### EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT



# Bulgaria

## Countdown to 2030

Women's, Children's & Adolescents' Health

#### **Demographics**

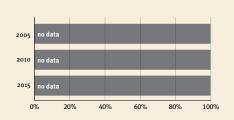
Population	6,948,445
Annual births	61,003
Children under 5	312,730 (5%)
Under-five mortality	7/1.000

#### Threats to Early Childhood Development

Maternal mortality	10/100,000
Low birthweight	10%
Child poverty	no data
Violent discipline	no data

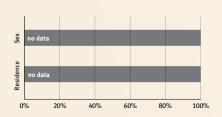
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8%
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#### Young children at risk of poor development

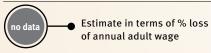


At risk in 2005, 2010 and 2015, using a composite indicator of under-five stunting or poverty

#### Risk by sex and residence



#### Lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood



#### Children with functional difficulty

Children developmentally on-track

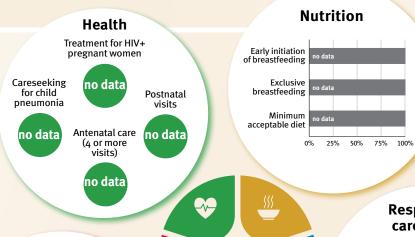


## Support and services for early childhood development:

## **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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#### **Early** learning

Children's books in the home Playthings at home no data no data Attendance in early childhood education

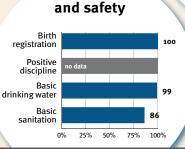
Early stimulation

at home

no data

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Security and safety



#### Responsive caregiving

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

Comparative country data urgently

Policies								
None	<b>&lt;14</b>	14 -	<18	18 – <26	≥26			
Paid maternity leave (weeks)								
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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