

#### **Eswatini**

#### Countdown to 2030

Women's, Children's & Adolescents' Health

#### **Demographics**

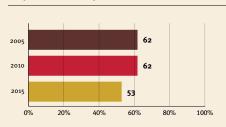
Population	1,160,164
Annual births	29,467
Children under 5	143,677 (12%)
Under-five mortality	49/1.000

#### **Threats to Early Childhood Development**

Maternal mortality	437/100,000		
Low birthweight	10%		
Child poverty	49%		
Violent discipline	87%		

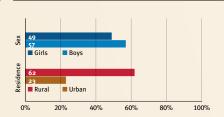
Young mothers (births by 18y)	17%
Preterm births	14%
Under-five stunting	26%
Inadequate supervision	17%

### Young children at risk of poor development

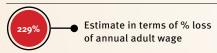


At risk in 2005, 2010 and 2015, using a composite indicator of under-five stunting or poverty

#### Risk by sex and residence



#### Lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood



### Children with functional difficulty

Children developmentally on-track

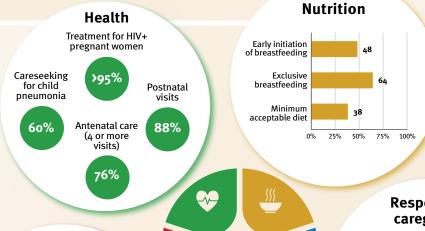


# Support and services for early childhood development:

#### **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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## Early learning

Early stimulation

at home

Children's books in the home

Attendance in early childhood education

Children's Playthings at home

67%

30%

## Responsive caregiving

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

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Comparative country data urgently needed

Policies								
	None	<b>&lt;14</b>	14 – <18	18 – <26	≥26			
Paid maternity leave (weeks)								
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Paid paternity leave (weeks)								
	Not	Slight	tly Mo	derately	Substantially			

International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes (alignment)

✓ National minimum wage

X Child and family social protection



Security

#### International conventions

- ✓ Convention on the Rights of the Child
- ✓ Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
- ✓ CRC Optional Protocol on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography
- Hague Convention on Protection of Children and Cooperation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption