Panama

**Demographics**
- Population (2019): 4,246,000
- Annual births: 79,000
- Children under 5 (2019): 389,000 (9%)
- Under-five mortality: 15/1,000

**Threats to Early Childhood Development**
- Maternal mortality: 52/100,000
- Low birthweight: 10%
- Child poverty: no data
- Violent discipline: 45%

**Risk by sex and residence**

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**Lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood**
- Estimate in terms of % loss of annual adult wage: 90%
- Early Childhood Development Index: 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**

**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