**EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT**

**Iran (Islamic Republic of)**

**Demographics**
- Population: 83,992,953
- Annual births: 1,503,007
- Children under 5: 7,637,559 (9%)
- Under-five mortality: 14/1,000

**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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**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

**Countdown to 2030**

Women’s, Children’s & Adolescents’ Health

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**Health**

- Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women: 82%
- Antenatal care (4 or more visits): 76%
- Postnatal visits: no data
- Prenatal care (including careseeking for child pneumonia): 94%

**Nutrition**

- Early initiation of breastfeeding: 69%
- Exclusive breastfeeding: 53%
- 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: 99%
- Positive discipline: no data
- Basic drinking water: 95%
- Basic sanitation: 88%

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**Threats to Early Childhood Development**

- Maternal mortality: 16/100,000
- Low birthweight: no data
- Child poverty: no data
- Violent discipline: no data
- Young mothers (births by 18y): 5%
- Preterm births: 13%
- Under-five stunting: 7%
- Inadequate supervision: 13%

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

- Estimate in terms of % loss of annual adult wage: 58%

**Children with functional difficulty**

- no data

**Children developmentally on-track**

- no data

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**Young children at risk of poor development**

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

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