**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: 21%
- Child poverty: no data
- Violent discipline: no data
- Young mothers (births by 18y): no data
- Preterm births: 5%
- Under-five stunting: 24%
- Inadequate supervision: no data

### Young children at risk of poor development
- 2015: no data
- 2010: no data
- 2015: no data

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
- 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

#### Health
- Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women
- Careseeking for child pneumonia
- Antenatal care (4 or more visits)
- Prenatal visits
- Early initiation of breastfeeding
- Exclusive breastfeeding
- Minimum acceptable diet

#### Nutrition
- Early childhood development
- Health
- Nutrition
- Responsive caregiving
- Security and safety

#### Comparative country data urgently needed

### Early Childhood Development Index
[Link to Nurturing-Care.org for detailed country data sources and footnotes]