Ecuador

Demographics

Population: 17,643,060
Annual births: 337,355
Children under 5: 1,667,087 (9%)
Under-five mortality: 14/1,000

Threats to Early Childhood Development

Maternal mortality: 59/100,000
Low birthweight: 11%
Child poverty: no data
Violent discipline: no data

Young mothers (births by 18y): no data
Preterm births: 5%
Under-five stunting: 24%
Inadequate supervision: no data

Young children at risk of poor development

Risk by sex and residence

Lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood

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

None | <14 | 14 – 18 | 18 – 26 | ≥26
Paid maternity leave (weeks)
None | <14 | 14 – 18 | 18 – 26 | ≥26

Paid paternity leave (weeks)

Early learning

Early stimulation at home
Children’s books in the home
Playthings at home
Attendance in early childhood education

Nutrition

Early initiation of breastfeeding: 55%
Exclusive breastfeeding: 40%
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

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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