating environments**

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**International conventions**
- ✓ Convention on the Rights of the Child
- ✓ Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
- X 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: 41%
- Exclusive breastfeeding: 43%
- Minimum acceptable diet: 15%

**Health**

- Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women: 11%
- Antenatal care (4 or more visits): 62%
- Prenatal visits: 40%
- Careseeking for child pneumonia: 18%

**Early learning**

- Early stimulation at home: 73%
- Playthings at home: 53%
- Attendance in early childhood education: 1%
- Children’s books in the home: 2%

**Security and safety**

- Birth registration: 42%
- Positive discipline: 67%
- Basic drinking water: 63%
- Basic sanitation: 53%

**Responsive caregiving**

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

- Comparative country data urgently needed

**EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT INDEX**

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

179% Estimate in terms of % loss of annual adult wage

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**EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT**

**Albania**

**Demographics**
- Population (2019): 2,881,000
- Annual births: 33,000
- Children under 5 (2019): 169,000 (6%)
- Under-five mortality: 9/1,000

**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

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

**Nurturing care**

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

**Early Childhood Development Index**

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

**Early learning**
- Children’s books in the home: 32%
- Early stimulation at home: 78%
- Playthings at home: 53%
- Attendance in early childhood education: 40%

**Security and safety**
- Birth registration: 98%
- Positive discipline: 91%
- Basic drinking water: 91%
- Basic sanitation: 91%

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

**Health**
- Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women
- Antenatal care (4 or more visits): 82%
- Postnatal visits: 88%
- Careseeking for child pneumonia: 78%

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**Details**

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EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

Algeria

Demographics
Population (2019) 43,053,000
Annual births 1,012,000
Children under 5 (2019) 5,025,000 (12%)
Under-five mortality 23/1,000

Young children at risk of poor development
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Nurturing care
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Facilitating environments

Threats to Early Childhood Development
Maternal mortality 12/100,000
Low birthweight 7%
Child poverty 0%
Violent discipline 84%

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

Health
Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women
Careseeking for child pneumonia 74%
Antenatal care (4 or more visits) 66%
Postnatal visits 67%

Nutrition
Early initiation of breastfeeding 36%
Exclusive breastfeeding 25%
Minimum acceptable diet

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

Comparative country data urgently needed

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

Policies
Paid maternity leave
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National minimum wage
Child and family social protection
International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes

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Health
No data

Nutrition
0%
20%
40%
60%
80%
100%

Nutrition

Early childhood education

Support and services for early childhood development:
Nurturing care

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International conventions

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Health

Nutrition

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**EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT**

**American Samoa**

**Demographics**
- Population (2019): no data
- Annual births: no data
- Children under 5 (2019): no data
- Under-five mortality: no data

**Threats to Early Childhood Development**
- Maternal mortality: no data
- Low birthweight: no data
- Child poverty: no data
- Violent discipline: no data
- Young mothers (births by 18y): no data
- Preterm births: no data
- Under-five stunting: no data
- Inadequate supervision: no data

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**Risk by sex and residence**

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

**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: no data
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- National minimum wage: no data
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## Early Childhood Development

### Angola

#### Demographics
- Population (2019): 31,825,000
- Annual births: 1,283,000
- Children under 5 (2019): 5,670,000 (18%)
- Under-five mortality: 77/1,000

#### Threats to Early Childhood Development

- Maternal mortality: 241/100,000
- Low birthweight: 15%
- Child poverty: 29%
- Violent discipline: no data
- Young mothers (births by 18y): 38%
- Preterm births: 13%
- Under-five stunting: 38%
- Inadequate supervision: no data

#### Young children at risk of poor development

- 2005: Girls 58, Boys 49
- 2010: Girls 55, Boys 34
- 2015: Girls 82, Boys 7%

#### Risk by sex and residence

- Rural: Girls 25, Boys 13
- Urban: Girls 50, Boys 56

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

- Estimate in terms of % loss of annual adult wage: 82%

#### 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.

#### Health

- Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women: 38%
- Antenatal care (4 or more visits): 49%
- Postnatal visits: 23%
- Early initiation of breastfeeding: 37%
- Exclusive breastfeeding: 13%
- Minimum acceptable diet: 61%

#### Early Learning

- Early stimulation at home: no data
- Children’s books in the home: no data
- Playthings at home: no data
- Attendance in early childhood education: 7%

#### Nutrition

#### Responsive Caregiving

- Public information about ECD: Comparative country data urgently needed
- Parental mental health: no data
- Parent support (groups, home visits): no data
- Quality child day care: no data

#### Security and Safety

- Birth registration: 25
- Positive discipline: no data
- Basic drinking water: 56
- Basic sanitation: 50

#### Facilitating Environments

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**EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT**

**Argentina**

**Demographics**
- Population (2019): 44,780,677
- Annual births: 753,596
- Children under 5 (2019): 3,741,888 (8%)
- Under-five mortality: 10/1,000

**Threats to Early Childhood Development**
- Maternal mortality: 39/100,000
- Low birthweight: 7%
- Child poverty: no data
- Violent discipline: 73%

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

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**EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT**

**Armenia**

**Demographics**
- Population (2019): 2,958,000
- Annual births: 40,000
- Children under 5 (2019): 208,000 (7%)
- Under-five mortality: 12/1,000

**Threats to Early Childhood Development**
- Maternal mortality: 26/100,000
- Low birthweight: 9%
- Child poverty: 1%
- Violent discipline: 62%
- Young mothers (births by 18y): 1%
- Preterm births: 11%
- Under-five stunting: 9%
- Inadequate supervision: no data

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

- Estimate in terms of % loss of annual adult wage: 35%

**Early Childhood Development Index**

- Comparative country data urgently needed

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

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EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

Azerbaijan

Demographics
Population (2019) 10,048,000
Annual births 162,000
Children under 5 (2019) 848,000 (8%)
Under-five mortality 22/1 000

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

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Threats to Early Childhood Development
Maternal mortality 26/100 000
Low birthweight 7%
Child poverty 0%
Violent discipline 75%

Young mothers (births by 18y) 4%
Preterm births by 18y 9%
Under-five stunting 9%
Inadequate supervision no data

Risk by sex and residence

Lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood

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

Comparative country data urgently needed

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Diverse
Young children at risk of poor development

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

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Bangladesh

**Demographics**
- Population (2019): 163,046,000
- Annual births: 2,913,000
- Children under 5 (2019): 14,419,000 (9%)
- Under-five mortality: 30/1,000

**Threats to Early Childhood Development**
- Maternal mortality: 173/100,000
- Low birthweight: 28%
- Child poverty: 22%
- Violent discipline: 78%

**Young children at risk of poor development**

**Risk by sex and residence**

**Lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood**
- Estimate in terms of % loss of annual adult wage: 121%

**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
- National minimum wage
- Child and family social protection
- International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes
- Paid paternity leave

**International conventions**
- Convention on the Rights of the Child
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Belarus

Demographics
Population (2019) 9,452,000
Annual births 110,000
Children under 5 (2019) 556,000 (6%)
Under-five mortality 3/1,000

Threats to Early Childhood Development
Maternal mortality 2/100,000
Low birthweight 5%
Child poverty no data
Violent discipline 68%

Young mothers (births by 18y) 3%
Preterm births 4%
Under-five stunting 4%
Inadequate supervision 4%

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

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Facilitating environments

Health
Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women
Careseeking for child pneumonia 90%
Antenatal care (4 or more visits) 100%
Postnatal visits

Nutrition
Early initiation of breastfeeding
Exclusive breastfeeding 9%
Minimum acceptable diet no data

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

Comparative country data urgently needed

Early learning
Early stimulation at home
Children’s books in the home 92%
Playthings at home

Security and safety
Birth registration
Positive discipline 30%
Basic drinking water
Basic sanitation 98%

International conventions
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Belize

Demographics
Population (2019) 390,000
Annual births 8,000
Children under 5 (2019) 39,000 (10%)
Under-five mortality 13/1,000

Threats to Early Childhood Development
Maternal mortality 36/100,000
Low birthweight 9%
Child poverty no data
Violent discipline 63%

Young mothers (births by 18y) 17%
Preterm births 10%
Under-five stunting 15%
Inadequate supervision 13%

Support and services for early childhood development:
Nurturing care

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Facilitating environments

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X Paid paternity leave
✓ National minimum wage
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X International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes

International conventions
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Nutrition
Early initiation of breastfeeding 68
Exclusive breastfeeding 33
Minimum acceptable diet no data

Security and safety
Birth registration 96
Positive discipline 22
Basic drinking water 98
Basic sanitation 88

Early learning
Early stimulation at home 88%
Playthings at home 68%

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Basic drinking water 98
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Early learning
Early stimulation at home 88%
Playthings at home 68%
**EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT**

**Benin**

**Demographics**
- Population (2019): 11,801,000
- Annual births: 423,000
- Children under 5 (2019): 1,874,000 (16%)
- Under-five mortality: 93,000

**Threats to Early Childhood Development**
- Maternal mortality: 397/100,000
- Low birthweight: 17%
- Child poverty: 50%
- Violent discipline: 87%
- Young mothers (births by 18y): 19%
- Preterm births: 11%
- Under-five stunting: 32%
- Inadequate supervision: 29%

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

**Risk by sex and residence**
- Girls: 68%
- Boys: 70%
- Rural: 52%
- Urban: 80%

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

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

**Nurturing care**

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**Facilitating environments**

**Policies**
- Paid maternity leave
- Paid paternity leave
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**Bhutan**

### Demographics
- Population (2019): 763,000
- Annual births: 13,000
- Children under 5 (2019): 64,000 (8%)
- Under-five mortality: 30/1,000

### Threats to Early Childhood Development
- Maternal mortality: 183/100,000
- Low birthweight: 12%
- Child poverty: 5%
- Violent discipline: no data
- Young mothers (births by 18y): 15%
- Preterm births: 10%
- Under-five stunting: 34%
- Inadequate supervision: 14%

### 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

### Lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood

- **129%** Estimate in terms of % loss of annual adult wage
- **72%**

### Early Childhood Development Index

**Health**
- Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women: no data
- Antenatal care (4 or more visits): 74%
- Postnatal visits: 41%
- Early initiation of breastfeeding: 85%
- Exclusive breastfeeding: 78%
- Minimum acceptable diet: no data

**Nutrition**
- Careseeking for child pneumonia: no data
- Postnatal visits: 51%
- Early breastfeeding: no data

**Early learning**
- Early stimulation at home: 54%
- Playthings at home: 52%
- Children’s books in the home: 6%
- Attendance in early childhood education: 10%

**Responsive caregiving**
- Public information about ECD: no data
- Parental mental health: no data
- Parent support (groups, home visits): no data
- Quality child day care: no data

**Security and safety**
- Birth registration: 100%
- Positive discipline: no data
- Basic drinking water: 97%
- Basic sanitation: 69%

### 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

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### International conventions
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Bolivia (Plurinational State of)

Demographics
Population (2019) 11,513,000
Annual births 247,000
Children under 5 (2019) 1,187,000 (10%)
Under-five mortality 27/1,000

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

Threats to Early Childhood Development
Maternal mortality 155/100,000
Low birthweight 7%
Child poverty 15%
Violent discipline no data

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International conventions
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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

Comparative country data urgently needed

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

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**Bosnia and Herzegovina**

### Demographics

- Population (2019): 3,301,000
- Annual births: 26,000
- Children under 5 (2019): 138,000 (4%)
- Under-five mortality: 6/1,000

### Threats to Early Childhood Development

- Maternal mortality: 10/100,000
- Low birthweight: 3%
- Child poverty: no data
- Violent discipline: 55%

### 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.

#### Health

- Careseeking for child pneumonia: 87%
- Antenatal care (4 or more visits): 84%

#### Early learning

- Early stimulation at home: 95%
- Playthings at home: 56%
- Attendance in early childhood education: 13%

#### Nutrition

- Early initiation of breastfeeding: no data
- Exclusive breastfeeding: 42%
- Minimum acceptable diet: no data

#### Security and safety

- Birth registration: 34%
- Positive discipline: 96%
- Basic drinking water: 95%
- Basic sanitation: 95%

### 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**

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**Botswana**

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

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

**Threats to Early Childhood Development**

- Maternal mortality: 144/100,000
- Low birthweight: 16%
- Child poverty: no data
- Violent discipline: no data
- Young mothers (births by 18y): no data
- Preterm births by 18y: 15%
- Under-five stunting: 15%
- Inadequate supervision: no data

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

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**Facilitating environments**

- Paid maternity leave
- National minimum wage
- Child and family social protection
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**Brazil**

**Demographics**
- Population (2019): 211,050,000
- Annual births: 2,890,000
- Children under 5 (2019): 14,572,000 (7%)
- Under-five mortality: 14/1,000

**Young children at risk of poor development**
- 2005: 19%
- 2010: 15%
- 2015: 13%

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

**Threats to Early Childhood Development**
- Maternal mortality: 60/100,000
- Low birthweight: 8%
- Child poverty: no data
- Violent discipline: no data

**Risk by sex and residence**

**Lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood**
- Estimate in terms of % loss of annual adult wage: 49%

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

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**Facilitating environments**

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**Nutrition**
- Early initiation of breastfeeding: 43%
- Exclusive breastfeeding: 39%
- Minimum acceptable diet: no data

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

**Comparative country data urgently needed**

**Security and safety**
- Birth registration: 96%
- Positive discipline: no data
- Basic drinking water: 98%
- Basic sanitation: 88%

**Early learning**
- Early stimulation at home
- Playthings at home
- Attendance in early childhood education

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

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**Bulgaria**

**Demographics**
- Population (2019): 7,000,000
- Annual births: 62,000
- Children under 5 (2019): 315,000 (5%)
- Under-five mortality: 7/1,000

**Young children at risk of poor development**

**Threats to Early Childhood Development**
- Maternal mortality: 10/100,000
- Low birthweight: 10%
- Child poverty: no data
- Violent discipline: no data
- Young mothers (births by 18y): 5%
- Preterm births: 8%
- Under-five stunting: 9%
- Inadequate supervision: no data

**Risk by sex and residence**

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

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

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

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Burkina Faso

Demographics
Population (2019) 20,321,000
Annual births 762,000
Children under 5 (2019) 3,408,000 (17%)
Under-five mortality 76/1 000

Support and services for early childhood development:
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Facilitating environments

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#### Burundi

#### Demographics

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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: **239%**
- Early Childhood Development Index: **40%**

#### Support and services for early childhood development: Nurturing care

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#### Facilitating environments

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**EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT**

**Cabo Verde**

**Demographics**

- Population (2019): 550,000
- Annual births: 10,000
- Children under 5 (2019): 53,000 (10%)
- Under-five mortality: 19/1,000

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

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**Facilitating environments**

**Policies**

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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**

- Risk by sex - no data
- Risk by residence - no data

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

- 36% Estimate in terms of % loss of annual adult wage

**Nutrition**

- Early initiation of breastfeeding: 73%
- Exclusive breastfeeding: 60%
- Minimum acceptable diet: no data

**Health**

- Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women: no data
- Careseeking for child pneumonia: no data
- Antenatal care (4 or more visits): no data
- Postnatal visits: no data

**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

**Security and safety**

- Birth registration: 91%
- Positive discipline: no data
- Basic drinking water: 87%
- Basic sanitation: 74%

**Responsive caregiving**

- Public information about ECD: no data
- Parental mental health: no data
- Parent support (groups, home visits): no data
- Quality child day care: no data
- Comparative country data urgently needed: no data

