**Egypt**

**Demographics**
- Population: 102,334,403
- Annual births: 2,562,681
- Children under 5: 12,697,212 (12%)
- Under-five mortality: 20/1,000

**Threats to Early Childhood Development**

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<td>Violent discipline</td>
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<td>Young mothers (births by 18y)</td>
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**Young children at risk of poor development**

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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**

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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: 27%
- Exclusive breastfeeding: 40%
- Minimum acceptable diet: 23%

**Security and safety**

- Birth registration: 99%
- Positive discipline: 99%
- Basic drinking water: 99%
- Basic sanitation: 94%

**Early learning**

- Early stimulation at home: no data
- Playthings at home: no data
- Attendance in early childhood education: no data
- Children’s books in the home: 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.