# EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

## China

### Demographics

- **Population**: 1,439,323,774
- **Annual births**: 16,233,446
- **Children under 5**: 83,932,437 (6%)
- **Under-five mortality**: 8/1,000

### Threats to Early Childhood Development

- **Maternal mortality**: 29/100,000
- **Low birthweight**: 5%
- **Child poverty**: 3%
- **Violent discipline**: no data
- **Preterm births**: 7%
- **Under-five stunting**: 8%
- **Inadequate supervision**: no data

### Young children at risk of poor development

- **2005**: Girls 34, Boys 28, Rural 9, Urban 17
- **2010**: Girls 31, Boys 26, Rural 8, Urban 19
- **2015**: Girls 34, Boys 26, Rural 9, Urban 17

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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### 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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