EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

Demographics
Population: 3,546,427
Annual births: 104,122
Children under 5: 495,070 (14%)
Under-five mortality: 40/1,000

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

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Health
Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women
Careseeking for child pneumonia
Antenatal care (4 or more visits)
Postnatal visits
Minimally acceptable diet

Nutrition
Early initiation of breastfeeding
Exclusive breastfeeding
Minimum acceptable diet

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

Security and safety
Birth registration
Positive discipline
Basic drinking water
Basic sanitation

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

Children with functional difficulty

Children developmentally on-track

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

At risk in 2005, 2010 and 2015

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