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Cambodia

Demographics
- Population (2019): 16,487,000
- Annual births: 363,000
- Children under 5 (2019): 1,780,000 (11%)
- Under-five mortality: 28/1,000

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EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

Cameroon

Demographics

Population (2019) 25,876,000
Annual births 904,000
Children under 5 (2019) 4,059,000 (16%)
Under-five mortality 76/1,000

Young children at risk of poor development

Threats to Early Childhood Development

Maternal mortality 529/100,000
Low birthweight 12%
Child poverty 34%
Violent discipline 81%

Risk by sex and residence

Lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood

Health

Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women
Careseeking for child pneumonia 80%
Antenatal care (4 or more visits) 28%
Postnatal visits 65%

Nutrition

Early initiation of breastfeeding 31%
Exclusive breastfeeding 28%
Minimum acceptable diet 16%

Early learning

Early stimulation at home
Children’s books in the home 4%
Playthings at home 53%
Attendance in early childhood education 28%

Responsive caregiving

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

Facilitating environments

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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

Young children at risk of poor development

Risk by sex and residence

Lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood
- 100%
- Estimate in terms of % loss of annual adult wage

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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%

Health
- Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women: 38%
- Careseeking for child pneumonia: 30%
- Postnatal visits: 9%
- Antenatal care (4 or more visits): 71%
- No data

Nutrition

Early learning
- Early stimulation at home: 74%
- Playthings at home: 49%
- Attendance in early childhood education: 5%

Security and safety
- Birth registration: 6%
- Positive discipline: 64%
- Basic drinking water: 46%
- Basic sanitation: 33%

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

Comparative country data urgently needed

Demographics

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Security and safety
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- Basic sanitation: 33%

Responsive caregiving
- Public information about ECD
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- Parent support (groups, home visits)
- Quality child day care

Comparative country data urgently needed

Demographics

Support and services
**EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT**

**Chad**

**Demographics**
- Population (2019): 15,947,000
- Annual births: 666,000
- Children under 5 (2019): 2,872,000 (18%)
- Under-five mortality: 119/1,000

**Threats to Early Childhood Development**
- Maternal mortality: 140/100,000
- Low birthweight: no data
- Child poverty: 48%
- Violent discipline: 61%
- Young mothers (births by 18y): 51%
- Preterm births: 13%
- Under-five stunting: 40%
- Inadequate supervision: 47%

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

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

69% Estimate in terms of % loss of annual adult wage

**Early Childhood Development Index**

33%
**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**

**Risk by sex and residence**

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

27% **Estimate in terms of % loss of annual adult wage**

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

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**Facilitating environments**

**Policies**
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**International conventions**
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**Nutrition**

**Responsive caregiving**
- Public information about ECD
- Parental mental health
- Parent support (groups, home visits)
- Quality child day care
- Comparative country data urgently needed

**Security and safety**

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

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

**Early Childhood Development Index**

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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

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

Threats to Early Childhood Development

- Maternal mortality 83/100,000
- Low birthweight 10%
- Child poverty 7%
- Violent discipline no data

Risk by sex and residence

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Lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood

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

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**Early Childhood Development**

**Comoros**

**Demographics**
- Population (2019): 851,000
- Annual births: 27,000
- Children under 5 (2019): 122,000 (14%)
- Under-five mortality: 67/1,000

**Threats to Early Childhood Development**
- Maternal mortality: 273/100,000
- Low birthweight: 24%
- Child poverty: 20%
- Violent discipline: no data

**Lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood**
- Estimate in terms of % loss of annual adult wage: 151%

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

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

**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

**Early learning**
- Early stimulation at home
- Playthings at home
- Attendance in early childhood education

**Comoros**
- Girls
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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

**Risk by sex and residence**

**Lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood**
- Estimate in terms of % loss of annual adult wage: 151%

**Early Childhood Development Index**
- no data

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**EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT**

**Congo**

### Demographics
- Population (2019): 5,381,000
- Annual births: 175,000
- Children under 5 (2019): 813,000 (15%)
- Under-five mortality: 50/1,000

### Threats to Early Childhood Development
- Maternal mortality: 378/100,000
- Low birthweight: 12%
- Child poverty: 20%
- Violent discipline: 81%
- Young mothers (births by 18y): 26%
- Preterm births: 17%
- Under-five stunting: 21%
- Inadequate supervision: 42%

### Young children at risk of poor development
- 2005: 73%
- 2010: 58%
- 2015: 43%

### Risk by sex and residence
- Girls: 38%
- Boys: 37%
- Rural: 63%
- Urban: 32%

### Lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood
- Estimate in terms of % loss of annual adult wage: 64%

### Support and services for early childhood development:
**Nurturing care**

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EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

Costa Rica

Demographics
Population (2019) 5,048,000
Annual births 69,000
Children under 5 (2019) 351,000 (7%)
Under-five mortality 9/1000

Young children at risk of poor development

Risk by sex and residence

Lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood

43%

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Côte D’Ivoire

Demographics
Population (2019) 25,717,000
Annual births 913,000
Children under 5 (2019) 4,050,000 (16%)
Under-five mortality 81/1,000

Young children at risk of poor development

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**International conventions**

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- ✓ Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
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**Demographics**

- Population (2019): 11,333,000
- Annual births: 113,000
- Children under 5 (2019): 587,000 (5%)
- Under-five mortality: 5/1,000

**Threats to Early Childhood Development**

- Maternal mortality: 36/100,000
- Low birthweight: 5%
- Child poverty: no data
- Violent discipline: 33%
- Young mothers (births by 18y): 6%
- Preterm births: 6%
- Under-five stunting: 7%
- Inadequate supervision: 4%

**Nutrition**

- Early initiation of breastfeeding: 48%
- Exclusive breastfeeding: 33%
- Minimum acceptable diet: 56%

**Health**

- Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women: 99%
- Careseeking for child pneumonia: 99%
- Antenatal care (4 or more visits): 99%
- Postnatal visits: 98%

**Early learning**

- Early stimulation at home: 89%
- Playthings at home: 78%
- Children’s books in the home: 48%
- Attendance in early childhood education: 76%

**Security and safety**

- Birth registration: 31%
- Positive discipline: 95%
- Basic drinking water: 93%
- Basic sanitation: 100%

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

- Estimate in terms of % loss of annual adult wage: 43%

**Early Childhood Development Index**

- 89%
Democratic People’s Republic of Korea

Demographics
Population (2019) 25,666,000
Annual births 355,000
Children under 5 (2019) 1,743,000 (7%)
Under-five mortality 18/1,000

Young children at risk of poor development

Risk by sex and residence

Lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood
89%

Support and services for early childhood development:
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EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

Threats to Early Childhood Development
Maternal mortality 89/100,000
Low birthweight no data
Child poverty no data
Violent discipline no data
Young mothers (births by 18y) no data
Preterm births by 18y 21%
Under-five stunting 19%
Inadequate supervision 16%

Early Childhood Development Index
88%

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EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

Threats to Early Childhood Development
Maternal mortality 89/100,000
Low birthweight no data
Child poverty no data
Violent discipline no data
Young mothers (births by 18y) no data
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Maternal mortality 89/100,000
Low birthweight no data
Child poverty no data
Violent discipline no data
Young mothers (births by 18y) no data
Preterm births by 18y 21%
Under-five stunting 19%
Inadequate supervision 16%

Early Childhood Development Index
88%
Democratic Republic of the Congo

Demographics
Population (2019) 86,791,000
Annual births 3,532,000
Children under 5 (2019) 15,503,000 (18%)
Under-five mortality 88/1,000

Young children at risk of poor development

Risk by sex and residence

Lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood

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✗ Hague Convention on Protection of Children and Cooperation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption
## Djibouti

### Demographics
- Population (2019): 974,000
- Annual births: 20,000
- Children under 5 (2019): 100,000 (10%)
- Under-five mortality: 59/1,000

### Young children at risk of poor development

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### Threats to Early Childhood Development

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### 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
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### Nutrition

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### Health

- Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women: 94%
- Careseeking for child pneumonia: 30%
- Antenatal care (4 or more visits): 23%
- Postnatal visits: no data

### Early learning

- Early stimulation at home: 15%
- Playthings at home: 37%
- Attendance in early childhood education: 24%
- Children’s books in the home: 14%

### Security and safety

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### Early Childhood Development Index

- Lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood: 83%
- Estimate in terms of % loss of annual adult wage
- Early Childhood Development Index: no data

### Comparative country data urgently needed
Dominica

Demographics
- Population (2019): 72,000
- Annual births: no data
- Children under 5 (2019): no data
- Under-five mortality: 36/1,000

Young children at risk of poor development

Risk by sex and residence

Lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood

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

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International conventions
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Dominican Republic

Demographics
Population (2019) 10,739,000
Annual births 206,000
Children under 5 (2019) 1,007,000 (9%)
Under-five mortality 29/1,000

Young children at risk of poor development

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

Threats to Early Childhood Development
Maternal mortality 95/100,000
Low birthweight 11%
Child poverty 2%
Violent discipline 62%

Paid maternity leave
National minimum wage
Child and family social protection
International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes

Paid paternity leave

Risk by sex and residence

Lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood
51% Estimate in terms of % loss of annual adult wage

Early Childhood Development Index 84%

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**Ecuador**

**Demographics**
- Population (2019): 17,374,000
- Annual births: 337,000
- Children under 5 (2019): 1,662,000 (10%)
- Under-five mortality: 14/1,000

**Threats to Early Childhood Development**
- Maternal mortality: 59/100,000
- Low birthweight: 11%
- Child poverty: no data
- Violent discipline: no data

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

**Risk by sex and residence**
- no data

**Lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood**
- no data

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

**Nutrition**
- Early initiation of breastfeeding: 55%
- Exclusive breastfeeding: 40%
- Minimum acceptable diet: no data

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

**Comparative country data urgently needed**

**Security and safety**
- Birth registration: 82%
- Positive discipline: no data
- Basic drinking water: 94%
- Basic sanitation: 88%

**Health**
- Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women: 98%
- Early stimulation at home: no data
- Playthings at home: no data
- Attended in early childhood education: no data

**Early learning**
- Early stimulation at home: no data
- Playthings at home: no data
- Children’s books in the home: no data

**Security**
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- Positive discipline: no data
- Basic drinking water: 94%
- Basic sanitation: 88%

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- Attended in early childhood education: no data

**Early learning**
- Early stimulation at home: no data
- Playthings at home: no data
- Children’s books in the home: no data
EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

Egypt

Demographics
- Population (2019): 100,388,000
- Annual births: 2,577,000
- Children under 5 (2019): 12,804,000 (13%)
- Under-five mortality: 21/1,000

Young children at risk of poor development

Risk by sex and residence

Threats to Early Childhood Development
- Maternal mortality: 37/100,000
- Low birthweight: no data
- Child poverty: 1%
- Violent discipline: 92%

Lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood

Support and services for early childhood development:

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El Salvador

Demographics
- Population (2019): 6,454,000
- Annual births: 117,000
- Children under 5 (2019): 578,000 (9%)
- Under-five mortality: 14/1,000

Young children at risk of poor development

Threats to Early Childhood Development
- Maternal mortality: 46/100,000
- Low birthweight: 10%
- Child poverty: no data
- Violent discipline: 57%

Risk by sex and residence

Lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood
- Estimate in terms of % loss of annual adult wage: 124%
- Early Childhood Development Index: 81%

Support and services for early childhood development:
Nurturing care

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Facilitating environments

Policies
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**Equatorial Guinea**

**Demographics**
- Population (2019): 1,356,000
- Annual births: 44,000
- Children under 5 (2019): 195,000 (14%)
- Under-five mortality: 85/1,000

**Young children at risk of poor development**

**Threats to Early Childhood Development**
- Maternal mortality: 301/100,000
- Low birthweight: no data
- Child poverty: no data
- Violent discipline: no data
- Preterm births: 42%
- Under-five stunting: 17%
- Inadequate supervision: 26%

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

**Nurturing care**

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**Facilitating environments**

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

**Nutrition**

- Early initiation of breastfeeding: 21%
- Exclusive breastfeeding: 7%
- Minimum acceptable diet: no data

**Responsive caregiving**

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

**Comparative country data urgently needed**

**International conventions**

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**Eritrea**

### Demographics
- Population (2019): 3,497,000
- Annual births: 105,000
- Children under 5 (2019): 491,000 (14%)
- Under-five mortality: 42/1,000

### Threats to Early Childhood Development
- Maternal mortality: 480/100,000
- Low birthweight: no data
- Child poverty: no data
- Violent discipline: no data
- Young mothers (births by 18y): 19%
- Preterm births: 12%
- Under-five stunting: 52%
- 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

- Risk by urban and rural residence

### Lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood

171% Estimate in terms of % loss of annual adult wage

### Health
- Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women: 48%
- Antenatal care (4 or more visits): 45%
- Postnatal visits: 5%

### Nutrition
- Early initiation of breastfeeding: no data
- Exclusive breastfeeding: 69%
- Minimum acceptable diet: no data

### 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

### Security and safety
- Birth registration: no data
- Positive discipline: no data
- Basic drinking water: 52%
- Basic sanitation: no data

### Support and services for early childhood development:

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### Facilitating environments

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Eswatini

**Demographics**
- Population (2019): 1,148,000
- Annual births: 30,000
- Children under 5 (2019): 144,000 (13%)
- Under-five mortality: 54/1,000

**Threats to Early Childhood Development**
- Maternal mortality: 437/100,000
- Low birthweight: 10%
- Child poverty: 49%
- Violent discipline: 87%
- Young mothers (births by 18y): 17%
- Preterm births: 14%
- Under-five stunting: 26%
- Inadequate supervision: 17%

**Young children at risk of poor development**
- 2005: 62%
- 2010: 62%
- 2015: 53%

**Risk by sex and residence**
- Boys: 62%
- Girls: 57%
- Rural: 23%
- Urban: 62%

**Lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood**
- Estimate in terms of % loss of annual adult wage: 229%

**Early Childhood Development Index**: 65%

**Health**
- Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women: 76%
- Careseeking for child pneumonia: 79%
- Antenatal care (4 or more visits): 60%
- Postnatal visits: 88%

**Nutrition**
- Early initiation of breastfeeding: 48%
- Exclusive breastfeeding: 64%
- Minimum acceptable diet: 38%

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

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Ethiopia

Demographics
Population (2019) 112,079,000
Annual births 3,579,000
Children under 5 (2019) 16,561,000 (15%)
Under-five mortality 55/1,000

Young children at risk of poor development

Threats to Early Childhood Development
Maternal mortality 401/100,000
Low birthweight no data
Child poverty 33%
Violent discipline no data

Support and services for early childhood development:
Nurturing care

Health
Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women 92%
Careseeking for child pneumonia 31%
Antenatal care (4 or more visits) 17%
Postnatal visits 32%

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

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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**Fiji**

**Demographics**
- Population (2019) 890,000
- Annual births 19,000
- Children under 5 (2019) 90,000 (10%)
- Under-five mortality 26/1,000

**Threats to Early Childhood Development**
- Maternal mortality 34/100,000
- Low birthweight no data
- Child poverty no data
- Violent discipline no data
- Young mothers (births by 18y) no data
- Preterm births by 18y 10%
- Under-five stunting 8%
- Inadequate supervision no data

