Guinea-Bissau

Demographics

Population: 1,967,998
Annual births: 66,974
Children under 5: 305,111 (16%)
Under-five mortality: 78/1,000

Threats to Early Childhood Development

Maternal mortality: 667/100,000
Low birthweight: 21%
Child poverty: 68%
Violent discipline: 77%

Young mothers (births by 18y): 28%
Preterm births: 11%
Under-five stunting: 28%
Inadequate supervision: 31%

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Basic drinking water
Basic sanitation

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