Bhutan

Countdown to 2030
Women's, Children's & Adolescents' Health

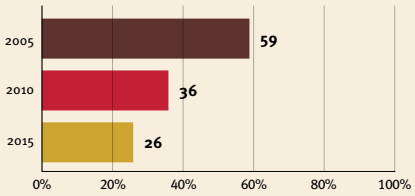
Demographics

Population	771,612
Annual births	12,886
Children under 5	63,855 (8%)
Under-five mortality	28/1,000

Threats to Early Childhood Development

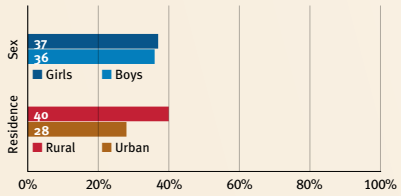
Maternal mortality	183/100,000	Young mothers (births by 18y)	15%
Low birthweight	12%	Preterm births	10%
Child poverty	5%	Under-five stunting	34%
Violent discipline	no data	Inadequate supervision	14%

Young children at risk of poor development



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

Risk by sex and residence



Lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood

129%

Estimate in terms of % loss of annual adult wage

Children with functional difficulty

no data

Children developmentally on-track

72%

Support and services for early childhood development:

Nurturing care

Health

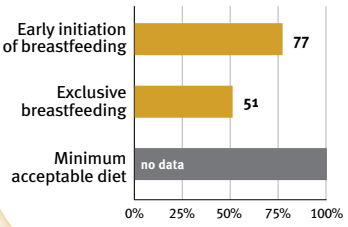
Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women: no data

Careseeking for child pneumonia: 74%

Antenatal care (4 or more visits): 85%

Postnatal visits: 41%

Nutrition



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

Early learning

Early stimulation at home: 54%

Children's books in the home: 6%

Playthings at home: 52%

Attendance in early childhood education: 10%

Responsive caregiving

Public information about ECD
Parental mental health
Parent support (groups, home visits)
Quality child day care

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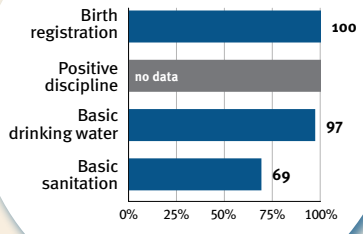
Comparative country data urgently needed

Security and safety



Policies

None	<14	14 – <18	18 – <26	≥26
Paid maternity leave (weeks)				
None	<14	14 – <18	18 – <26	≥26
Paid paternity leave (weeks)				

Not	Slightly	Moderately	Substantially
International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes (alignment)			

✓	National minimum wage
✗	Child and family social protection

International conventions

✓	Convention on the Rights of the Child
✓	Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
✓	CRC Optional Protocol on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography
✗	Hague Convention on Protection of Children and Cooperation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption