**EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT**

**Mauritius**

**Demographics**
- Population (2019): 1,270,000
- Annual births: 13,000
- Children under 5 (2019): 65,000 (5%)
- Under-five mortality: 16/1,000

**Threats to Early Childhood Development**
- Maternal mortality: 61/100,000
- Low birthweight: 17%
- Child poverty: no data
- Violent discipline: no data

**Young children at risk of poor development**

**Risk by sex and residence**

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

**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

**Countdown to 2030**

Women’s, Children’s & Adolescents’ Health

**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

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

**Nutrition**
- Early initiation of breastfeeding: no data
- Exclusive breastfeeding: no data
- Minimum acceptable diet: no data

**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: no data
- Positive discipline: no data
- Basic drinking water: 100%
- Basic sanitation: 96%

**Demographics**

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

**Early Childhood Development Index**

23% Estimate in terms of % loss of annual adult wage

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