**EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT**

**Burundi**

**Demographics**

Population: 11,890,781
Annual births: 449,616
Children under 5: 2,053,840 (17%)
Under-five mortality: 56/1,000

**Threats to Early Childhood Development**

- Maternal mortality: 548/100,000
- Low birthweight: 15%
- Child poverty: 86%
- Violent discipline: 86%
- Young mothers (births by 18y): 13%
- Preterm births: 11%
- Under-five stunting: 54%
- Inadequate supervision: 42%

**Young children at risk of poor development**

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

**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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- Not
- Slightly
- Moderately
- Substantially

**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

**Nutrition**

- Early initiation of breastfeeding: 92%
- Exclusive breastfeeding: 72%
- Minimum acceptable diet: 10%

**Security and safety**

- Birth registration: 84%
- Positive discipline: 3%
- Basic drinking water: 61%
- Basic sanitation: 46%

**Health**

- Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women: 69%
- Careseeking for child pneumonia: 49%
- Antenatal care (4 or more visits): 51%
- Postnatal visits: 49%

**Early learning**

- Early stimulation at home: 58%
- Playthings at home: 35%
- Attendance in early childhood education: 7%

**Responsive caregiving**

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

**Comparative country data urgently needed**

**Detailed country data sources and footnotes can be found in the master database at NURTURING-CARE.ORG**