**EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT**

**Guinea-Bissau**

### Demographics
- Population (2019): 1,921,000
- Annual births: 66,000
- Children under 5 (2019): 302,000 (16%)
- Under-five mortality: 81/1,000

### Threats to Early Childhood Development

- Maternal mortality: 667/100,000
- Low birthweight: 21%
- Child poverty: 68%
- Violent discipline: 77%
- Young mothers (births by 18y): 28%
- Preterm births: 11%
- Under-five stunting: 28%
- Inadequate supervision: 31%

### 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
- Hague Convention on Protection of Children and Cooperation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption

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**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**

*68%* Estimate in terms of % loss of annual adult wage

**Early Childhood Development Index**

*61%

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