EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

Belgium

Demographics

Population: 11,589,616
Annual births: 124,027
Children under 5: 633,653 (5%)
Under-five mortality: 3/1,000

Threats to Early Childhood Development

Maternal mortality: 5/100,000
Low birthweight: 7%
Child poverty: no data
Violent discipline: no data

Young mothers (births by 18y): no data
Preterm births: 8%
Under-five stunting: no data
Inadequate supervision: no data

Young children at risk of poor development

Risk by sex and residence

Lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood

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

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

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

No data

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

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Policies

Paid maternity leave (weeks)

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Not Slightly Moderately Substantially

International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes (alignment)

National minimum wage
Child and family social protection

No data

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