**EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT**

**Egypt**

**Demographics**
- Population (2019): 100,388,000
- Annual births: 2,577,000
- Children under 5 (2019): 12,804,000 (13%)
- Under-five mortality: 21/1,000

**Threats to Early Childhood Development**
- Maternal mortality: 37/100,000
- Low birthweight: no data
- Child poverty: 1% (urban)
- Violent discipline: 92%
- Young mothers (births by 18y): 7%
- Preterm births: 7%
- Under-five stunting: 22%
- Inadequate supervision: 4%

**Young children at risk of poor development**

**Risk by sex and residence**

**Lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood**

**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

**Nutrition**
- Early initiation of breastfeeding: 87%
- Exclusive breastfeeding: 40%
- Minimum acceptable diet: 23%

**Health**
- Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women: Careseeking for child pneumonia: 16%
- Antenatal care (4 or more visits): 68%
- Postnatal visits: 82%

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

**Security and safety**
- Birth registration: 99%
- Positive discipline: 99%
- Basic drinking water: 99%
- Basic sanitation: 94%

**Early learning**
- Early stimulation at home: Children’s books in the home: no data
- Playthings at home: no data
- Attendance in early childhood education: no data

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