**EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT**

**Iran (Islamic Republic of)**

**Demographics**
- Population (2019): 82,914,000
- Annual births: 1,524,000
- Children under 5 (2019): 7,583,000 (9%)
- Under-five mortality: 14/1,000

**Threats to Early Childhood Development**
- Maternal mortality: 16/100,000
- Low birthweight: no data
- Child poverty: no data
- Violent discipline: no data
- Young mothers (births by 18y): 5%
- Preterm births: 13%
- Under-five stunting: 7%
- Inadequate supervision: 15%

**Young children at risk of poor development**

**Risk by sex and residence**

**Lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood**
- Estimate in terms of % loss of annual adult wage: 58%

**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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