**EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT**

### South Africa

#### Demographics
- Population (2019): 58,558,000
- Annual births: 1,178,000
- Children under 5 (2019): 5,786,000 (10%)
- Under-five mortality: 34/1,000

#### Threats to Early Childhood Development
- Maternal mortality: 119/100,000
- Low birthweight: 14%
- Child poverty: no data
- Violent discipline: no data

#### 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

#### Lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood
- Estimate in terms of % loss of annual adult wage: 174%

#### Early Childhood Development Index
- no data

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### 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
- ✓ Paid paternity 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

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