**EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT**

### Haiti

#### Demographics

| Population | 11,402,533 |
| Annual births | 268,969 |
| Children under 5 | 1,262,943 (11%) |
| Under-five mortality | 63/1,000 |

#### Threats to Early Childhood Development

| Maternal mortality | 480/100,000 |
| Low birthweight | no data |
| Child poverty | 23% |
| Violent discipline | 82% |

##### Young children at risk of poor development

Year | Girls | Boys | Total
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2005 | 44% | 44% | 44%
2010 | 44% | 44% | 44%
2015 | 31% | 41% | 36%

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

- **Health**
  - Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women: 86%
  - Careseeking for child pneumonia: 37%
  - Antenatal care (4 or more visits): 31%
  - Postnatal visits: 67%
  - Early initiation of breastfeeding: 47%
  - Exclusive breastfeeding: 40%
  - Minimum acceptable diet: 11%

- **Nutrition**
  - Early stimulation at home: 54%
  - Playthings at home: 48%
  - Children’s books in the home: 8%
  - Attendance in early childhood education: 63%

- **Security and safety**

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

#### Policies

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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

**Not**

- National minimum wage
- Child and family social protection

**Slightly**

- Positive discipline

**Moderately**

- Basic drinking water

**Substantially**

- Basic sanitation

**Substantially**

- Birth registration

**Comparative country data urgently needed**

**DETAILED COUNTRY DATA SOURCES AND FOOTNOTES CAN BE FOUND IN THE MASTER DATABASE AT NURTURING-CARE.ORG**

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**Countdown to 2030**

Women’s, Children’s & Adolescents’ Health

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**Young mothers (births by 18y)**

- 14%

**Preterm births**

- 14%

**Under-five stunting**

- 22%

**Inadequate supervision**

- 22%

**Young mothers at risk**

- 2005: 44%, 2010: 44%, 2015: 36%

**Risk by sex and residence**

- Girls: 34%, Boys: 47%, Rural: 37%, Urban: 63%

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

- Estimate in terms of % loss of annual adult wage: 135%

**Children with functional difficulty**

- No data

**Children developmentally on-track**

- 65%