**EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT**

**Djibouti**

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

### Threats to Early Childhood Development
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<td>Maternal mortality</td>
<td>248/100,000</td>
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<td>Low birthweight</td>
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<td>Child poverty</td>
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<td>Violent discipline</td>
<td>65%</td>
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### Young children at risk of poor development

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<td>2005</td>
<td>33</td>
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<td>2010</td>
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<td>2015</td>
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At risk in 2005, 2010 and 2015, using a composite indicator of under-five stunting or poverty.

### Risk by sex and residence

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### Lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood

83% 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

### Nutrition

- Early initiation of breastfeeding: 52%
- Exclusive breastfeeding: 12%
- Minimum acceptable diet: No data

**Healthy eating**

Nutrition

#### Security and safety

- Birth registration: 92%
- Positive discipline: 21%
- Basic drinking water: 76%
- Basic sanitation: 64%

**Safe environment**

#### Early learning

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

**Learning outcomes**

#### Responsiveness

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

**Responsive caregiving**

Comparative country data urgently needed

DETAILED COUNTRY DATA SOURCES AND FOOTNOTES CAN BE FOUND IN THE MASTER DATABASE AT NURTURING-CARE.ORG