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

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 95/100 000
Low birthweight 11%
Child poverty 2%
Violent discipline 62%

Young mothers (births by 18y) 21%
Preterm births 11%
Under-five stunting 7%
Inadequate supervision 5%

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%

Health
Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women
Careseeking for child pneumonia 84%
Antenatal care (4 or more visits) 73%
Postnatal visits 95%

Nutrition
Early initiation of breastfeeding 38%
Exclusive breastfeeding 5%
Minimum acceptable diet 43%

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

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

Detailed country data sources and footnotes can be found in the master database at nurturing-care.org