**EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT**

**Bosnia and Herzegovina**

### Demographics

Population: 3,280,815  
Annual births: 25,586  
Children under 5: 133,254 (4%)  
Under-five mortality: 6/1,000

### Threats to Early Childhood Development

Maternal mortality: 10/100,000  
Low birthweight: 3%  
Child poverty: no data  
Violent discipline: 55%  
Young mothers (births by 18y): no data  
Preterm births: 8%  
Under-five stunting: 9%  
Inadequate supervision: 2%

### 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

- Sex: no data  
- Residence: no data

### Lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood

- Estimate in terms of % loss of annual adult wage

- Children with functional difficulty: no data

- Children developmentally on-track: 96%

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**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.

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**Facilitating environments**

### Health

- Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women: no data
- Careseeking for child pneumonia: 87%
- Antenatal care (4 or more visits): no data
- Postnatal visits: 84%
- Early initiation of breastfeeding: 42%
- Exclusive breastfeeding: 18%
- Minimum acceptable diet: no data

### Early learning

- Early stimulation at home: 95%
- Playthings at home: 56%
- Attendance in early childhood education: 56%
- Children’s books in the home: 56%

### Nutrition

- 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: 34%
- Basic drinking water
- Basic sanitation: 96%

### Policies

- Paid maternity leave (weeks):
  - None: 14
  - 14 – 18: 18 – 26: 226
- Paid paternity leave (weeks):
  - None: 14
  - 14 – 18: 18 – 26: 226

### 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