EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

Botswana

Demographics
Population 2,351,625
Annual births 55,466
Children under 5 271,775 (12%)
Under-five mortality 42/1,000

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

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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

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