Early Childhood Development

Maldives

Demographics
- Population (2019): 531,000
- Annual births: 7,000
- Children under 5 (2019): 37,000 (7%)
- Under-five mortality: 9/1,000

Threats to Early Childhood Development
- Maternal mortality: 53/100,000
- Low birthweight: 12%
- Child poverty: no data
- Violent discipline: no data
- Young mothers (births by 18y): 1%
- Preterm births: 8%
- Under-five stunting: 19%
- Inadequate supervision: 12%

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

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