**EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT**

**Eswatini**

**Demographics**
- Population (2019): 1,148,000
- Annual births: 30,000
- Children under 5 (2019): 144,000 (13%)
- Under-five mortality: 54/1,000

**Threats to Early Childhood Development**
- Maternal mortality: 437/100,000
- Low birthweight: 10%
- Child poverty: 49%
- Violent discipline: 87%
- Young mothers (births by 18y): 17%
- Preterm births: 14%
- Under-five stunting: 14%
- Inadequate supervision: 26%

**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**

**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