**Young children at risk of poor development**
- 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 20%

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

**Nurturing care**

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**Nutrition**
- Early initiation of breastfeeding 57%
- Exclusive breastfeeding 40%
- Minimum acceptable diet no data

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

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**Gabon**

**Demographics**
- Population (2019): 2,173,000
- Annual births: 67,000
- Children under 5 (2019): 316,000 (15%)
- Under-five mortality: 45/1,000

**Threats to Early Childhood Development**
- Maternal mortality: 252/100,000
- Low birthweight: 14%
- Child poverty: 2%
- Violent discipline: no data

**Young children at risk of poor development**

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**Nutrition**

- Early initiation of breastfeeding: 32%
- Exclusive breastfeeding: 5%
- Minimum acceptable diet: no data

**Health**

- Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women: 72%
- Careseeking for child pneumonia: 68%
- Antenatal care (4 or more visits): 60%
- Postnatal visits: 78%

**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

**Security and safety**

- Birth registration: 90%
- Positive discipline: no data
- Basic drinking water: 86%
- Basic sanitation: 47%

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**Nutrition Index**

Estimate in terms of % loss of annual adult wage

**Young mothers (births by 18y)**: 28%

**Preterm births**: 16%

**Under-five stunting**: 17%

**Inadequate supervision**: no data

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

57%

Support and services for early childhood development:

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

Comparative country data urgently needed
Early Childhood Development

Gambia

Demographics
Population (2019) 2,348,000
Annual births 90,000
Children under 5 (2019) 401,000 (17%)
Under-five mortality 58/1,000

Young children at risk of poor development

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Threats to Early Childhood Development

- Maternal mortality 597/100,000
- Low birthweight 17%
- Child poverty 49%
- Violent discipline 86%
- Young mothers (births by 18y) 19%
- Preterm births 14%
- Under-five stunting 25%
- Inadequate supervision 21%

Risk by sex and residence

Lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood

68%

Early Childhood Development Index

Support and services for early childhood development:
Nurturing care

Early learning
Early stimulation at home
Children's books in the home 1%
Playthings at home 42%
Attendance in early childhood education 18%

Health
Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women
Careseeking for child pneumonia 68%
Antenatal care (4 or more visits) 68%
Postnatal visits 76%

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

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Security and safety

Birth registration 72
Positive discipline 8
Basic drinking water 78
Basic sanitation 39

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Georgia

Demographics
Population (2019) 3,997,000
Annual births 53,000
Children under 5 (2019) 274,000 (7%)
Under-five mortality 10/1,000

Young children at risk of poor development

Threats to Early Childhood Development
Maternal mortality 25/100,000
Low birthweight 6%
Child poverty no data
Violent discipline 69%

Risk by sex and residence

Lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood

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

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Nutrition
Early initiation of breastfeeding
Exclusive breastfeeding
Minimum acceptable diet

Early learning
Children's books in the home
Early stimulation at home
Playthings at home

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

Early Childhood Development Index 88%

Threats to Early Childhood Development
Young mothers (births by 18y) 6%
Preterm births 9%
Under-five stunting 11%
Inadequate supervision 6%
EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

Ghana

Demographics
Population (2019) 30,418,000
Annual births 882,000
Children under 5 (2019) 4,135,000 (14%)
Under-five mortality 48/1,000

 Threats to Early Childhood Development
Maternal mortality 308/100,000
Low birthweight 14%
Child poverty 6%
Violent discipline 94%

Young mothers (births by 18y) 17%
Preterm births 15%
Under-five stunting 19%
Inadequate supervision 21%

Young children at risk of poor development
Risk by sex and residence
Lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood

Support and services for early childhood development:
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Grenada

**Demographics**
- Population (2019): 12,000
- Annual births: 2,000
- Children under 5 (2019): 9,000 (8%)
- Under-five mortality: 15/1,000

**Young children at risk of poor development**

**Risk by sex and residence**

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

**Threats to Early Childhood Development**
- Maternal mortality: 125/100,000
- Low birthweight: no data
- Child poverty: no data
- Violent discipline: no data

**Nutrition**
- Early initiation of breastfeeding: no data
- Exclusive breastfeeding: no data
- Minimum acceptable diet: no data

**Health**
- Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women: 99%
- Antenatal care (4 or more visits): no data
- Prenatal visits: no data
- Careseeking for child pneumonia: 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: no data
- Positive discipline: no data
- Basic drinking water: 96%
- Basic sanitation: 91%

**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
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**International conventions**
- Convention on the Rights of the Child
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**EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT**

**Convention on the Rights of the Child**

**Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities**

**CRC Optional Protocol on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography**

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

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Guatemala

Demographics
Population (2019) 17,581,000
Annual births 426,000
Children under 5 (2019) 2,056,000 (12%)
Under-five mortality 26/1,000

Young children at risk of poor development
At risk in 2005, 2010 and 2015, using a composite indicator of under-five stunting or poverty

Threats to Early Childhood Development
Maternal mortality 95/100,000
Low birthweight 11%
Child poverty 14%
Violent discipline no data

Support and services for early childhood development:
Nurturing care
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Facilitating environments

International conventions
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Support and services for early childhood development:
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**Guinea**

**Demographics**
- Population (2019): 12,771,000
- Annual births: 460,000
- Children under 5 (2019): 2,060,000 (16%)
- Under-five mortality: 101/1,000

**Threats to Early Childhood Development**
- Maternal mortality: 576/100,000
- Low birthweight: no data
- Child poverty: 40%
- Violent discipline: 79%

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

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**Facilitating environments**

**Policies**
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- National minimum wage
- Child and family social protection
- International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes

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

**Guatemala**

**Demographics**
- Population (2019): 18,300,000
- Annual births: 520,000
- Children under 5 (2019): 1,800,000 (16%)
- Under-five mortality: 121/1,000

**Threats to Early Childhood Development**
- Maternal mortality: 480/100,000
- Low birthweight: 12%
- Child poverty: 40%
- Violent discipline: 79%

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

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**Facilitating environments**

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- Child and family social protection
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**International conventions**
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Women’s, Children’s & Adolescents’ Health
Guinea-Bissau

Demographics
Population (2019) 1,921,000
Annual births 66,000
Children under 5 (2019) 302,000 (16%)
Under-five mortality 81/1,000

Threats to Early Childhood Development
Maternal mortality 667/100,000
Low birthweight 21%
Child poverty 68%
Violent discipline 77%

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

Support and services for early childhood development:
Nurturing care

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

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

Nutrition
Early initiation of breastfeeding
Exclusive breastfeeding
Minimum acceptable diet

International conventions
✔ Convention on the Rights of the Child
✔ Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
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Guyana

Demographics
Population (2019) 783,000
Annual births 15,000
Children under 5 (2019) 75,000 (10%)
Under-five mortality 30/1 000

Young children at risk of poor development

Risk by sex and residence

Lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood

Support and services for early childhood development:
Nurturing care

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Facilitating environments

International conventions

- Convention on the Rights of the Child
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- Hague Convention on Protection of Children and Cooperation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption
**Haiti**

**Demographics**
- Population (2019): 11,263,000
- Annual births: 270,000
- Children under 5 (2019): 1,266,000 (11%)
- Under-five mortality: 65/1,000

**Threats to Early Childhood Development**
- Maternal mortality: 480/100,000
- Low birthweight: no data
- Child poverty: 23%
- Violent discipline: 82%
- Young mothers (births by 18y): 14%
- Preterm births: 14%
- Under-five stunting: 14%
- Inadequate supervision: 22%

**Young children at risk of poor development**

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**

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

**Nurturing care**

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**Facilitating environments**

**International conventions**
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**EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT**

**Honduras**

**Demographics**
- Population (2019): 9,746,000
- Annual births: 208,000
- Children under 5 (2019): 1,011,000 (10%)
- Under-five mortality: 18/1,000

**Threats to Early Childhood Development**
- Maternal mortality: 65/100,000
- Low birthweight: 11%
- Child poverty: 20%
- Under-five stunting: 23%
- Violent discipline: no data
- Preterm births: 22%
- Inadequate supervision: 4%

**Young children at risk of poor development**

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

**Nurturing care**

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**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
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**Health**
- Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women: 64%
- Early initiation of breastfeeding: 31%
- Exclusive breastfeeding: 55%
- Antenatal care (4 or more visits): 85%
- Postnatal visits: 59%

**Early learning**
- Early stimulation at home: 39%
- Children’s books in the home: 11%
- Playthings at home: 78%
- Attendance in early childhood education: 19%

**Security and safety**
- Birth registration: 94%
- Positive discipline: 95%
- Basic drinking water: 81%
- Basic sanitation: 81%

**Nutrition**
- Minimum acceptable diet: 65%

**Lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood**
- Estimate in terms of % loss of annual adult wage: 229%

**Early Childhood Development Index**
- 65%
India

Demographics
Population (2019) 1,366,418,000
Annual births 24,116,000
Children under 5 (2019) 16,782,000 (9%)
Under-five mortality 37/1,000

Young children at risk of poor development

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Support and services for early childhood development:
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Facilitating environments

Policies
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✓ National minimum wage
✓ Child and family social protection
✓ International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes

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

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
Comparative country data urgently needed

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

Early Childhood Development Index

**Early Childhood Development**

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Indonesia

Demographics
Population (2019) 270,626,000
Annual births 4,801,000
Children under 5 (2019) 23,940,000 (9%)
Under-five mortality 25/1,000

Young children at risk of poor development

Risk by sex and residence

Lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood

Threats to Early Childhood Development
Maternal mortality 177/100,000
Low birthweight 10%
Child poverty no data
Violent discipline no data

Support and services for early childhood development:
Nurturing care

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Facilitating environments

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

Early learning
Early stimulation at home
Home learning activities

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

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

Facilitating environments

Policies
X Paid maternity leave
✓ Paid paternity leave
✓ National minimum wage
✓ Child and family social protection
✓ International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes

EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD

CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

CRC OPTIONAL PROTOCOL ON THE SALE OF CHILDREN, CHILD PROSTITUTION AND CHILD PORNOPHGRAPHY

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EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

Iran (Islamic Republic of)

Demographics
Population (2019) 82,914,000
Annual births 1,524,000
Children under 5 (2019) 7,583,000 (9%)
Under-five mortality 14/1,000

Young children at risk of poor development

Risk by sex and residence

Lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood

Support and services for early childhood development:
Nurturing care

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Facilitating environments

International conventions
- Convention on the Rights of the Child
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- Hague Convention on Protection of Children and Cooperation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption

Policies
- Paid maternity leave
- National minimum wage
- Child and family social protection
- International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes
Iraq

Demographics
- Population (2019): 39,310,000
- Annual births: 1,124,000
- Children under 5 (2019): 5,374,000 (14%)
- Under-five mortality: 27/1,000

Young children at risk of poor development

Risk by sex and residence

Lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood

Support and services for early childhood development:
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Facilitating environments

Policies:
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EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

Jamaica

Demographics
Population (2019) 2,948,000
Annual births 47,000
Children under 5 (2019) 233,000 (8%)
Under-five mortality 14/1,000

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

Threats to Early Childhood Development

- Maternal mortality: 80/100,000
- Low birthweight: 15%
- Child poverty: no data
- Violent discipline: 85%

Young mothers (births by 18y): 15%
Preterm births: 10%
Under-five stunting: 6%
Inadequate supervision: 2%

Risk by sex and residence

Lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood

- 0% 
  Estimate in terms of % loss of annual adult wage

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Support and services for early childhood development: Nurturing care

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Nutrition

- Early initiation of breastfeeding: 65%
- Exclusive breastfeeding: 24%
- Minimum acceptable diet: no data

Health

- Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women: 99%
- Antenatal care (4 or more visits): 82%
- Postnatal visits: no data
- Careseeking for child pneumonia: 86%
- Postnatal visits: no data

Early learning

- Early stimulation at home: 88%
- Playthings at home: 61%
- Children’s books in the home: 55%
- Attendance in early childhood education: 61%
- rnagination: 92%

Security and safety

- Birth registration: 98%
- Positive discipline: 97%
- Basic drinking water: 87%
- Basic sanitation: 82%

Responsive caregiving

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

Comparative country data urgently needed

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Jordan

Demographics
- Population (2019): 10,102,000
- Annual births: 215,000
- Children under 5 (2019): 1,087,000 (11%)
- Under-five mortality: 16/1000

Young children at risk of poor development

Threats to Early Childhood Development
- Maternal mortality: 46/100,000
- Low birthweight: 14%
- Child poverty: no data
- Violent discipline: 80%

Risk by sex and residence

Lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood

Support and services for early childhood development:
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Facilitating environments

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**EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT**

**Kazakhstan**

**Demographics**
- Population (2019): 18,551,000
- Annual births: 376,000
- Children under 5 (2019): 1,948,000 (12%)
- Under-five mortality: 10/1000

**Threats to Early Childhood Development**
- Maternal mortality: 10/100,000
- Low birthweight: 5%
- Child poverty: no data
- Violent discipline: 46%
- Young mothers (births by 18y): 2%
- Preterm births: 2%
- Under-five stunting: 9%
- Inadequate supervision: 8%

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

**Nurturing care**

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**Facilitating environments**

**Policies**
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- ✓ National minimum wage
- ✓ Child and family social protection
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**International conventions**
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**Health**
- Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women: 57%
- Careseeking for child pneumonia: 81%
- Antenatal care (4 or more visits): 98%
- Postnatal visits: 95%

**Nutrition**
- Early initiation of breastfeeding: 83%
- Exclusive breastfeeding: 38%
- Minimum acceptable diet: 38%

**Early learning**
- Early stimulation at home: 86%
- Playthings at home: 60%
- Children’s books in the home: 51%

**Security and safety**
- Birth registration: 96%
- Positive discipline: 98%
- Basic drinking water: 96%
- Basic sanitation: 98%

**Risk by sex and residence**

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

- Estimate in terms of % loss of annual adult wage: 52%

**Early Childhood Development Index**: 86%
Kenya

Demographics
Population (2019) 52,574,000
Annual births 1,491,000
Children under 5 (2019) 7,009,000 (13%)
Under-five mortality 41/1,000

Young children at risk of poor development
At risk in 2005, 2010 and 2015, using a composite indicator of under-five stunting or poverty

Threats to Early Childhood Development
- Maternal mortality 342/100,000
- Low birthweight 11%
- Child poverty 29%
- Violent discipline no data
- Young mothers (births by 18y) 23%
- Preterm births 12%
- Under-five stunting 26%
- Inadequate supervision no data

Risk by sex and residence

Lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood
138%
Estimate in terms of % loss of annual adult wage

Early Childhood Development Index
no data

Support and services for early childhood development: Nurturing care

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

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

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

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

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

Comparative country data urgently needed
Kiribati

**Demographics**
- Population (2019): 18,000
- Annual births: 3,000
- Children under 5 (2019): 15,000 (13%)
- Under-five mortality: 53/1,000

**Threats to Early Childhood Development**
- Maternal mortality: 92/100,000
- Low birthweight: no data
- Child poverty: no data
- Violent discipline: no data
- Young mothers (births by 18y): 9%
- Preterm births: 10%
- Under-five stunting: 34%
- Inadequate supervision: no data

**Young children at risk of poor development**
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**Support and services for early childhood development:**
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**EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT**

**Nutrition**
- Early initiation of breastfeeding: no data
- Exclusive breastfeeding: 69%
- Minimum acceptable diet: no data

**Health**
- Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women: no data
- Careseeking for child pneumonia: no data
- Antenatal care (4 or more visits): no data
- Postnatal visits: no data

**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

**Security and safety**
- Birth registration: 94%
- Positive discipline: no data
- Basic drinking water: 72%
- Basic sanitation: 48%

**Lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood**
- Estimate in terms of % loss of annual adult wage: 159%

**Early Childhood Development Index**
- no data
EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

Kyrgyzstan

Demographics
Population (2019) 6,416,000
Annual births 153,000
Children under 5 (2019) 773,000 (12%)
Under-five mortality 19/1,000

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

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.

