**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**

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<th>Year</th>
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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.

**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

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**Countdown to 2030**

Women’s, Children’s & Adolescents’ Health

**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)**
- Preterm births: 11%
- Under-five stunting: 19%
- Inadequate supervision: 16%

**Risk by sex and residence**

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<th>Gender</th>
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**Lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood**

89% Estimate in terms of % loss of annual adult wage

**Nutrition**

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88%

**Early Childhood Development Index**

**Security and safety**

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<td>Basic drinking water</td>
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**Early stimulation at home**

- Children’s books in the home: 50%
- Attendance in early childhood education: 73%

**Early learning**

- Early stimulation at home: 95%
- Playthings at home: 59%

**Responsive caregiving**

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

Comparative country data urgently needed