**EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT**

**Lebanon**

**Demographics**
- Population (2019): 6,856,000
- Annual births: 117,000
- Children under 5 (2019): 592,000 (9%)
- Under-five mortality: 7/1000

**Threats to Early Childhood Development**
- Maternal mortality: 29/100,000
- Low birthweight: 9%
- Child poverty: no data
- Violent discipline: 85%
- Young mothers (births by 18y): no data
- Preterm births: 8%
- Under-five stunting: 8%
- Inadequate supervision: 9%

**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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**Countdown to 2030**

Women’s, Children’s & Adolescents’ Health

**Health**
- Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women
- Early initiation of breastfeeding: 41%
- Exclusive breastfeeding: no data
- Postnatal visits: no data
- Minimum acceptable diet: no data

**Nutrition**
- Early stimulation at home: 29%
- Playthings at home: 16%
- Attendance in early childhood education: 62%
- Children’s books in the home: 56%

**Early learning**

**Security and safety**
- Birth registration: 100%
- Positive discipline: no data
- Basic drinking water: 93%
- Basic sanitation: 98%

**Young children at risk of poor development**

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

**Lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood**

Estimate in terms of % loss of annual adult wage

**Early Childhood Development Index**

no data

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