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Threats to Early Childhood Development

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Lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood

29% Estimate in terms of % loss of annual adult wage

Early Childhood Development Index

78%

Support and services for early childhood development:

Health

- Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women: 88%
- Careseeking for child pneumonia: 60%
- Postnatal visits: 98%
- Antenatal care (4 or more visits): 95%
- Exclusive breastfeeding: 33%
- Minimum acceptable diet: 41%
- Early initiation of breastfeeding: 83%

Early learning

- Early stimulation at home: 72%
- Playthings at home: 59%
- Children’s books in the home: 27%
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Security and safety

- Birth registration: 98%
- Positive discipline: 98%
- Basic drinking water: 87%
- Basic sanitation: 97%

Nutrition

- Early initiation of breastfeeding: 83%
- Exclusive breastfeeding: 41%
- Minimum acceptable diet: 33%

Responsive caregiving

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

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**EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT**

**Lao People’s Democratic Republic**

**Demographics**
- Population (2019): 7,169,000
- Annual births: 166,000
- Children under 5 (2019): 794,000 (11%)
- Under-five mortality: 47/1,000

**Threats to Early Childhood Development**
- Maternal mortality: 185/100,000
- Low birthweight: 17%
- Child poverty: 30%
- Violent discipline: 65%

**Young children at risk of poor development**

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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**Early Childhood Development**

**Lebanon**

**Demographics**
- Population (2019): 6,856,000
- Annual births: 117,000
- Children under 5 (2019): 592,000 (9%)
- Under-five mortality: 7/1,000

**Young children at risk of poor development**

**Threats to Early Childhood Development**
- Maternal mortality: 29/100,000
- Low birthweight: 9%
- Child poverty: no data
- Violent discipline: 85%

**Risk by sex and residence**

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

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**Early Childhood Development**

**Lesotho**

### Demographics
- Population (2019): 2,125,000
- Annual births: 56,000
- Children under 5 (2019): 253,000 (12%)
- Under-five mortality: 81/1,000

### Threats to Early Childhood Development
- Maternal mortality: 544/100,000
- Low birthweight: 15%
- Child poverty: 54%
- Violent discipline: no data
- Young mothers (births by 18y): 14%
- Preterm births: 12%
- Under-five stunting: 33%
- Inadequate supervision: no data

#### Young children at risk of poor development
- 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

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**Early Childhood Development Index**
- no data

**Nutrition**

**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

**Responsive caregiving**
- Public information about ECD
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- Quality child day care
- Comparative country data urgently needed

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**EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT**

**Liberia**

### Demographics
- Population (2019): 4,937,000
- Annual births: 162,000
- Children under 5 (2019): 730,000 (15%)
- Under-five mortality: 71/1,000

### Threats to Early Childhood Development
- Maternal mortality: 661/100,000
- Low birthweight: no data
- Child poverty: 35%
- Violent discipline: 86%
- Young mothers (births by 18y): 37%
- Preterm births: 14%
- Under-five stunting: 32%
- 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

- **Risk by sex:**
  - Girls: 78%
  - Boys: 77%

- **Risk by residence:**
  - Rural: 78%
  - Urban: 51%

### Lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood

- Estimate in terms of % loss of annual adult wage: 72%

### Support and services for early childhood development: Nurturing care

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### Facilitating environments

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

**Nurturing care**

- Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women: 57%
- Careseeking for child pneumonia: 93%
- Antenatal care (4 or more visits): 51%
- Postnatal visits: 77%
- Minimum acceptable diet: 78%

### Early learning

- Early stimulation at home: no data
- Playthings at home: no data
- Attendance in early childhood education: no data

### Security and safety

- Birth registration: 25%
- Positive discipline: 4%
- Basic drinking water: 73%
- Basic sanitation: 17%

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**Nutrition**

- Early initiation of breastfeeding: 64%
- Exclusive breastfeeding: 55%
- Minimum acceptable diet: 5%

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**Responsive caregiving**

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

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**Comparative country data urgently needed**
Early Childhood Development

Libya

Demographics
Population (2019) 6,777,000
Annual births 124,000
Children under 5 (2019) 633,000 (9%)
Under-five mortality 12/1,000

Young children at risk of poor development

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

Threats to Early Childhood Development
Maternal mortality 72/100,000
Low birthweight no data
Child poverty no data
Violent discipline no data

Support and services for early childhood development:
Nurturing care

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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

Facilitating environments

Policies
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International conventions
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Earliest and latest values in the chart are in bold.
Earliest Childhood Development

Madagascar

Demographics
Population (2019) 26,969,000
Annual births 876,000
Children under 5 (2019) 4,023,000 (15%)
Under-five mortality 54/1,000

Young children at risk of poor development

Risk by sex and residence

Threats to Early Childhood Development
Maternal mortality 335/100,000
Low birthweight 17%
Child poverty 86%
Violent discipline no data

Lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood
183% Estimate in terms of % loss of annual adult wage

Support and services for early childhood development:
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Facilitating environments

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

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

Young mothers (births by 18y) 36%
Preterm births 14%
Under-five stunting 49%

 EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

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**EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT**

**Malawi**

**Demographics**
- Population (2019): 18,629,000
- Annual births: 630,000
- Children under 5 (2019): 2,877,000 (15%)
- Under-five mortality: 50/1,000

**Young children at risk of poor development**

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

**Nurturing care**

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**Facilitating environments**

**Policies**
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- National minimum wage
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**Threats to Early Childhood Development**

- Maternal mortality: 349/100,000
- Low birthweight: 14%
- Child poverty: 73%
- Violent discipline: 65%
- Young mothers (births by 18y): 31%
- Preterm births: 18%
- Under-five stunting: 37%
- Inadequate supervision: 37%

**Risk by sex and residence**

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

- Estimate in terms of % loss of annual adult wage: 275%

**Early Childhood Development Index**: 60%

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

**Health**
- Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women: 99%
- Careseeking for child pneumonia: 78%
- Antenatal care (4 or more visits): 51%
- Postnatal visits: 42%
- Minimum acceptable diet: 8%

**Nutrition**
- Early initiation of breastfeeding: 76%
- Exclusive breastfeeding: 59%
- Public information about ECD: Comparative country data urgently needed

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

**Security and safety**
- Birth registration: 6%
- Positive discipline: 17%
- Basic drinking water: 69%
- Basic sanitation: 26%

**Early learning**
- Early stimulation at home: 29%
- Playthings at home: 45%
- Children's books in the home: 1%
- Attendance in early childhood education: 39%

**Malawi**

- Girls
- Boys
- Rural
- Urban

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Earlv Childhood Development

Malaysia

Demographics
Population (2019) 31,950,000
Annual births 531,000
Children under 5 (2019) 2,620,000 (8%)
Under-five mortality 8/1,000

Young children at risk of poor development

2005 2010 2015
no data no data no data

Risk by sex and residence

Gender: girls boys

2005 2010 2015
no data no data no data

Lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood

20% Estimate in terms of % loss of annual adult wage

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**Early Childhood Development**

**Maldives**

### Demographics
- Population (2019): 531,000
- Annual births: 7,000
- Children under 5 (2019): 37,000 (7%)
- Under-five mortality: 9/1,000

### Threats to Early Childhood Development
- Maternal mortality: 53/100,000
- Low birthweight: 12%
- Child poverty: no data
- Violent discipline: no data
- Young mothers (births by 18y): 1%
- Preterm births: 8%
- Under-five stunting: 19%
- Inadequate supervision: 12%

### 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.

#### Health
- Careseeking for child pneumonia: 22%
- Antenatal care (4 or more visits): 85%
- Postnatal visits: no data
- Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women: no data

#### Nutrition
- Early initiation of breastfeeding: 60%
- Exclusive breastfeeding: 45%
- Minimum acceptable diet: no data

#### Early Learning
- Early stimulation at home: 96%
- Playthings at home: 48%
- Children’s books in the home: 59%
- Attendance in early childhood education: 78%

#### Security and safety
- Birth registration: 99%
- Positive discipline: 99%
- Basic drinking water: 99%
- Basic sanitation: 99%

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**Nutrition Index**

47% 93%

Estimate in terms of % loss of annual adult wage

**Early Childhood Development Index**

Young mothers (births by 18y): 1%

Preterm births: 8%

Under-five stunting: 19%

Inadequate supervision: 12%

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

47%

Estimate in terms of % loss of annual adult wage

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

Nurturing care

Information about ECD

Parental mental health

Quality child day care

Comparative country data urgently needed

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Mali

Demographics
Population (2019) 19,658,000
Annual births 809,000
Children under 5 (2019) 3,532,000 (18%)
Under-five mortality 98/1,000

Young children at risk of poor development

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

Threats to Early Childhood Development
Maternal mortality 562/100,000
Low birthweight no data
Child poverty 53%
Violent discipline 75%

Risk by sex and residence

Lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood

Support and services for early childhood development:
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Marshall Islands

Demographics
Population (2019) 59,000
Annual births no data
Children under 5 (2019) no data
Under-five mortality 33/1,000

Young children at risk of poor development
At risk in 2005, 2010 and 2015, using a composite indicator of under-five stunting or poverty

Threats to Early Childhood Development
Maternal mortality no data
Low birthweight no data
Child poverty no data
Violent discipline no data

Risk by sex and residence

Lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood
17%

Support and services for early childhood development:
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Nutrition
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- Exclusive breastfeeding
- Minimum acceptable diet

Health
- Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women
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- Postnatal visits

Early learning
- Early stimulation at home
- Playthings at home
- Attendance in early childhood education

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

Responsive caregiving
- Public information about ECD
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Mauritania

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**Policies**

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- Paid paternity leave
- National minimum wage
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**Demographics**

Population (2019) 4,526,000
Annual births 151,000
Children under 5 (2019) 679,000 (15%)
Under-five mortality 76/1,000

**Threats to Early Childhood Development**

- Maternal mortality 766/100,000
- Low birthweight no data
- Child poverty 10%
- Violent discipline 71%
- Under-five stunting 28%
- Preterm births (births by 18y) 22%
- Inadequate supervision 34%

**Risk by sex and residence**

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

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**Early Childhood Development Index**

Estimate in terms of % loss of annual adult wage

**Nutrition**

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Support and services for early childhood development:

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

- Health
  - Careseeking for child pneumonia
  - Antenatal care (4 or more visits)
  - Postnatal visits

- 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

- Comparative country data urgently needed
EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

Mauritius

Demographics
Population (2019) 1,270,000
Annual births 13,000
Children under 5 (2019) 65,000 (5%)
Under-five mortality 16/1,000

Threats to Early Childhood Development
Maternal mortality 61/100,000
Low birthweight 17%
Child poverty no data
Violent discipline no data

Young mothers (births by 18y) no data
Preterm births by 18y 13%
Under-five stunting 14%
Inadequate supervision no data

Young children at risk of poor development
2005 no data
2010 no data
2015 no data

Risk by sex and residence
Girls no data
Boys no data

Lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood
23%

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

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**Mexico**

**Demographics**
- Population (2019): 127,576,000
- Annual births: 2,206,000
- Children under 5 (2019): 11,041,000 (9%)
- Under-five mortality: 13/1,000

**Threats to Early Childhood Development**
- Maternal mortality: 33/100,000
- Low birthweight: 8%
- Child poverty: 3%
- Violent discipline: 66%

**Young children at risk of poor development**

**Risk by sex and residence**

**Lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood**
- Estimate in terms of % loss of annual adult wage: 132%

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

**Nurturing care**

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**Nutrition**

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**Early Childhood Development Index**: 82%
Micronesia (Federated States of)

Demographics
Population (2019) 14,000
Annual births 3,000
Children under 5 (2019) 12,000 (81%)
Under-five mortality 31/1,000

Support and services for early childhood development:
Nurturing care

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**EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT**

**Mongolia**

### Demographics
- Population (2019): 3,225,000
- Annual births: 75,000
- Children under 5 (2019): 379,000 (12%)
- Under-five mortality: 16/1,000

### Threats to Early Childhood Development
- Maternal mortality: 45/100,000
- Low birthweight: 5%
- Child poverty: no data
- Violent discipline: 51%
- Young mothers (births by 18y): 3%
- Preterm births: 14%
- Under-five stunting: 7%
- Inadequate supervision: 10%

### Young children at risk of poor development
- 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

### Support and services for early childhood development: Nurturing care

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### 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
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Montenegro

Demographics

Population (2019) 628,000
Annual births 7,000
Children under 5 (2019) 37,000 (6%)
Under-five mortality 3/1,000

Threats to Early Childhood Development

Maternal mortality 6/100,000
Low birthweight 5%
Child poverty no data
Violent discipline 64%

Young mothers (births by 18y) 3%
Preterm births 9%
Under-five stunting 9%
Inadequate supervision 3%

Young children at risk of poor development

Risk by sex and residence

Lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood

Nutrition

Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women
Careseeking for child pneumonia no data
Antenatal care (4 or more visits) 89%
Postnatal visits 95%

No data

Early initiation of breastfeeding
Exclusive breastfeeding
Minimum acceptable diet

0% 5% 10% 15% 20% 25% 30% 35% 40% 45% 50% 55% 60% 65% 70% 75% 80% 85% 90% 95% 100%

Health

Security and safety

Security

Birth registration
Positive discipline
Basic drinking water
Basic sanitation

99%
16
97
98

Early learning

Early stimulation at home Children’s books in the home 73%
Playthings at home 60%
Attendance in early childhood education 98%

Responsive caregiving

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

Comparative country data urgently needed

Support and services for early childhood development:

Nurturing care

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Facilitating environments

Policies

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# Early Childhood Development

## Morocco

### Demographics
- Population (2019): 36,472,000
- Annual births: 675,000
- Children under 5 (2019): 3,370,000 (9%)
- Under-five mortality: 22/1,000

### Threats to Early Childhood Development

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### Young children at risk of poor development

- Risk by sex and residence
  - Boys: 26%
  - Girls: 22%
- Urban: 15%
- Rural: 35%

### 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 ✗

### Early Childhood Development Index

#### Nutrition
- Early initiation of breastfeeding: 30%
- Exclusive breastfeeding: 28%
- Minimum acceptable diet: no data

#### Health
- Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women: 61%
- Antenatal care (4 or more visits): no data
- Postnatal visits: no data
- Careseeking for child pneumonia: 70%
- Postnatal visits: no data

#### Early learning
- Early stimulation at home: 35%
- Playthings at home: 39%
- Children's books in the home: 21%
- Attendance in early childhood education: 14%

#### Security and safety
- Birth registration: 96%
- Positive discipline: 9%
- Basic drinking water: 87%
- Basic sanitation: 89%

### Threats to Early Childhood Development

#### Lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood
- 70% Estimate in terms of % loss of annual adult wage

### Comparative country data urgently needed

#### Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women
- 2005: 26%
- 2010: 22%
- 2015: 15%
**EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT**

