**EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT**

**Niger**

**Demographics**
- Population (2019): 23,311,000
- Annual births: 1,067,000
- Children under 5 (2019): 4,642,000 (20%)
- Under-five mortality: 84/1000

**Threats to Early Childhood Development**
- Maternal mortality: 509/100000
- Low birthweight: no data
- Child poverty: 57%
- Violent discipline: 80%

**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**

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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

**Nutrition**
- Early initiation of breastfeeding: 53%
- Exclusive breastfeeding: 23%
- Minimum acceptable diet: 6%

**Early learning**
- Early stimulation at home:
  - Children’s books in the home: no data
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**Security and safety**
- Birth registration: 64%
- Positive discipline: 50%
- Basic drinking water: 14%
- Basic sanitation: 77%

**Risk by sex and residence**
- Girls: 73%
- Boys: 76%
- Rural: 31%
- Urban: 81%

**Lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood**
- Estimate in terms of % loss of annual adult wage: 209%

**Countdown to 2030**

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