**Republic of Moldova**

**Demographics**
- Population (2019): 4,043,000
- Annual births: 40,000
- Children under 5 (2019): 206,000 (5%)
- Under-five mortality: 16/1,000

**Threats to Early Childhood Development**
- Maternal mortality: 19/100,000
- Low birthweight: 5%
- Child poverty: no data
- Violent discipline: 76%
- Young mothers (births by 18y): 4%
- Preterm births: 12%
- Under-five stunting: 12%
- Inadequate supervision: 6%

**Young children at risk of poor development**
- 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**

**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

**Nutrition**
- Early initiation of breastfeeding: 64%
- Exclusive breastfeeding: 36%
- Minimum acceptable diet: no data

**Security and safety**
- Birth registration: 100%
- Positive discipline: 82%
- Basic drinking water: 89%
- Basic sanitation: 76%

**Early Childhood Development Index**
- 84%