Lesotho

Demographics
Population (2019) 2,125,000
Annual births 56,000
Children under 5 (2019) 253,000 (12%)
Under-five mortality 81/1,000

Threats to Early Childhood Development
Maternal mortality 544/100,000
Low birthweight 15%
Child poverty 54%
Violent discipline no data
Young mothers (births by 18y) 14%
Preterm births 12%
Under-five stunting 33%
Inadequate supervision no data

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
256%
Estimate in terms of % loss of annual adult wage

Early Childhood Development Index
no data

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
- 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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