**EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT**

**France**

### Demographics

- Population: 65,273,512
- Annual births: 719,164
- Children under 5: 3,619,987 (6%)
- Under-five mortality: 4/1,000

### Threats to Early Childhood Development

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<td>Maternal mortality</td>
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<td>Low birthweight</td>
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<td>Child poverty</td>
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<td>Violent discipline</td>
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<td>Young mothers (births by 18y)</td>
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<td>Preterm births</td>
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<td>Under-five stunting</td>
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### 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

- Paid maternity leave (weeks):
  - None
  - 14 – 18
  - 18 – 26
  - ≥26

#### 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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**Countdown to 2030**

Women’s, Children’s & Adolescents’ Health

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**Health**

- Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women: >95%
- Careseeking for child pneumonia: no data
- Antenatal care (4 or more visits): no data
- Postnatal visits: no data

**Nutrition**

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

**Responsive caregiving**

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

**Security and safety**

- Birth registration: 100%
- Positive discipline: 100%
- Basic drinking water: 99%
- Basic sanitation: 0%

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