EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

Syrian Arab Republic

Demographics
Population (2019) 17,070,000
Annual births 422,000
Children under 5 (2019) 1,826,000 (11%)
Under-five mortality 17/1,000

Support and services for early childhood development:
Nurturing care

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Facilitating environments

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- Paid maternity 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

Health
Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women
Careseeking for child pneumonia
Antenatal care (4 or more visits)
Postnatal visits

Nutrition
Early initiation of breastfeeding
Exclusive breastfeeding
Minimum acceptable diet

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

Comparative country data urgently needed

Security and safety
Birth registration
Positive discipline
Basic drinking water
Basic sanitation

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Threats to Early Childhood Development
Maternal mortality 31/100,000
Low birthweight no data
Child poverty 2%
Violent discipline 84%

Young mothers (births by 18y) 9%
Preterm births 11%
Under-five stunting 28%
Inadequate supervision 17%

Lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood
49%
Estimate in terms of % loss of annual adult wage

Early Childhood Development Index
no data

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