**Early Childhood Development**

### Morocco

#### Demographics
- Population (2019): 36,472,000
- Annual births: 675,000
- Children under 5 (2019): 3,370,000 (9%)
- Under-five mortality: 22/1,000

#### Threats to Early Childhood Development
- Maternal mortality: 70/100,000
- Low birthweight: 17%
- Child poverty: no data
- Violent discipline: 89%

#### 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
- ✓ 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

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**Countdown to 2030**

Women's, Children's & Adolescents’ Health

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