**EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT**

**Madagascar**

### Demographics
- Population (2019): 26,969,000
- Annual births: 876,000
- Children under 5 (2019): 4,023,000 (15%)
- Under-five mortality: 54/1,000

### Threats to Early Childhood Development
- Maternal mortality: 335/100,000
- Low birthweight: 17%
- Child poverty: 86%
- Violent discipline: no data

### Risk by sex and residence
- Gender
  - Boys: 92%
  - Girls: 83%
- Residence
  - Rural: 54%
  - Urban: 96%

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

### 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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### 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

### Countdown to 2030

Women's, Children's & Adolescents' Health

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

- Estimate in terms of % loss of annual adult wage
- 183%

**Early Childhood Development Index**

**Health**
- Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women
- Careseeking for child pneumonia
- Antenatal care (4 or more visits)
- Postnatal visits

- Early initiation of breastfeeding
- Exclusive breastfeeding
- Minimum acceptable diet

**Nutrition**

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

**Security and safety**
- Birth registration
- Positive discipline
- Basic drinking water
- Basic sanitation

**Comparative country data urgently needed**

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