**EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT**

**Gabon**

**Demographics**
- Population (2019): 2,173,000
- Annual births: 67,000
- Children under 5 (2019): 316,000 (15%)
- Under-five mortality: 45/1,000

**Threats to Early Childhood Development**
- Maternal mortality: 252/100,000
- Low birthweight: 14%
- Child poverty: 2%
- Violent discipline: no data
- Young mothers (births by 18y): 28%
- Preterm births: 16%
- Under-five stunting: 17%
- Inadequate supervision: no data

**Young children at risk of poor development**

**Risk by sex and residence**

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

57%

**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**

**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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