**EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT**

**Brunei Darussalam**

### Demographics

- Population: 437,483
- Annual births: 6,156
- Children under 5: 31,672 (7%)
- Under-five mortality: 11/1,000

### Threats to Early Childhood Development

- Maternal mortality: 31/100,000
- Low birthweight: 11%
- Child poverty: no data
- Violent discipline: no data
- Young mothers (births by 18y): no data
- Preterm births: 12%
- Under-five stunting: 20%
- Inadequate supervision: no data

### 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

#### Policies

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Paid maternity leave (weeks)

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#### 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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**Support and services for early childhood development: Nurturing care**

**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

**Security and safety**

- Birth registration
- Positive discipline
- Basic drinking water
- Basic sanitation

**Early learning**

- Early stimulation at home

- Children’s books in the home

- Playthings at home

- Attendance in early childhood education

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

**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**

- no data