**EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT**

### Suriname

**Demographics**
- Population (2019): 581,000
- Annual births: 11,000
- Children under 5 (2019): 52,000 (9%)
- Under-five mortality: 19/1,000

**Young children at risk of poor development**

**Threats to Early Childhood Development**
- Maternal mortality: 120/100,000
- Low birthweight: 15%
- Child poverty: no data
- Violent discipline: 87%

### 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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