



Gambia

Countdown to 2030

Women's, Children's & Adolescents' Health

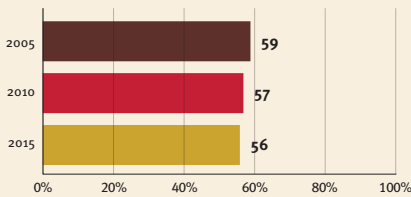
Demographics

Population (2019)	2,348,000
Annual births	90,000
Children under 5 (2019)	401,000 (17%)
Under-five mortality	58/1 000

Threats to Early Childhood Development

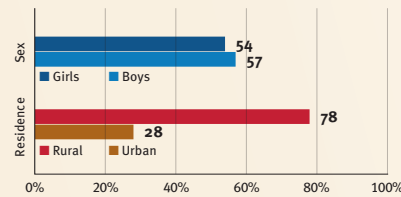
Maternal mortality	597/100 000	Young mothers (births by 18y)	19%
Low birthweight	17%	Preterm births	14%
Child poverty	49%	Under-five stunting	25%
Violent discipline	86%	Inadequate supervision	21%

Young children at risk of poor development

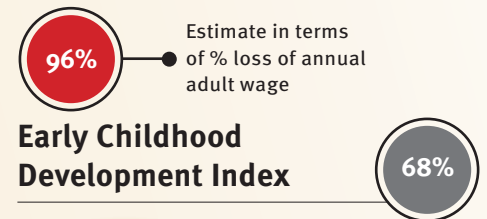


At risk in 2005, 2010 and 2015, using a composite indicator of under-five stunting or poverty

Risk by sex and residence

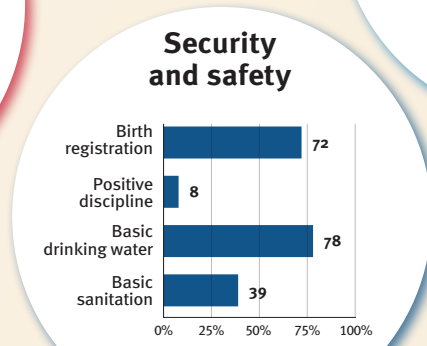
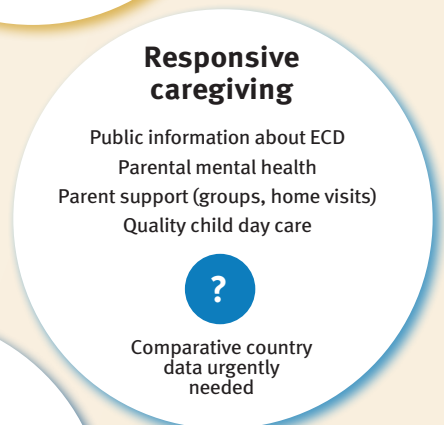
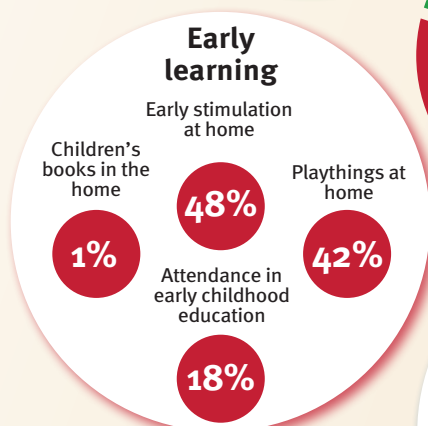
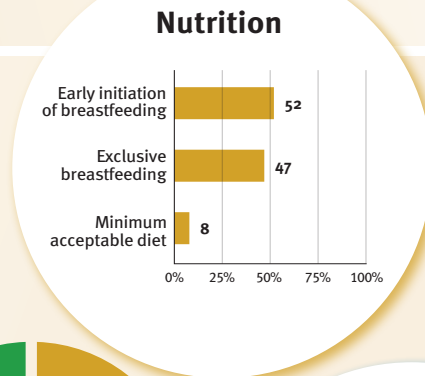
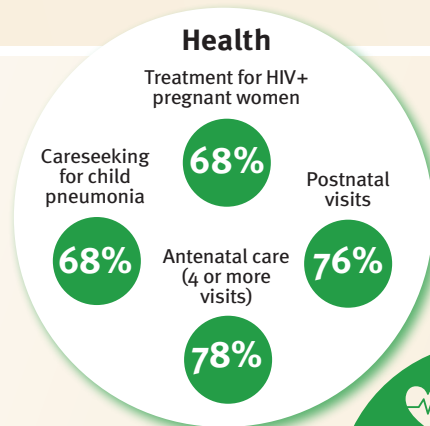


Lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood



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	✓ Paid paternity 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	
✓ CRC Optional Protocol on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography	
✗ Hague Convention on Protection of Children and Cooperation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption	