Iceland

Demographics
Population: 341,250
Annual births: 4,006
Children under 5: 20,439 (6%)
Under-five mortality: 2/1,000

Young children at risk of poor development
At risk in 2005, 2010 and 2015, using a composite indicator of under-five stunting or poverty

Demographics Threats to Early Childhood Development
Population
Annual births
Children under 5
Under-five mortality
Maternal mortality
Low birthweight
Child poverty
Violent discipline
Young mothers (births by 18y)
Preterm births
Under-five stunting
Inadequate supervision

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

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Nutrition
Early initiation of breastfeeding
Exclusive breastfeeding
Minimum acceptable diet

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

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

Comparative country data urgently needed

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