**EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT**

**Nigeria**

**Demographics**
- Population (2019): 200,964,000
- Annual births: 7,535,000
- Children under 5 (2019): 33,409,000 (17%)
- Under-five mortality: 120/1,000

**Threats to Early Childhood Development**
- Maternal mortality: 917/100,000
- Low birthweight: no data
- Child poverty: 54%
- Violent discipline: 80%

**Young children at risk of poor development**
- Risk by sex and residence: 64%

**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

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**Countdown to 2030**

Women's, Children's & Adolescents' Health

**Nutrition**

- Early initiation of breastfeeding: 33%
- Exclusive breastfeeding: 23%
- Minimum acceptable diet: 15%

**Responsive caregiving**

Public information about ECD
Parental mental health
Parent support (groups, home visits)
Quality child day care

**Comparative country data urgently needed**

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