**Mozambique**

**Demographics**
- Population (2019): 30,366,000
- Annual births: 1,131,000
- Children under 5 (2019): 5,048,000 (17%)
- Under-five mortality: 73/1,000

**Threats to Early Childhood Development**
- Maternal mortality: 289/100,000
- Low birthweight: 14%
- Child poverty: 82%
- Violent discipline: no data

**Young mothers (births by 18y)**: 40%

**Preterm births**: 16%

**Under-five stunting**: 43%

**Inadequate supervision**: 33%

**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

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

- Estimate in terms of % loss of annual adult wage: 172%

**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.

- Early stimulation at home
- Playthings at home
- Attendance in early childhood education

**Facilitating environments**

**International conventions**
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**Myanmar**

### Demographics
- **Population (2019):** 54,045,000
- **Annual births:** 942,000
- **Children under 5 (2019):** 4,511,000 (8%)
- **Under-five mortality:** 46/1,000

### Threats to Early Childhood Development
- **Maternal mortality:** 250/100,000
- **Low birthweight:** 12%
- **Child poverty:** 11%
- **Violent discipline:** 80%
- **Young mothers (births by 18y):** 5%
- **Preterm births:** 12%
- **Under-five stunting:** 29%
- **Inadequate supervision:** 13%

### Young children at risk of poor development

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### Lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood

- **62%**
  - 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
- **Crossed out:** Paid maternity leave
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- **Crossed out:** National minimum wage
- **Crossed out:** Child and family social protection
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#### International conventions
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### Health
- **Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women:** 67%
- **Careseeking for child pneumonia:** 58%
- **Antenatal care (4 or more visits):** 59%
- **Postnatal visits:** 71%
- **Early initiation of breastfeeding:** 51%
- **Exclusive breastfeeding:** 67%
- **Minimum acceptable diet:** 16%

### Nutrition
- **Early childhood development precariousness:** 81%
- **Positive discipline:** 13%
- **Basic drinking water:** 82%
- **Basic sanitation:** 64%

### Early learning
- **Children’s books in the home:** 5%
- **Early stimulation at home:** 52%
- **Playthings at home:** 72%
- **Attendance in early childhood education:** 23%

### Security and safety
- **Birth registration:** 81%
- **Children’s books in the home:** 5%
- **Positive discipline:** 13%
- **Basic drinking water:** 82%
- **Basic sanitation:** 64%
**EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT**

**Namibia**

### Demographics
- Population (2019): 2,495,000
- Annual births: 70,000
- Children under 5 (2019): 334,000 (13%)
- Under-five mortality: 40/1,000

### Threats to Early Childhood Development
- Maternal mortality: 195/100,000
- Low birthweight: 16%
- Child poverty: 19%
- Violent discipline: no data

### Young children at risk of poor development

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### Support and services for early childhood development: Nurturing care

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### Facilitating environments

**Policies**
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- National minimum wage
- Child and family social protection
- International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes

**International conventions**
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### Risk by sex and residence

- Girls: 48%, Boys: 44%
- Rural: 39%, Urban: 54%

### Lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood

186% Estimate in terms of % loss of annual adult wage

### Early Childhood Development Index

No data

**Health**
- Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women: 99%
- Careseeking for child pneumonia: 68%
- Antenatal care (4 or more visits): 69%
- Postnatal visits: 63%
- Early initiation of breastfeeding: 78%
- Exclusive breastfeeding: 48%
- Minimum acceptable diet: 13%

**Nutrition**

**Responsive caregiving**
- Early learning
  - Early stimulation at home
  - Playthings at home

**Security and safety**
- Birth registration: 78%
- Positive discipline: no data
- Basic drinking water: 83%
- Basic sanitation: 35%

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**Nauru**

**Demographics**
- Population (2019): 11,000
- Annual births: no data
- Children under 5 (2019): no data
- Under-five mortality: 32/1,000

**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: no data
- Paid paternity leave: no data
- National minimum wage: no data
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- International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes: no data

**International conventions**
- Convention on the Rights of the Child: ✓
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**Threats to Early Childhood Development**
- Maternal mortality: no data
- Low birthweight: no data
- Child poverty: no data
- Violent discipline: no data
- Young mothers (births by 18y): 22%
- Preterm births: no data
- Under-five stunting: no data
- Inadequate supervision: no data

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

**Early Childhood Development Index**
- no data

**Nutrition**
- Early initiation of breastfeeding: no data
- Early breastfeeding: no data
- Exclusive breastfeeding: 67%
- Minimum acceptable diet: no data

**Health**
- Careseeking for child pneumonia: no data
- Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women: no data
- Antenatal care (4 or more visits): no data
- Postnatal visits: no data

**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: 96%
- Positive discipline: no data
- Basic drinking water: 99%
- Basic sanitation: 66%

**Risk by sex and residence**
- no data

**Young children at risk of poor development**
- At risk in 2005, 2010 and 2015, using a composite indicator of under-five stunting or poverty
**EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT**

## Nepal

### Demographics
- **Population (2019):** 28,609,000
- **Annual births:** 563,000
- **Children under 5 (2019):** 2,708,000 (9%)
- **Under-five mortality:** 32/1,000

### Threats to Early Childhood Development
- **Maternal mortality:** 186/100,000
- **Low birthweight:** 22%
- **Child poverty:** 12%
- **Violent discipline:** 75%
- **Young mothers (births by 18y):** 16%
- **Preterm births:** 14%
- **Under-five stunting:** 36%
- **Inadequate supervision:** 21%

### Young children at risk of poor development

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
- **164%**
  - Estimate in terms of % loss of annual adult wage

### Early Childhood Development Index
- **64%**

### 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
- National minimum wage
- Child and family social protection
- International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes**

#### International conventions
- ✔️ **Convention on the Rights of the Child**
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**Nicaragua**

### Demographics
- Population (2019): 6,546,000
- Annual births: 132,000
- Children under 5 (2019): 661,000 (10%)
- Under-five mortality: 18/1,000

### Threats to Early Childhood Development
- Maternal mortality: 98/100,000
- Low birthweight: 11%
- Child poverty: no data
- Violent discipline: no data
- Young mothers (births by 18y): 28%
- Preterm births: 28%
- Under-five stunting: 17%
- Inadequate supervision: no data

### Young children at risk of poor development

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

### 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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Niger

Demographics
Population (2019) 23,311,000
Annual births 1,067,000
Children under 5 (2019) 4,642,000 (20%)
Under-five mortality 84/1,000

Young children at risk of poor development

2005 2010 2015
84% 75% 48%
0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100%

Threats to Early Childhood Development
Maternal mortality 509/100,000
Low birthweight no data
Child poverty 57%
Violent discipline 80%

Risk by sex and residence

Girls Boys
0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100%
73% 76% 81%
Rural Urban

Lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood

209%
Estimate in terms of % loss of annual adult wage

Support and services for early childhood development:
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Health
Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women
Careseeking for child pneumonia
Antenatal care (4 or more visits)
Postnatal visits

Nutrition
Early initiation of breastfeeding
Exclusive breastfeeding
Minimum acceptable diet

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

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

Early Childhood Development Index

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

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Nigeria

Demographics
- Population (2019): 200,964,000
- Annual births: 7,535,000
- Children under 5 (2019): 33,409,000 (17%)
- Under-five mortality: 120/1,000

Support and services for early childhood development: Nurturing care

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Threats to Early Childhood Development
- Maternal mortality: 917/100,000
- Low birthweight: no data
- Child poverty: 54%
- Violent discipline: 80%
- Young mothers (births by 18y): 29%
- Preterm births: 12%
- Under-five stunting: 44%
- Inadequate supervision: 32%

Risk by sex and residence

Lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood

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

Early Childhood Development Index: 61%

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

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EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

North Macedonia

Demographics
Population (2019) 2,083,000
Annual births 22,000
Children under 5 (2019) 114,000 (5%)
Under-five mortality 10/1,000

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:
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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

Comparative country data urgently needed

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

Early learning
Early stimulation at home
Playthings at home

Support and services for early childhood development:
Nurturing care

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

Comparative country data urgently needed

Early Childhood Development Index
93%
**Panama**

### Demographics

- **Population (2019)**: 4,246,000
- **Annual births**: 79,000
- **Children under 5 (2019)**: 389,000 (9%)
- **Under-five mortality**: 15/1,000

### Threats to Early Childhood Development

- **Maternal mortality**: 52/100,000
- **Low birthweight**: 10%
- **Child poverty**: no data
- **Violent discipline**: 45%
- **Under-five stunting**: 8%
- **Preterm births by 18y**: no data
- **Inadequate supervision**: 3%

### 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

### Support and services for early childhood development:

- **Nurturing care**

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### 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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**Nutrition**

- **Early initiation of breastfeeding**: 91%
- **Exclusive breastfeeding**: 21%
- **Minimum acceptable diet**: no data
- **Preterm births**: 52/100,000
- **Violent discipline**: 90%

**Early Childhood Development Index**: 80%

**Health**

- **Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women**: 92%
- **Antenatal care (4 or more visits)**: 82%
- **Postnatal visits**: 92%

**Early learning**

- **Children's books in the home**: 26%
- **Playthings at home**: 69%
- **Attendance in early childhood education**: 37%

**Early stimulation at home**: 74%

**Security and safety**

- **Birth registration**: 96%
- **Positive discipline**: 96%
- **Basic drinking water**: 83%
- **Basic sanitation**: 69%

**Responsive caregiving**

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

**Comparative country data urgently needed**

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

- Estimate in terms of % loss of annual adult wage

**Early Childhood Develpment**

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Pakistan

Demographics
- Population (2019): 216,565,000
- Annual births: 6,029,000
- Children under 5 (2019): 27,668,000 (13%)
- Under-five mortality: 69/1,000

Support and services for early childhood development:
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Nutrition
- Early initiation of breastfeeding
- Exclusive breastfeeding
- Minimum acceptable diet

Early Childhood Development Index

Young children at risk of poor development
- At risk in 2005, 2010 and 2015, using a composite indicator of under-five stunting or poverty

Threats to Early Childhood Development
- Maternal mortality: 140/100,000
- Low birthweight: no data
- Child poverty: 9%
- Violent discipline: no data
- Under-five stunting: 16%
- Inadequate supervision: 38%

Risk by sex and residence

Lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood
- 156% Estimate in terms of % loss of annual adult wage

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Health
- Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women
- Careseeking for child pneumonia
- Antenatal care (4 or more visits)
- Postnatal visits
- 10%
- 84%
- 62%
- 51%

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

Nutrition

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
- no data

Comparative country data urgently needed
Papua New Guinea

Demographics
Population (2019) 8,776,000
Annual births 235,000
Children under 5 (2019) 1,096,000 (12%)
Under-five mortality 48/1,000

Young children at risk of poor development

Risk by sex and residence

Lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood

Support and services for early childhood development:
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Facilitating environments

Policies
- Paid maternity leave
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- National minimum wage
- Child and family social protection
- International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes

International conventions
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Paraguay

Demographics
Population (2019) 7,045,000
Annual births 143,000
Children under 5 (2019) 698,000 (10%)
Under-five mortality 20/1 000

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:
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**EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT**

### Philippines

#### Demographics
- Population (2019): 108,117,000
- Annual births: 2,182,000
- Children under 5 (2019): 10,775,000 (10%)
- Under-five mortality: 28/1,000

#### Threats to Early Childhood Development
- Maternal mortality: 121/100,000
- Low birthweight: 20%
- Child poverty: no data
- Violent discipline: no data

#### Young children at risk of poor development
- 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

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

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#### Facilitating environments

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**International conventions**
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**Republic of Moldova**

**Demographics**
- Population (2019): 4,043,000
- Annual births: 40,000
- Children under 5 (2019): 206,000 (5%)
- Under-five mortality: 16/1,000

**Threats to Early Childhood Development**
- Maternal mortality: 19/100,000
- Low birthweight: 5%
- Child poverty: no data
- Violent discipline: 76%
- Young mothers (births by 18y): 4%
- Preterm births: 12%
- Under-five stunting: 12%
- Inadequate supervision: 6%

**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:**
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**Facilitating environments**

**International conventions**
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**Health**
- Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women: 73%
- Careseeking for child pneumonia: 79%
- Antenatal care (4 or more visits): 95%
- Postnatal visits: no data
- Early initiation of breastfeeding: 64%
- Exclusive breastfeeding: 36%
- Minimum acceptable diet: no data

**Early learning**
- Early stimulation at home: 89%
- Playthings at home: 68%
- Attendance in early childhood education: 71%
- Children’s books in the home: 68%

**Security and safety**
- Birth registration: 100%
- Positive discipline: 89%
- Basic drinking water: 76%
- Basic sanitation: 84%

**Nutrition**

**Responsive 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**
- Estimate in terms of % loss of annual adult wage

**Early Childhood Development Index**
- 84%

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### Romania

#### Demographics
- Population (2019): 19,365,000
- Annual births: 187,000
- Children under 5 (2019): 940,000 (5%)
- Under-five mortality: 7/1,000

#### Threats to Early Childhood Development

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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

#### 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

### Support and services for early childhood development: Nurturing care

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### Facilitating environments

#### Policies

- Paid maternity leave
- National minimum wage
- Child and family social protection
- International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes

#### International conventions

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### Early Childhood Development

#### Health

- Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women: 99%
- Careseeking for child pneumonia: no data
- Antenatal care (4 or more visits): no data
- Postnatal visits: no data

#### Nutrition

- Early initiation of breastfeeding: 98%
- Exclusive breastfeeding: 16%
- Minimum acceptable diet: no data

#### Early learning

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

#### Security and safety

- Birth registration: no data
- Positive discipline: no data
- Basic drinking water: 100%
- Basic sanitation: 84%

#### Comparative country data urgently needed

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

### Comparative data

#### Support and services

- Antenatal care (4 or more visits)
- Attendance in early childhood education
- Children’s books in the home
- Playthings at home

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#### Early Childhood Development Index

- Estimate in terms of % loss of annual adult wage

### International conventions

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Russian Federation

Demographics
- Population (2019): 145,872,000
- Annual births: 1,806,000
- Children under 5 (2019): 9,400,000 (6%)
- Under-five mortality: 7/1,000

Young children at risk of poor development

Risk by sex and residence

Lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood

Support and services for early childhood development:
Nurturing care

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Facilitating environments

Policies
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- National minimum wage
- Child and family social protection
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International conventions
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**EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT**

**Rwanda**

**Demographics**
- Population (2019): 12,627,000
- Annual births: 395,000
- Children under 5 (2019): 1,849,000 (15%)
- Under-five mortality: 35/1,000

**Threats to Early Childhood Development**
- Maternal mortality: 248/100,000
- Low birthweight: 8%
- Child poverty: 68%
- Violent discipline: no data
- Young mothers (births by 18y): 6%
- Preterm births: 10%
- Under-five stunting: 37%
- Inadequate supervision: 35%

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

**Health**
- Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women: 99%
- Careseeking for child pneumonia: 54%
- Antenatal care (4 or more visits): 43%
- Postnatal visits: 44%

**Nutrition**
- Early initiation of breastfeeding: 87%
- Exclusive breastfeeding: 81%
- Minimum acceptable diet: 18%

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

**Security and safety**
- Birth registration: 56%
- Positive discipline: no data
- Basic drinking water: 58%
- Basic sanitation: 67%

**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
- **✓** CRC Optional Protocol on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography
- **✓** Hague Convention on Protection of Children and Cooperation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption

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**EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT**

### Saint Lucia

#### Demographics
- Population (2019): 183,000
- Annual births: 2,000
- Children under 5 (2019): 11,000 (6%)
- Under-five mortality: 17/1,000

#### Threats to Early Childhood Development
- Maternal mortality: 17/100,000
- Low birthweight: no data
- Child poverty: no data
- Violent discipline: 69%
- Young mothers (births by 18y): no data
- Preterm births: 11%
- Under-five stunting: 2%
- Inadequate supervision: 5%

#### Young children at risk of poor development
- 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: 106%

### 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: 50%
- Exclusive breastfeeding: 3%
- Minimum acceptable diet: no data

#### Early learning
- Early stimulation at home: 68%
- Playthings at home: 59%
- Children’s books in the home: 93%
- Early stimulation at home: 93%

#### Security and safety
- Birth registration: 92%
- Positive discipline: 98%
- Basic drinking water: 88%
- Basic sanitation: ?

