**EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT**

**Colombia**

**Demographics**
- Population: 50,882,884
- Annual births: 727,212
- Children under 5: 3,710,699 (7%)
- Under-five mortality: 14/1,000

**Threats to Early Childhood Development**
- Maternal mortality: 83/100,000
- Low birthweight: 10%
- Child poverty: 7%
- Violent discipline: no data
- Young mothers (births by 18y): 20%
- Preterm births: 9%
- Under-five stunting: 13%
- 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**

**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

**Nutrition**

- Early initiation of breastfeeding: 69%
- Exclusive breastfeeding: 36%
- Minimum acceptable diet: no data

**Responsive caregiving**

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

**Comparative country data urgently needed**

**Security and safety**

- Birth registration: 97%
- Positive discipline: no data
- Basic drinking water: 97%
- Basic sanitation: 90%

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