EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

Benin

Demographics
Population 12,123,198
Annual births 430,443
Children under 5 1,908,329 (16%)
Under-five mortality 90/1,000

Threats to Early Childhood Development
Maternal mortality 397/100,000
Low birthweight 17%
Child poverty 50%
Violent discipline 87%

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
0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100%
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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

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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