Nicaragua

Demographics
Population (2019) 6,546,000
Annual births 132,000
Children under 5 (2019) 661,000 (10%)
Under-five mortality 18/1,000

Threats to Early Childhood Development
Maternal mortality 98/100,000
Low birthweight 11%
Child poverty no data
Violent discipline no data
Young mothers (births by 18y) 28%
Preterm births 9%
Under-five stunting 17%
Inadequate supervision no data

Young children at risk of poor development

Risk by sex and residence

Lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood

97%

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

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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

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