EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

Bhutan

Demographics

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<td>Population</td>
<td>771,612</td>
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<td>Annual births</td>
<td>12,886</td>
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<td>Children under 5</td>
<td>63,855 (8%)</td>
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<td>Under-five mortality</td>
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Threats to Early Childhood Development

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<td>Maternal mortality</td>
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<td>Low birthweight</td>
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<td>Child poverty</td>
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<td>Violent discipline</td>
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<td>Young mothers (births by 18y)</td>
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<td>Preterm births</td>
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<td>Under-five stunting</td>
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<td>Inadequate supervision</td>
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Young children at risk of poor development

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Risk by sex and residence

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Lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood

- Estimate in terms of % loss of annual adult wage
  - 129%

- Children with functional difficulty
  - no data

- Children developmentally on-track
  - 72%

Support and services for early childhood development:

Nurturing care

- Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women
  - no data

- Careseeking for child pneumonia
  - 74%

- Antenatal care (4 or more visits)
  - 41%

- Postnatal visits
  - 85%

- Early initiation of breastfeeding
  - 77%

- Exclusive breastfeeding
  - 51%

- Minimum acceptable diet
  - no data

Early learning

- Early stimulation at home
  - 54%

- Playthings at home
  - 52%

- Attendance in early childhood education
  - 10%

Facilitating environments

- Children's books in the home
  - 6%

- Birth registration
  - 100%

- Positive discipline
  - no data

- Basic drinking water
  - 97%

- Basic sanitation
  - 69%

Support and services

- Public information about ECD
  - no data

- Parental mental health
  - no data

- Parent support (groups, home visits)
  - no data

- Quality child day care
  - no data

- Comparative country data urgently needed
  - no data

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

DETAILED COUNTRY DATA SOURCES AND FOOTNOTES CAN BE FOUND IN THE MASTER DATABASE AT NURTURING-CARE.ORG