**EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT**

**Libya**

**Demographics**
- Population (2019): 6,777,000
- Annual births: 124,000
- Children under 5 (2019): 633,000 (9%)
- Under-five mortality: 12/1,000

**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
- ✔ Hague Convention on Protection of Children and Cooperation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption

**Threats to Early Childhood Development**
- Maternal mortality: 72/100,000
- Low birthweight: no data
- Child poverty: no data
- Violent discipline: no data

**Young mothers (births by 18y)**
- no data

**Preterm births by 18y**
- 8%

**Under-five stunting**
- 21%

**Inadequate supervision**
- no data

**Young children at risk of poor development**

**Risk by sex and residence**

**Lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood**
- 52%

Estimate in terms of % loss of annual adult wage

**Early Childhood Development Index**
- no data

**Nutrition**

- Early initiation of breastfeeding
  - no data
- Exclusive breastfeeding
  - no data
- Minimum acceptable diet
  - no data

**Health**

- Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women
  - no data
- Careseeking for child pneumonia
  - no data
- Antenatal care (4 or more visits)
  - no data
- Postnatal visits
  - no data

**Responsive caregiving**

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

**Comparative country data urgently needed**

**Early learning**

- Early stimulation at home
  - no data
- Playthings at home
  - no data
- Attendance in early childhood education
  - no data

**Security and safety**

- Birth registration
  - no data
- Positive discipline
  - no data
- Basic drinking water
  - 99%
- Basic sanitation
  - 100%

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- 6%