**Early Childhood Development**

**Equatorial Guinea**

**Demographics**
- Population (2019): 1,356,000
- Annual births: 44,000
- Children under 5 (2019): 195,000 (14%)
- Under-five mortality: 85/1,000

**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.

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**Threats to Early Childhood Development**

- Maternal mortality: 301/100,000
- Low birthweight: no data
- Child poverty: no data
- Violent discipline: no data

- Young mothers (births by 18y): 42%
- Preterm births by 18y: 17%
- Under-five stunting: 26%
- Inadequate supervision: no data

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**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

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**Health**

- Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women
- Careseeking for child pneumonia
- Antenatal care (4 or more visits)
- Postnatal visits

- Early initiation of breastfeeding: 25%
- Exclusive breastfeeding: 7%
- Minimum acceptable diet: no data

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**Early learning**

- Early stimulation at home
- Children’s books in the home
- Playthings at home
- Attendance in early childhood education

- Early childhood education: no data

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**Nutrition**

- Early initiation of breastfeeding: 25%
- Exclusive breastfeeding: 7%
- Minimum acceptable diet: no data

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**Responsive caregiving**

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

Comparative country data urgently needed

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**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

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