EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

Jamaica

Demographics
Population 2,961,161
Annual births 46,455
Children under 5 230,823 (8%)
Under-five mortality 14/1,000

Threats to Early Childhood Development
Maternal mortality 80/100,000
Low birthweight 15%
Child poverty no data
Violent discipline 85%
Young mothers (births by 18y) 15%
Preterm births 10%
Under-five stunting 6%
Inadequate supervision 2%

Young children at risk of poor development

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

Health

Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women
Careseeking for child pneumonia
Antenatal care (4 or more visits)
Postnatal visits
74%
82%
no data

Nutrition

Early initiation of breastfeeding
Exclusive breastfeeding
Minimum acceptable diet
65%
24%
no data

Responsive caregiving

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

Comparative country data urgently needed

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

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