#### Early Childhood Development Index
- 91%

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Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

Demographics
- Population (2019): 111,000
- Annual births: 2,000
- Children under 5 (2019): 8,000 (7%)
- Under-five mortality: 16/1,000

Young children at risk of poor development

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Facilitating environments

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**International conventions**
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**Threats to Early Childhood Development**
- Maternal mortality: 68/100,000
- Low birthweight: no data
- Child poverty: no data
- Violent discipline: no data

**Lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood**
- Estimate in terms of % loss of annual adult wage: 94%

**Early Childhood Development Index**
- no data

**Nutrition**
- Early initiation of breastfeeding: no data
- Exclusive breastfeeding: no data
- Minimum acceptable diet: 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: no data
- Positive discipline: no data
- Basic drinking water: 95%
- Basic sanitation: 87%

**Early learning**
- Early stimulation at home: no data
- Playthings at home: no data
- Attendance in early childhood education: no data

**Children’s books in the home:** no data

**Health**
- Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women: 99%
- Careseeking for child pneumonia: no data
- Antenatal care (4 or more visits): no data
- Postnatal visits: no data
- Careseeking for child pneumonia: no data

**Early stimulation at home:** no data

**Early learning**
- Early stimulation at home
- Playthings at home
- Attendance in early childhood education

**Facilitating environments**

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EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

Sao Tome and Principe

Demographics

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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

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Facilitating environments

- Paid maternity leave
- Paid paternity leave
- National minimum wage
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International conventions

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Senegal

**Demographics**
- Population (2019): 16,296,000
- Annual births: 554,000
- Children under 5 (2019): 2,585,000 (16%)
- Under-five mortality: 44,000

**Threats to Early Childhood Development**
- Maternal mortality: 315/100,000
- Low birthweight: 18%
- Child poverty: 32%
- Violent discipline: no data
- Young mothers (births by 18y): 16%
- Preterm births: 10%
- Under-five stunting: 17%
- Inadequate supervision: 28%

**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: 34%
- Exclusive breastfeeding: 42%
- Minimum acceptable diet: 8%

**Health**
- Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women: 65%
- Careseeking for child pneumonia: 60%
- Antenatal care (4 or more visits): 77%
- Postnatal visits: 57%

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

**Security and safety**
- Birth registration: 77%
- Basic drinking water: 84%
- Basic sanitation: 75%
- Positive discipline: no data

**Early learning**
- Early stimulation at home: 29%
- Playthings at home: 24%
- Children’s books in the home: 1%
- Attendance in early childhood education: 24%

**Lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood**
- Estimate in terms of % loss of annual adult wage: 52%

**Early Childhood Development Index**
- 67%

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**Demographics**

**Young children at risk of poor development**

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EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

Serbia

Demographics
Population (2019) 8,772,000
Annual births 82,000
Children under 5 (2019) 422,000 (5%)
Under-five mortality 6/1000

Young children at risk of poor development

Threats to Early Childhood Development
Maternal mortality 12/100,000
Low birthweight 5%
Child poverty no data
Violent discipline 48%

Risk by sex and residence

Lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood

Support and services for early childhood development:
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Sierra Leone

Demographics

Population (2019) 7,813,000
Annual births 257,000
Children under 5 (2019) 1,147,000 (15%)
Under-five mortality 105/1,000

Young children at risk of poor development

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

Threats to Early Childhood Development

Maternal mortality 1120/100,000
Low birthweight 14%
Child poverty 60%
Violent discipline 76%

Risk by sex and residence

Lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood

65% Estimate in terms of % loss of annual adult wage

Support and services for early childhood development:

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Facilitating environments

Policies

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International conventions

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Nutrition

Early initiation of breastfeeding
Exclusive breastfeeding
Minimum acceptable diet

Public information about ECD
Parental mental health
Parent support (groups, home visits)
Quality child day care
Comparative country data urgently needed
### EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

**Solomon Islands**

#### Demographics
- Population (2019): 670,000
- Annual births: 21,000
- Children under 5 (2019): 102,000 (15%)
- Under-five mortality: 20/1,000

#### Threats to Early Childhood Development
- Maternal mortality: 104/100,000
- Low birthweight: no data
- Child poverty: no data
- Violent discipline: 85%
- Young mothers (births by 18y): 15%
- Preterm births: 12%
- Under-five stunting: 32%
- Inadequate supervision: no data

#### Young children at risk of poor development

**Risk by sex and residence**

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

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#### Facilitating environments

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**International conventions**
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**International conventions**
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**Somalia**

### Demographics
- Population (2019): 15,443,000
- Annual births: 644,000
- Children under 5 (2019): 2,749,000 (18%)
- Under-five mortality: 122/1,000

### Threats to Early Childhood Development
- Maternal mortality: 829/100,000
- Low birthweight: no data
- Child poverty: no data
- Violent discipline: no data
- Young mothers (births by 18y): no data
- Preterm births by 18y: 12%
- Under-five stunting: 25%
- Inadequate supervision: no data

### Young children at risk of poor development
- 2005: 62%
- 2010: 60%
- 2015: 41%

### 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.

### Threats to Early Childhood Development
- Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women: 19%
- Antenatal care (4 or more visits): 66%
- Postnatal visits: 67%
- Careseeking for child pneumonia: 69%
- Postnatal care: 86%

### Early learning
- Early stimulation at home: 79%
- Playthings at home: no data
- Children’s books in the home: no data

### Security and safety
- Attendance in early childhood education: 2%
- Birth registration: 3
- Positive discipline: no data
- Basic drinking water: 52
- Basic sanitation: 38

### International conventions
- Convention on the Rights of the Child
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### Nutrition
- Early initiation of breastfeeding: 23%
- Exclusive breastfeeding: 5
- Minimum acceptable diet: no data

### Lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood
- 142%

### Early Childhood Development Index
- no data
Early Childhood Development

South Africa

Demographics
- Population (2019): 58,558,000
- Annual births: 1,178,000
- Children under 5 (2019): 5,786,000 (10%)
- Under-five mortality: 34/1,000

Young children at risk of poor development

Risk by sex and residence

Lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood

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South Sudan

Demographics

- Population (2019): 11,062,000
- Annual births: 388,000
- Children under 5 (2019): 1,698,000 (15%)
- Under-five mortality: 99/1,000

Threats to Early Childhood Development

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Young children at risk of poor development

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Risk by sex and residence

- Gender
- Residence

Lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood

- Estimate in terms of % loss of annual adult wage

Support and services for early childhood development:

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International conventions

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Nutrition

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

Response caregiving

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

Comparative country data urgently needed
### EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

#### Sri Lanka

**Demographics**
- Population (2019): 21,324,000
- Annual births: 331,000
- Children under 5 (2019): 1,677,000 (8%)
- Under-five mortality: 7/1,000

**Threats to Early Childhood Development**
- Maternal mortality: 36/100,000
- Low birthweight: 16%
- Child poverty: no data
- Violent discipline: no data
- Young mothers (births by 18y): 4%
- Preterm births: 11%
- Under-five stunting: 17%
- Inadequate supervision: no data

#### Young children at risk of poor development

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#### Risk by sex and residence

- **Sex**
  - Girls: no data
  - Boys: no data
- **Residence**
  - Rural: no data
  - Urban: no data

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

- 24% Estimate in terms of % loss of annual adult wage

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**Nutrition**
- Early initiation of breastfeeding: 90%
- Exclusive breastfeeding: 82%
- Minimum acceptable diet: no data

**Health**
- Careseeking for child pneumonia: no data
- Antenatal care (4 or more visits): no data
- Postnatal visits: no data

**Early learning**
- Early stimulation at home: no data
- Playthings at home: no data
- Attendance in early childhood education: no data

**Security and safety**
- Birth registration: 97%
- Positive discipline: no data
- Basic drinking water: 89%
- Basic sanitation: 96%

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

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**Risk by sex and residence**

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- Postnatal visits: no data

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**Health**
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- Antenatal care (4 or more visits): no data
- Postnatal visits: no data

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- Playthings at home: no data
- Attendance in early childhood education: no data

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

Comparative country data urgently needed
State of Palestine

Demographics
Population (2019) 4,981,000
Annual births 143,000
Children under 5 (2019) 690,000 (14%)
Under-five mortality 20/1,000

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Risk by sex and residence

Lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood

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Facilitating environments

International conventions
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✓ Hague Convention on Protection of Children and Cooperation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption
Sudan

**Demographics**
- Population (2019): 42,813,000
- Annual births: 1,365,000
- Children under 5 (2019): 6,246,000 (15%)
- Under-five mortality: 60/1,000

**Threats to Early Childhood Development**
- Maternal mortality: 295/100,000
- Low birthweight: no data
- Child poverty: 17%
- Violent discipline: 62%

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

**Nurturing care**
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**EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT**

**Suriname**

**Demographics**
- Population (2019): 581,000
- Annual births: 11,000
- Children under 5 (2019): 52,000 (9%)
- Under-five mortality: 19/1,000

**Young children at risk of poor development**

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

- Estimate in terms of % loss of annual adult wage: 73%

**Early Childhood Development Index**: 71%

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

**Nurturing care**

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**Facilitating environments**

**Policies**
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**International conventions**
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**Nutrition**

- Early initiation of breastfeeding: 99%
- Exclusive breastfeeding: 45%
- Minimum acceptable diet: 3%

**Responsive caregiving**

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

Comparative country data urgently needed

**Early learning**

- Early stimulation at home: 99%
- Playthings at home: 67%
- Children’s books in the home: 76%
- Attendance in early childhood education: 67%
- Early stimulation at home: 73%

**Security and safety**

- Birth registration: 99%
- Positive discipline: 95%
- Basic drinking water: 95%
- Basic sanitation: 84%

**Health**

- Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women: 99%
- Careseeking for child pneumonia: 76%
- Antenatal care (4 or more visits): 67%
Early Childhood Development

Syrian Arab Republic

Demographics
Population (2019) 17,070,000
Annual births 422,000
Children under 5 (2019) 1,826,000 (12%)
Under-five mortality 17/1,000

威胁 to Early Childhood Development
Maternal mortality 31/100,000
Low birthweight no data
Child poverty 2%
Violent discipline 84%

Paid maternity leave
National minimum wage
Child and family social protection
International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes
Paid paternity leave

Support and services for early childhood development:
Nurturing care

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Facilitating environments

支持 and services

营养

Security and safety

国际 conventions

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Facilitating environments

Support and services

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Security and safety

International conventions

Convention on the Rights of the Child
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Hague Convention on Protection of Children and Cooperation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption
Tajikistan

Demographics
Population (2019) 9,321,000
Annual births 279,000
Children under 5 (2019) 1,347,000 (14%)
Under-five mortality 35/1000

Young children at risk of poor development

Risk by sex and residence

Lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood

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

### Demographics
- Population (2019): 69,626,000
- Annual births: 707,000
- Children under 5 (2019): 3,648,000 (5%)
- Under-five mortality: 9/1,000

### Threats to Early Childhood Development
- Maternal mortality: 37/100,000
- Low birthweight: 11%
- Child poverty: no data
- Violent discipline: 77%

### Young children at risk of poor development
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: 83%
- Early Childhood Development Index: 91%

### 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**
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**Timor-Leste**

### Demographics

- **Population (2019):** 1,293,000
- **Annual births:** 38,000
- **Children under 5 (2019):** 174,000 (13%)
- **Under-five mortality:** 46/1,000

### Threats to Early Childhood Development

- **Maternal mortality:** 142/100,000
- **Low birthweight:** no data
- **Child poverty:** 44%
- **Violent discipline:** no data

### Young children at risk of poor development

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### International conventions

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- ❌ Hague Convention on Protection of Children and Cooperation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption
**EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT**

**Togo**

**Demographics**
- Population (2019) 8,082,000
- Annual births 265,000
- Children under 5 (2019) 1,204,000 (15%)
- Under-five mortality 70/1,000

**Young children at risk of poor development**

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**Threats to Early Childhood Development**

- Maternal mortality: 396/100,000
- Low birthweight: 16%
- Child poverty: 45%
- Violent discipline: 72%
- Young mothers (births by 18y): 8%
- Preterm births: 13%
- Under-five stunting: 28%
- Inadequate supervision: 29%

**Risk by sex and residence**

- Boys: 58%
- Girls: 57%
- Rural: 16%
- Urban: 79%

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

- Estimate in terms of % loss of annual adult wage: 56%

**Health**

- Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women: 80%
- Careseeking for child pneumonia: 49%
- Antenatal care (4 or more visits): 57%
- Postnatal visits: 71%

**Nutrition**

- Early initiation of breastfeeding: 64%
- Exclusive breastfeeding: 57%
- Minimum acceptable diet: 12%

**Responsive caregiving**

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

**Comparative country data urgently needed**

**Security and safety**

- Birth registration: 78%
- Positive discipline: 9%
- Basic drinking water: 65%
- Basic sanitation: 16%

**Early learning**

- Early stimulation at home: 26%
- Playthings at home: 34%
- Children’s books in the home: 1%

**Early Childhood Development Index**: 54%
EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

Tonga

Demographics
Population (2019) 104,000
Annual births 3,000
Children under 5 (2019) 12,000 (12%)
Under-five mortality 16/1000

Young children at risk of poor development

Risk by sex and residence

Lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood

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Health

- Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women: no data
- Careseeking for child pneumonia: 60%
- Antenatal care (4 or more visits): 92%
- Postnatal visits: 85%
- Early initiation of breastfeeding: 40%
- Exclusive breastfeeding: 8%
- Minimum acceptable diet: no data

Early learning

- Early stimulation at home: 71%
- Playthings at home: 53%
- Playthings at home: 44%

Early Childhood Development Index: 76%

Security and safety

- Birth registration: 99%
- Positive discipline: 99%
- Basic drinking water: 96%
- Basic sanitation: 91%

Nutrition

- Early initiation of breastfeeding: 40%
- Exclusive breastfeeding: 8%
- Minimum acceptable diet: no data

Risk by sex and residence

- Boys: no data
- Girls: no data

Lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood

- Estimate in terms of % loss of annual adult wage: 18%

Threats to Early Childhood Development

- Maternal mortality: 43/100,000
- Low birthweight: 7%
- Child poverty: no data
- Violent discipline: 95%
- Young mothers (births by 18y): 1%
- Preterm births: 9%
- Under-five stunting: 10%
- Inadequate supervision: 13%
EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

Turkey

Demographics
Population (2019) 83,430,000
Annual births 1,308,000
Children under 5 (2019) 6,658,000 (8%)
Under-five mortality 11/1000

