Rwanda

**Demographics**

Population (2019) 12,627,000  
Annual births 395,000  
Children under 5 (2019) 1,849,000 (15%)  
Under-five mortality 35/1,000

**Threats to Early Childhood Development**

- Maternal mortality 248/100,000  
- Low birthweight 8%  
- Child poverty 68%  
- Violent discipline no data  
- Young mothers (births by 18y) 6%  
- Preterm births 6%  
- Under-five stunting 10%  
- Inadequate supervision 37%

**Young children at risk of poor development**

At risk in 2005, 2010 and 2015, using a composite indicator of under-five stunting or poverty

**Risk by sex and residence**

- Girls 78  
- Boys 84  
- Rural 84  
- Urban 76

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

- Estimate in terms of % loss of annual adult wage

**Early Childhood Development Index**

71%

**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**

**Health**

- Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women 99%
- Careseeking for child pneumonia 54%
- Antenatal care (4 or more visits) 44%
- Postnatal visits 43%

**Nutrition**

- Early initiation of breastfeeding 81%
- Exclusive breastfeeding 87%
- Minimum acceptable diet 18%

**Early learning**

- Early stimulation at home 44%
- Children’s books in the home 1%
- Playthings at home 30%
- Attendance in early childhood education 13%

**Responsive caregiving**

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

**Security and safety**

- Birth registration data
- 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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