## Liberia

### Demographics
- Population (2019): 4,937,000
- Annual births: 162,000
- Children under 5 (2019): 730,000 (15%)
- Under-five mortality: 71/1,000

### Threats to Early Childhood Development
- Maternal mortality: 661/100,000
- Low birthweight: no data
- Child poverty: 35%
- Violent discipline: 86%
- Young mothers (births by 18y): 37%
- Preterm births: 14%
- Under-five stunting: 32%
- Inadequate supervision: no data

### Young children at risk of poor development

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

### Risk by sex and residence

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### Lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood
- Estimate in terms of % loss of annual adult wage: 72%

### 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
- **✗** 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

### Health
- Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women: 93%
- Careseeking for child pneumonia: 51%
- Postnatal visits: 77%
- Antenatal care (4 or more visits): 78%
- Early initiation of breastfeeding: 64%
- Exclusive breastfeeding: 55%
- Minimum acceptable diet: 5%

### Nutrition
- Early stimulation at home: no data
- Children's books in the home: no data
- Playthings at home: no data
- Attendance in early childhood education: no data
- Early learning: no data

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### Responsive caregiving
- Public information about ECD: no data
- Parental mental health: no data
- Parent support (groups, home visits): no data
- Quality child day care: no data

### Security and safety
- Birth registration: 25%
- Positive discipline: 4%
- Basic drinking water: 73%
- Basic sanitation: 17%

### Comparative country data urgently needed