**EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT**

**Thailand**

**Demographics**
- Population (2019): 69,626,000
- Annual births: 707,000
- Children under 5 (2019): 3,648,000 (5%)
- Under-five mortality: 9/1,000

**Young children at risk of poor development**

**Threats to Early Childhood Development**
- Maternal mortality: 37/100,000
- Low birthweight: 11%
- Child poverty: no data
- Violent discipline: 77%

**Risk by sex and residence**

**Lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood**
- Estimate in terms of % loss of annual adult wage: 83%

**Nutrition**
- Early initiation of breastfeeding: 40%
- Exclusive breastfeeding: 23%
- Minimum acceptable diet: 54%

**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**

**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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