**Early Childhood Development**

**El Salvador**

### Demographics
- Population (2019): 6,454,000
- Annual births: 117,000
- Children under 5 (2019): 578,000 (9%)
- Under-five mortality: 14/1,000

### Threats to Early Childhood Development
- Maternal mortality: 46/100,000
- Low birthweight: 10%
- Child poverty: no data
- Violent discipline: 57%
- Young mothers (births by 18y): 18%
- Preterm births: 13%
- Under-five stunting: 14%
- Inadequate supervision: 4%

### Young children at risk of poor development

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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
- Estimate in terms of % loss of annual adult wage: 124%
- Early Childhood Development Index: 81%

### 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

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### 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

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**Nutrition**

- Early initiation of breastfeeding: 42%
- Exclusive breastfeeding: 47%
- Minimum acceptable diet: 65%

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**Responsive caregiving**

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

Comparison country data urgently needed

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**Security and safety**

- Birth registration: 99%
- Positive discipline: 28%
- Basic drinking water: 97%
- Basic sanitation: 87%

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**Early learning**

- Early stimulation at home: 59%
- Playthings at home: 62%
- Attendance in early childhood education: 25%

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**Children’s books in the home**

- 18%