**EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT**

**Bulgaria**

**Demographics**
- Population: 6,948,445
- Annual births: 61,003
- Children under 5: 312,730 (5%)
- Under-five mortality: 7/1,000

**Threats to Early Childhood Development**
- Maternal mortality: 10/100,000
- Low birthweight: 10%
- Child poverty: no data
- Violent discipline: no data
- Young mothers (births by 18y): 5%
- Preterm births: 8%
- Under-five stunting: 7%
- Inadequate supervision: no data

**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**

- Estimate in terms of % loss of annual adult wage

**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**
- Paid maternity leave (weeks)
  - None
  - 14 – 18
  - 18 – 26
  - ≥26

**Nutrition**
- Early initiation of breastfeeding: no data
- Exclusive breastfeeding: no data
- Minimum acceptable diet: no data

**Security and safety**
- Birth registration: 100%
- Positive discipline: 100%
- Basic drinking water: 99%
- Basic sanitation: 86%

**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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