**EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT**

**Dominica**

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

### 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: 12%
- 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

### 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

**Countdown to 2030**

Women’s, Children’s & Adolescents’ Health

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

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

**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: no data

**Security and safety**
- Birth registration: no data
- Positive discipline: no data
- Basic drinking water: 97%
- Basic sanitation: 77%

**Risk by sex and residence**

**Lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood**
- 85% Estimate in terms of % loss of annual adult wage
- Early Childhood Development Index: no data

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