**EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT**

**Sudan**

**Demographics**
- Population (2019): 42,813,000
- Annual births: 1,365,000
- Children under 5 (2019): 6,246,000 (15%)
- Under-five mortality: 60/1,000

**Threats to Early Childhood Development**
- Maternal mortality: 295/100,000
- Low birthweight: no data
- Child poverty: 17%
- Violent discipline: 62%
- Young mothers (births by 18y): 22%
- Preterm births: 13%
- Under-five stunting: 38%
- Inadequate supervision: no data

**Young children at risk of poor development**

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

**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

**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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