Young children at risk of poor development

Risk by sex and residence

Risk by sex and residence

Lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood

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Policies
 Paid maternity leave
 Paid paternity leave
 National minimum wage
 Child and family social protection
 International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes
**Turkmenistan**

**Demographics**
- Population (2019): 5,942,000
- Annual births: 137,000
- Children under 5 (2019): 676,000 (11%)
- Under-five mortality: 46/1,000

**Young children at risk of poor development**

**Threats to Early Childhood Development**
- Maternal mortality: 7/100,000
- Low birthweight: 5%
- Child poverty: no data
- Violent discipline: 35%

**Risk by sex and residence**

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

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

**Nurturing care**

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**Facilitating environments**

**International conventions**

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**Nutrition**

- Early initiation of breastfeeding: 73%
- Exclusive breastfeeding: 58%
- Minimum acceptable diet: 77%

**Responsive caregiving**

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

**Comparative country data urgently needed**

**Children's books in the home**
- 48%

**Playthings at home**
- 53%

**Early learning**

- Early stimulation at home: 94%
- Attendance in early childhood education: 53%

**Security and safety**

- Birth registration: 100%
- Basic drinking water: 99%
- Basic sanitation: 99%

**HEALTH**

- Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women

**Early childhood Development Index**

**44%**

Estimate in terms of % loss of annual adult wage

**91%**

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**Tuvalu**

**Demographics**
- Population (2019): 12,000
- Annual births: no data
- Children under 5 (2019): no data
- Under-five mortality: 24/1,000

**Young children at risk of poor development**

**Threats to Early Childhood Development**
- Maternal mortality: no data
- Low birthweight: no data
- Child poverty: no data
- Violent discipline: no data
- Preterm births by 18y: 3%
- Under-five stunting: 10%
- Inadequate supervision: no data

**Risk by sex and residence**

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

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**Facilitating environments**

**Policies**
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- National minimum wage: no data
- Child and family social protection: no data
- International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes: no data

**International conventions**
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**Nutrition**

- Early initiation of breastfeeding: no data
- Exclusive breastfeeding: 35%
- Minimum acceptable diet: no data

**Early Childhood Development Index**

**Security and safety**

- Birth registration: no data
- Positive discipline: no data
- Basic drinking water: 99%
- Basic sanitation: 84%

**Early Stimulation**

- Children’s books in the home: no data
- Early stimulation at home: no data
- Playthings at 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

**Comparative country data urgently needed**

**Health**

- Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women: no data
- Antenatal care (4 or more visits): no data
- Postnatal visits: no data
- Careseeking for child pneumonia: no data

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**2005 2010 2015**

**Residence Sex**

- Boys
- Girls
- Urban
- Rural

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**Uganda**

## Demographics
- Population (2019): 44,270,000
- Annual births: 1,649,000
- Children under 5 (2019): 7,686,000 (17%)
- Under-five mortality: 46/1,000

## Threats to Early Childhood Development
- Maternal mortality: 375/100,000
- Low birthweight: no data
- Child poverty: 38%
- Violent discipline: 83%
- Young mothers (births by 18y): 33%
- Preterm births: 14%
- Under-five stunting: 29%
- Inadequate supervision: 37%

## Young children at risk of poor development

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## 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
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### Health
- Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women: 93%
- Antenatal care (4 or more visits): 54%
- Postnatal visits: 60%
- Careseeking for child pneumonia: 80%
- Early initiation of breastfeeding: 66%
- Exclusive breastfeeding: 65%
- Minimum acceptable diet: 15%

### Nutrition
- Early stimulation at home: 53%
- Playthings at home: 50%
- Children’s books in the home: 2%
- Attendance in early childhood education: 37%
- Birth registration: 32%
- Positive discipline: 10%
- Basic drinking water: 49%
- Basic sanitation: 18%

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

### Responsive caregiving
- Comparative country data urgently needed

### Security and safety
- Comparative country data urgently needed

## Lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood
- Estimate in terms of % loss of annual adult wage: 228%

## Early Childhood Development Index
- 65%
**EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT**

### Ukraine

#### Demographics
- Population (2019): 43,994,000
- Annual births: 408,000
- Children under 5 (2019): 2,184,000 (5%)
- Under-five mortality: 9/1,000

#### Threats to Early Childhood Development
- Maternal mortality: 19/100,000
- Low birthweight: 6%
- Child poverty: no data
- Violent discipline: 53%
- Young mothers (births by 18y): 4%
- Preterm births: 7%
- Under-five stunting: 23%
- Inadequate supervision: 7%

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

- Estimate in terms of % loss of annual adult wage

#### Early Childhood Development Index

- 89%

### Support and services for early childhood development: Nurturing care

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#### 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
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United Republic of Tanzania

Demographics
- Population (2019): 58,005,000
- Annual births: 2,110,000
- Children under 5 (2019): 9,528,000 (16%)
- Under-five mortality: 53/1,000

Young children at risk of poor development

Risk by sex and residence

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Uzbekistan

**Demographics**
- Population (2019): 32,982,000
- Annual births: 688,000
- Children under 5 (2019): 3,435,000 (10%)
- Under-five mortality: 21/1,000

**Young children at risk of poor development**
- 2005: 20%
- 2010: 25%
- 2015: 30%

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

**Nurturing care**

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**Facilitating environments**

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

**Health**
- Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women: 33%
- Antenatal care (4 or more visits): 68%
- Postnatal visits: 79%
- Careseeking for child pneumonia: 91%
- Exclusive breastfeeding: 84%
- Minimum acceptable diet: 84%

**Nutrition**
- Early initiation of breastfeeding: 67%
- Exclusive breastfeeding: 24%
- No data on 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: 100%
- Positive discipline: 98%
- Basic drinking water: 100%
- Basic sanitation: 100%

**Threats to Early Childhood Development**
- Maternal mortality: 29/100,000
- Low birthweight: 5%
- Child poverty: no data
- Violent discipline: no data
- Under-five stunting: no data

**Lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood**
- Estimate in terms of % loss of annual adult wage: 38%

**Early Childhood Development Index**
- No data

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**Policies**
- Paid maternity leave
- Paid paternity leave
- National minimum wage
- Child and family social protection
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**International conventions**
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- Hague Convention on Protection of Children and Cooperation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption
**Vanuatu**

### Demographics
- **Population (2019):** 300,000
- **Annual births:** 9,000
- **Children under 5 (2019):** 41,000 (14%)
- **Under-five mortality:** 26/1,000

### Threats to Early Childhood Development
- **Maternal mortality:** 72/100,000
- **Low birthweight:** 11%
- **Child poverty:** 18%
- **Violent discipline:** 86%

### Young children at risk of poor development

#### Risk by sex and residence

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**Vietnam**

**Demographics**
- Population (2019): 96,462,000
- Annual births: 1,585,000
- Children under 5 (2019): 7,891,000 (8%)
- Under-five mortality: 21/1,000

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

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

**Threats to Early Childhood Development**
- Maternal mortality: 43/100,000
- Low birthweight: 8%
- Child poverty: 5%
- Violent discipline: 64%
- Young mothers (births by 18y): 5%
- Preterm births: 9%
- Under-five stunting: 9%
- Inadequate supervision: 7%

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**Risk by sex and residence**

- Girls: 25%
- Boys: 25%
- Rural: 12%
- Urban: 30%

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

- Estimate in terms of % loss of annual adult wage: 74%

**Early Childhood Development Index**: 89%

**Health**

- Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women: 81%
- Careseeking for child pneumonia: 81%
- Antenatal care (4 or more visits): 90%
- Postnatal visits: 74%

**Nutrition**

- Early initiation of breastfeeding: 26%
- Exclusive breastfeeding: 24%
- Minimum acceptable diet: 55%

**Early learning**

- Early stimulation at home: 26%
- Playthings at home: 52%
- Attendance in early childhood education: 76%

**Security and safety**

- Birth registration: 96%
- Positive discipline: 95%
- Basic drinking water: 84%
- Basic sanitation: ?

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**Yemen**

### Demographics
- Population (2019): 29,162,000
- Annual births: 872,000
- Children under 5 (2019): 4,099,000 (14%)
- Under-five mortality: 55/1,000

### Threats to Early Childhood Development
- Maternal mortality: 164/100,000
- Low birthweight: no data
- Child poverty: 21%
- Violent discipline: 79%
- Young mothers (births by 18y): 17%
- Preterm births: 13%
- Under-five stunting: 46%
- Inadequate supervision: 34%

### 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

#### Health
- Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women: 13%
- Careseeking for child pneumonia: 34%
- Antenatal care (4 or more visits) Postnatal visits: 20%
- Security and safety
- Birth registration: 31%
- Positive discipline: 15%
- Basic drinking water: 63%
- Basic sanitation: 59%

#### Nutrition
- Early initiation of breastfeeding: 53%
- Exclusive breastfeeding: 10%
- Minimum acceptable diet: 15%

#### Early learning
- Early stimulation at home: 33%
- Playthings at home: 49%
- Children’s books in the home: 10%
- Attendance in early childhood education: 3%

#### Responsive caregiving
- Public information about ECD
- Parental mental health
- Parent support (groups, home visits)
- Quality child day 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
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## Zambia

### Demographics
- Population (2019): 17,861,000
- Annual births: 641,000
- Children under 5 (2019): 2,902,000 (16%)
- Under-five mortality: 58/1,000

### Young children at risk of poor development

### Threats to Early Childhood Development

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### Risk by sex and residence

### Lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood

- Estimate in terms of % loss of annual adult wage: 223%

### 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

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### Health
- Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women: 99%
- Careseeking for child pneumonia: 70%
- Antenatal care (4 or more visits): 63%
- Postnatal visits: 56%

### Nutrition
- Early initiation of breastfeeding: 66%
- Exclusive breastfeeding: 72%
- Minimum acceptable diet: 10%

### 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

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

### Comparative country data urgently needed
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Zimbabwe

Demographics
Population (2019) 14,645,000
Annual births 436,000
Children under 5 (2019) 2,138,000 (15%)
Under-five mortality 46/1,000

Young children at risk of poor development

Risk by sex and residence

Lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood

Support and services for early childhood development:
Nurturing care

Health
Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women
Careseeking for child pneumonia 94%
Antenatal care (4 or more visits) 57%
Postnatal visits 76%

Nutrition
Early initiation of breastfeeding
Exclusive breastfeeding
Minimum acceptable diet

Responsive caregiving
Public information about ECD
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Quality child day care

Security and safety
Birth registration
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Basic sanitation

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Technical appendix
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<td>Total population (millions)</td>
<td>The population size of the country</td>
<td>Total population (2019)</td>
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<td>Total under-five population (millions)</td>
<td>The number of children under 5 years of age, and children under 5 as a proportion of the total population</td>
<td>Total population of children under 5 years (2019)</td>
<td>United Nations, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Population Division, World Population Prospects 2019, Online Edition</td>
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<td>Annual births</td>
<td>The number of children born each year in the country</td>
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<td>Child poverty</td>
<td>Poverty is one of the major threats to the survival, health and well-being of young children and is shown to affect all aspects of development</td>
<td>The World Bank definition of extreme poverty in 2017, living on less than US$1.90 per day, was used to generate a composite indicator for children under 5 exposed to stunting or extreme poverty. Poverty ratios of children under 5 were derived for a subset of countries using the World Bank’s poverty estimates and its nationally representative population surveys with wealth index (2006-2015)</td>
<td>World Bank, DHS, MICS, China Family Panel Survey, China Health and Nutrition Survey. Methods are the same as in: Lu, C., M.M. Black and L.M. Richter, ‘Risk of Poor Development In Young Children in Low-Income and Middle-Income Countries: An estimation and analysis at the global, regional, and country level’. The Lancet Global Health, vol. 4, no. 12, 2016, pp. E916-E922</td>
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<td>Under-five stunting</td>
<td>Stunting among young children is associated with poor short- and long-term effects on school performance and adult earnings</td>
<td>Percentage of children aged 0-59 months with height for age below minus two standard deviations from the median of the WHO Child Growth Standards (1985-2018)</td>
<td>UNICEF/WHO/World Bank Joint Child Malnutrition Estimates Expanded Database: Stunting, March 2019. Stunting estimates used in generating the composite indicator of risk exposure in 2015 were imputed from the existing data using the same methods as in Lu et al., 2016 (cited above)</td>
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<td>Low birthweight</td>
<td>Low birthweight is an indicator of poor antenatal development and a predictor of poor childhood development in the early years</td>
<td>Percentage of infants weighing less than 2,500 grams at birth (2015)</td>
<td>UNICEF/WHO Low Birthweight Estimates, 2019 Edition</td>
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<td>Preterm births</td>
<td>Preterm births are an indicator of poor antenatal development and a predictor of poor childhood development in the early years, including developmental delays and disabilities</td>
<td>Less than 37 completed weeks of gestation (2010)</td>
<td>Blencowe et al., 'National, Regional and Worldwide Estimates of Preterm Birth Rates in the Year 2010 with Time Trends since 1990 for Selected Countries: A systematic review and implications', The Lancet, vol. 379, no. 9832, 2012, pp. 2162-2172. Supplementary country tables. Data sources: National registries, reproductive health surveys and studies identified through systematic searches, unpublished data and data submitted during WHO country consultations</td>
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<td>Young mothers (births by age 18)</td>
<td>It has been shown that children of young (versus older) mothers fare worse in school achievement</td>
<td>Percentage of women aged 20-24 years who gave birth before age 18 (2005-2018)</td>
<td>UNICEF global databases, based on DHS, MICS and other nationally representative surveys. This standardized indicator from population-based surveys captures levels of fertility among adolescents up to the age of 18. Note that the data are based on the answers of women aged 20-24, whose risk of giving birth before the age of 18 is behind them</td>
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<td>Violent discipline</td>
<td>Violence and maltreatment are associated with short- and long-term effects on children’s health, well-being and social adjustment</td>
<td>Percentage of children aged 1-4 years who experienced any violent discipline (psychological aggression and/or physical punishment) in the past month (2005-2018)</td>
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<td>Inadequate supervision</td>
<td>Young children need adult supervision to protect them from danger, ensure adequate feeding, and provide them with support for learning</td>
<td>Percentage of children aged 0-59 months left alone or in the care of another child under 10 years for more than an hour at least once in the past week (2005-2018)</td>
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### Young children at risk of poor development — and lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood

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<td>Young children at risk of poor development</td>
<td>Composite measure developed to assess risk of children not reaching their developmental potential. Stunting and extreme poverty serve as proxy measures because they are associated with children’s development and are measured globally using uniform methods.</td>
<td>Percentage of children under age 5 at risk of poor development as a result of stunting or extreme poverty (US$1.90 or less) in 2005, 2010 and 2015.</td>
<td>Method used for estimation in Richter, L., et al., ‘Investing in the Foundation of Sustainable Development: Pathways to scale up for early childhood development’, <em>The Lancet</em>, vol. 389, no. 10064, pp. 103–118, 2017. Available for a subset of countries (91) that were classified as high-risk</td>
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<td>Lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood</td>
<td>Because of its long-term effects on individuals, poor early childhood development, indexed by growth deficit, incurs future costs to the countries in which affected children live</td>
<td>Total loss (US$) as a percentage of average annual wage in the country (2010). Combined most recent country-level estimates of linear growth delays from the Nutrition Impact Model Study with estimates of returns to education in developing countries to estimate the impact of early-life growth faltering on educational attainment and future incomes. Primary outcomes were total years of educational attainment lost as well as the net present value of future wage earnings lost per child and birth cohort due to growth faltering in 137 developing countries. Value of loss of wage earnings was expressed as a proportion of the annual average annual wage of the country (2010)</td>
<td>Fink et al., ‘Schooling and Wage Income Losses due to Early-Childhood Growth Faltering in Developing Countries: National, regional and global estimates’, <em>The American Journal of Clinical Nutrition</em>, vol. 104, no. 1, pp. 104–112, 2016</td>
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### Early Childhood Development Index (ECDI)

