Early Childhood Development

State of Palestine

Demographics
- Population (2019): 4,981,000
- Annual births: 143,000
- Children under 5 (2019): 690,000 (14%)
- Under-five mortality: 20/1,000

Young children at risk of poor development

Threats to Early Childhood Development
- Maternal mortality: 27/100,000
- Low birthweight: 8%
- Child poverty: no data
- Violent discipline: 92%

Young mothers (births by 18y): 22%
- Preterm births: no data
- Under-five stunting: 7%
- Inadequate supervision: 14%

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

Nutrition
- Early initiation of breastfeeding
- Exclusive breastfeeding
- Minimum acceptable diet

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

Comparative country data urgently needed

Security and safety
- Birth registration
- Positive discipline
- Basic drinking water
- Basic sanitation

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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