



Lao People's Democratic Republic

Countdown to 2030

Women's, Children's & Adolescents' Health

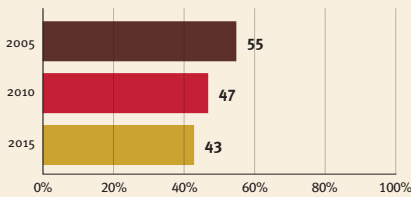
Demographics

Population (2019)	7,169,000
Annual births	166,000
Children under 5 (2019)	794,000 (11%)
Under-five mortality	47/1 000

Threats to Early Childhood Development

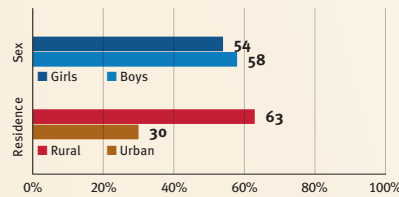
Maternal mortality	185/100 000	Young mothers (births by 18y)	18%
Low birthweight	17%	Preterm births	11%
Child poverty	30%	Under-five stunting	44%
Violent discipline	65%	Inadequate supervision	12%

Young children at risk of poor development

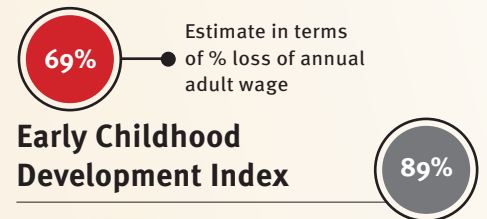


At risk in 2005, 2010 and 2015, using a composite indicator of under-five stunting or poverty

Risk by sex and residence



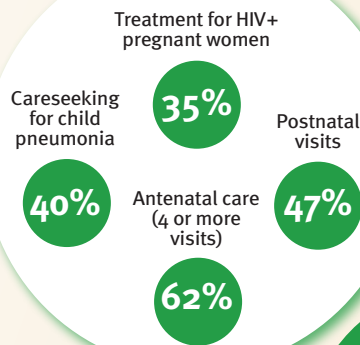
Lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood



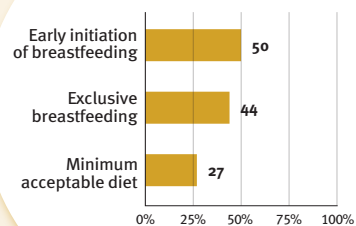
Support and services for early childhood development: Nurturing care

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.

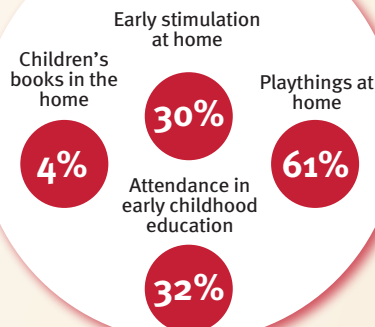
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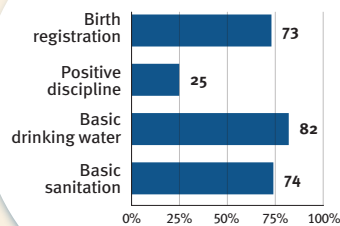
Nutrition



Early learning



Security and safety



Responsive caregiving

Public information about ECD
Parental mental health
Parent support (groups, home visits)
Quality child day care



Comparative country data urgently needed

Facilitating environments

Policies

✓	Paid maternity leave	no data	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