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<td>Early Childhood Development Index</td>
<td>A feasible population measure of early child development outcomes is critical to monitoring the impact of early childhood development interventions, and determining which children are on track or not, to ensure that all children benefit from interventions</td>
<td>Percentage of children aged 36–59 months who are developmentally on track in at least three of the following domains: literacy-numeracy, physical development, social-emotional development and learning (2010–2018)</td>
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### Components of nurturing care: Health

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<td>Antenatal care (4 or more visits)</td>
<td>Antenatal care safeguards women’s health during pregnancy and helps to prevent and prepare for complications during pregnancy and delivery</td>
<td>Percentage of women aged 15–49 years attended to at least four times during pregnancy by any provider (1996–2018)</td>
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<td>Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women</td>
<td>Treatment of pregnant women living with HIV safeguards their health and prevents the transmission of the virus to their babies</td>
<td>Percentage of estimated number of pregnant women living with HIV receiving effective regimens (excludes single-dose nevirapine) of antiretroviral medicines for preventing mother-to-child transmission of HIV (2018)</td>
<td>Global AIDS Monitoring and UNAIDS 2019 estimates</td>
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**Components of nurturing care: Nutrition**

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<td>Early initiation of breastfeeding</td>
<td>Sucking at the breast within an hour of delivery ensures the baby receives the colostrum, the first milk that is rich in protective factors. Immediate sucking is instinctive for the baby and responds to the baby's attachment needs; it also helps establish exclusive breastfeeding</td>
<td>Percentage of infants born in the last 2 years who were put to the breast within 1 hour of birth (2004-2018)</td>
<td>UNICEF, Division of Data Research and Policy (2019). UNICEF global databases: Infant and young child feeding: Early initiation of breastfeeding, ever breastfed, New York, May 2019</td>
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<td>Exclusive breastfeeding</td>
<td>Receiving only breastmilk for the first 6 months of life provides babies with all the nutrients they need and protects the baby against common childhood illness such as diarrhoea and pneumonia. Breastfeeding also has longer-term benefits on children’s future intelligence and health</td>
<td>Percentage of children aged 0-5 months who are fed exclusively with breastmilk in the 24 hours prior to the survey (1998-2018)</td>
<td>UNICEF, Division of Data Research and Policy (2019). UNICEF global databases: Infant and young child feeding: Exclusive breastfeeding, predominant breastfeeding, New York, May 2019</td>
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<td>Minimum acceptable diet</td>
<td>Young children need sufficient diverse food to satisfy their rapid growth</td>
<td>Percentage of breastfed children aged 6-23 months who had at least the minimum dietary diversity and the minimum meal frequency during the previous day AND the percentage of non-breastfed children aged 6-23 months who received at least 2 milk feedings and had at least the minimum dietary diversity, not including milk feeds, and the minimum meal frequency during the previous day (2010-2018)</td>
<td>UNICEF, Division of Data Research and Policy (2019). UNICEF global databases: Infant and young child feeding: Minimum acceptable diet, minimum diet diversity, minimum meal frequency, New York, May 2019</td>
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**Components of nurturing care: Responsive caregiving**

*Note: no comparable country data available. Represented on the country pages by examples of indicators*

Currently no comparable country data on policies and programmes that support responsive caregiving are being collected through Demographic and Health Surveys, nationally representative household surveys or UNICEF’s Multiple Indicator Cluster Surveys. In some countries, information on child day care is collected. However, to initiate discussions on the collection of data to indicate progress in responsive caregiving, we suggest that the following four indicators be considered:

**National information and communication about ECD and services**

Awareness by parents of their important role in young children’s development; what parents, caregivers and families can do to support and promote the development of young children; and services available to assist parents of young children should they or their young child experience difficulties.

**Maternal/paternal mental health**

Both maternal and paternal mental health, and the mental health of caregivers, is critical to responsive caregiving. Lack of energy, preoccupation, anxiety, depression and other symptoms of mental distress make it very difficult for caregivers to be sensitive and responsive to the needs of a young child.

**Parent support through groups and home visits**

Support, either through parent groups or home visits, is of assistance to parents in receiving reassurance, the companionship of others with shared challenges, information about their baby’s development and parent and family behaviours and responses that support infant development, demonstrations of how they can approach and resolve difficulties, and referral to additional services should they need them.

**Good quality affordable child day care**

In many countries, as many women as men are economically active, either in the formal or the informal sector. These families, and families with other challenges that require additional assistance, benefit from good quality, free or affordable child day care.
### Components of nurturing care: Early learning

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<td><strong>Children's books in the home</strong></td>
<td>Exposure to written material and pictures, accompanied by caregiver narratives about words and pictures, are the foundation of early language and literacy development</td>
<td>Percentage of children aged 0-59 months who have 3 or more children's books at home (2005-2018)</td>
<td>UNICEF global databases, based on DHS, MICS and other nationally representative surveys</td>
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<td><strong>Playthings at home</strong></td>
<td>Play is natural to children, and the practice and pleasure they enjoy when playing is important to their cognitive exploration and expansion. Young children will learn from play with any safe, clean objects, most importantly when an adult engages and encourages the child and uses play opportunities to label objects and experiences for the child</td>
<td>Percentage of children aged 0-59 months who play with 2 or more of the following playthings at home: household objects or objects found outside (sticks, rocks, animals, shells, leaves, etc.), homemade toys or toys that came from a store (2005-2018)</td>
<td>UNICEF global databases, based on DHS, MICS and other nationally representative surveys</td>
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<td><strong>Early stimulation at home</strong></td>
<td>Children learn through their own exploration, but they learn more in interaction with others, especially adults who mediate a child's experience with written material, stories, excursions and other opportunities to teach young children words, numbers, colours and shapes, and to help young children to understand ideas not immediately present</td>
<td>Percentage of children aged 36-59 months with whom an adult has engaged in 4 or more of the following activities to promote learning and school readiness in the past 3 days: a) reading books to the child, b) telling stories to the child, c) singing songs to the child, d) taking the child outside the home, e) playing with the child, and f) spending time with the child naming, counting or drawing things (2005-2018)</td>
<td>UNICEF global databases, based on DHS, MICS and other nationally representative surveys</td>
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<td><strong>Attendance in early childhood education</strong></td>
<td>From about the age of 3 years, young children benefit from interacting and learning with other young children, and preparing for the environment of formal learning in school</td>
<td>Percentage of children aged 36-59 months who are attending an early childhood education programme (2005-2018)</td>
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<td><strong>Birth registration</strong></td>
<td>Through birth registration, a child acquires his or her identity as a citizen and a rights holder in a country. Registration is often a condition for the receipt of state services such as health care, education and social protection</td>
<td>Percentage of children under age 5 who were reported to be registered with civil authorities. The numerator of this indicator includes children reported to have a birth certificate, regardless of whether or not it was seen by the interviewer, and those without a birth certificate whose mother or caregiver says the birth has been registered (2006-2018)</td>
<td>UNICEF global databases, based on DHS, MICS, other nationally representative surveys, censuses and vital registration systems</td>
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<td><strong>Basic drinking water</strong></td>
<td>Safe drinking water is especially important for young children to prevent infectious diseases that inhibit their physical growth and diminish their active exploration of the environment through which they learn</td>
<td>Percentage of the population using an improved drinking water source, where collection time is not more than 30 minutes for a round trip including queuing (improved sources include: piped water; boreholes or tube wells; protected dug wells; protected springs; rainwater; and packaged or delivered water) (2017)</td>
<td>WHO-UNICEF Joint Monitoring Programme for Water Supply, Sanitation and Hygiene, 2019</td>
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<td>Basic sanitation</td>
<td>Basic sanitation is also especially important for young children, to prevent infectious diseases that inhibit their physical growth and diminish their active exploration of the environment through which they learn</td>
<td>Percentage of the population using an improved sanitation facility that is not shared with other households (improved facilities include: flush/ pour flush to piped sewerage systems, septic tanks or pit latrines; ventilated improved pit latrines; composting toilets or pit latrines with slabs) (2017)</td>
<td>WHO-UNICEF Joint Monitoring Programme for Water Supply, Sanitation and Hygiene, 2019</td>
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<td>Positive discipline</td>
<td>Positive discipline by parents and caregivers helps to socialize young children to understand how to avoid danger and what they may and may not do in their social context</td>
<td>Percentage of children aged 1-4 years who experienced only non-violent discipline in the past month, including a) explaining why a behaviour is wrong, b) taking away privileges or not allowing the child to leave the house, and c) giving the child something else to do (2005-2018)</td>
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### Facilitating environment: Policies

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<td>National minimum wage</td>
<td>A minimum wage has been shown to have protective effects on children’s well-being as assessed by growth</td>
<td>Minimum wage per day &gt;$2 purchasing power parity (PPP) (World Bank poverty line was $1.90 or less per day) (2012)</td>
<td>World Policy Analysis Center, University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), <a href="https://worldpolicycenter.org/policies/at-what-level-are-minimum-wages-set-per-day">https://worldpolicycenter.org/policies/at-what-level-are-minimum-wages-set-per-day</a>. Reflects laws and policies in place as of March 2012</td>
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<td>General comment No. 7 (2005) on implementing child rights during early childhood</td>
<td>Accepted by the Committee. Not ratified or signed by individual countries</td>
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### Important indicators – no or insufficient comparable country data

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<td>More data needs to be collected, recalculated or validated</td>
<td>Many more indicators than are included in the country profiles are needed to monitor and inspire the scale-up of quality interventions and programmes to support the development of young children. Some of these are indicated below:</td>
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<td>Government expenditure on ECD</td>
<td>Government leadership, programming and funding are needed to scale up efforts to improve facilitating environments and nurturing care needed by young children to realize their human potential</td>
<td>Some data available, minimum number of countries. Results for Development (R4D) has data on government spending on different ECD programmes in only 12 countries</td>
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<td>Foreign assistance for ECD</td>
<td>International aid is important to leadership and funding of early childhood development programmes</td>
<td>The World Bank published estimates at the aggregate level (total $ from the World Bank on ECD), but not at the country level. R4D has data on early childhood education, but not on other areas of ECD, and data are at the country level</td>
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<td>Household expenditure on ECD (child day care)</td>
<td>Early indications suggest that, currently, families are spending a high proportion of household income on child day care and are often forced to compromise by accepting poorer quality, more affordable services</td>
<td>Some data available, minimum number of countries. Some data available from R4D</td>
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<td>Low maternal schooling</td>
<td>Children whose mothers have no or only a few years of primary education have poorer health, nutrition, and cognitive development than children of better educated women. Education is empowering for women themselves, their families and their children</td>
<td>No education.</td>
<td>Countdown to 2030 reports on secondary education. There are no country-level estimates available for maternal education. Therefore, micro-level data has to be used to generate the estimates for countries with nationally representative data. In addition, categories of maternal education between DHS and MICS (and even within DHS and MICS) are not always consistent</td>
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<td>Comprehensive ECD policies</td>
<td>Many countries are adopting comprehensive early childhood development policies. The RISE Institute has been documenting the development and adoption of such policies, and it is important to understand the role they play in advancing effective interventions for early childhood development</td>
<td>Country-level data from the RISE Institute have not been published</td>
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<td>Care for child development</td>
<td>The UNICEF/WHO Care for Child Development (CCD) materials are in use in a large number of countries and are often adapted to local circumstances. CCD is illustrative of a feasible, cost-effective intervention to promote nurturing care that can be incorporated into the delivery of services in different sectors</td>
<td>who.int/maternal_child_adolescent/documents/care_child_development/en/ unicef.org/earlychildhood/index_68195.html</td>
<td>Informal repository of country implementation</td>
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<td>Children in institutional care</td>
<td>Care of young children in large group homes (institutions) is a known and serious risk to children’s development, since development is dependent on responsive human interaction best provided in a family environment</td>
<td>UNICEF’s Data and Analytics Section maintains a global database on this indicator, but it is not currently available for public sharing, given the lack of comparability across countries</td>
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<td>Maternal/parental mental health/depression</td>
<td>Parental and caregiver depression is prevalent in conditions of adversity and hardship, and significantly affects the development of young children through its impact on the motivational and emotional state of parents and caregivers</td>
<td>Some prevalence data, but with small non-representative samples and long intervals between dates of information, have been collected. For example: Gelaye et al., “Epidemiology of Maternal Depression”, The Lancet Psychiatry, vol. 3, no. 10, 2016, pp. 973-982; Ferrari et al., “Burden of Depressive Disorder”, PLOS Medicine, vol. 10, no. 11, 2016, p. E1001547</td>
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<td>Children with disabilities or developmental delays</td>
<td>To date, unknown numbers of children experience developmental delays and functioning difficulties. Lack of identification and appropriate intervention exacerbates the deleterious effects on children’s development and the stress on their families</td>
<td>UNICEF’s Data and Analytics Section maintains a global database on this indicator, but it is not currently available for public sharing, given lack of comparability across countries. The problem with comparability of current country data is explained in a review, data.unicef.org/resources/navigating-the-landscape-of-child-disability-measurement-a-review-of-available-data-collection-instruments/. MICS have recently begun to collect data on children 2-17 years old with functional difficulties, using a new standardized module developed by UNICEF and the Washington Group on Disability Statistics, but country-level data are not yet available for most countries</td>
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<td>Female alcohol consumption</td>
<td>Drug and alcohol abuse are associated with prenatal complications, developmental delays and difficulties, the potential for violence in the home and other social problems. Data on female alcohol consumption may be one possible indicator for this threat to early child development</td>
<td>Total alcohol per capita consumption (APC) is defined as the total (sum of recorded APC 3-year average and unrecorded APC) amount of alcohol consumed per adult (15+ years) over a calendar year, in litres of pure alcohol</td>
<td>Recorded alcohol consumption refers to official statistics (production, import, export, and sales or taxation data), while the unrecorded alcohol consumption refers to alcohol that is not taxed and is outside the usual system of governmental control. The WHO Global Health Observatory, who.int/gho/en/ There was insufficient time to find a way to include the data in a simple and understandable way</td>
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<td>Quality, affordable child day care</td>
<td>In a large number of countries, as many women as men are economically active, either in the formal or the informal sector. These families, and families with other challenges that require additional assistance, benefit from good quality, free or affordable day care</td>
<td>No globally comparable data on this indicator</td>
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<td>Environment/air pollution</td>
<td>During pregnancy and early childhood, the rapid development of children makes them especially vulnerable to environmental toxins, including, among others, air pollution</td>
<td>Percentage of population breathing air with unhealthy levels of pollutants</td>
<td>WHO Global Urban Ambient Air Pollution Database (2018 update), who.int/airpollution/data/cities/en/ There was insufficient time to find a way to include the data in a simple and understandable way</td>
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Available data

Table 3 lists the indicators included in the country profiles, the number of countries and areas with data for that indicator and the year(s) for the latest available country data updates or estimates.

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