EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

Zimbabwe

Demographics
Population (2019) 14,645,000
Annual births 436,000
Children under 5 (2019) 2,138,000 (15%)
Under-five mortality 46,000

Young children at risk of poor development

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

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

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Policy

- 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

Health

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

Early learning

- Early stimulation at home
- Playthings at home
- Children’s books in the home
- Attendance in early childhood education

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

Security and safety

- Birth registration
- Positive discipline
- Basic drinking water
- Basic sanitation

Life during war

- Violence
- Separation
- Displacement
- Child labor

Resilience

- Government response
- Community response
- Family response

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