EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

Ghana

Demographics
- Population (2019): 30,418,000
- Annual births: 882,000
- Children under 5 (2019): 4,135,000 (14%)
- Under-five mortality: 48/1,000

Threats to Early Childhood Development
- Maternal mortality: 308/100,000
- Low birthweight: 14%
- Child poverty: 6%
- Violent discipline: 94%
- Young mothers (births by 18y): 17%
- Preterm births: 15%
- Under-five stunting: 19%
- 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

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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