**Pakistan**

**Demographics**
- Population (2019): 216,565,000
- Annual births: 6,029,000
- Children under 5 (2019): 27,668,000 (13%)
- Under-five mortality: 69/1,000

**Threats to Early Childhood Development**
- Maternal mortality: 140/100,000
- Low birthweight: no data
- Child poverty: 9%
- Violent discipline: no data
- Young mothers (births by 18y): 7%
- Preterm births: 16%
- Under-five stunting: 16%
- Inadequate supervision: no data

**Young children at risk of poor development**

**Risk by sex and residence**

**Lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood**

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**

**Policies**
- Paid maternity 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

**Nutrition**
- Early initiation of breastfeeding: 20%
- Exclusive breastfeeding: 47%
- Minimum acceptable diet: 13%

**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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