**EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT**

### India

#### Demographics
- Population: 1,380,004,385
- Annual births: 24,067,825
- Children under 5: 116,879,507 (8%)
- Under-five mortality: 34/1,000

#### Threats to Early Childhood Development

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<td>Maternal mortality</td>
<td>145/100,000</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>
<td>9%</td>
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<td>Preterm births</td>
<td>13%</td>
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<td>Under-five stunting</td>
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<td>Inadequate supervision</td>
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#### Young children at risk of poor development
- 2005: 72
- 2010: 60
- 2015: 45

#### Risk by sex and residence

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<th>Year</th>
<th>Girls</th>
<th>Boys</th>
<th>Rural</th>
<th>Urban</th>
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<td>2005</td>
<td>3%</td>
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<td>2010</td>
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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

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<td>Paid maternity leave (weeks)</td>
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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