Early Childhood Development

Demographics

Population 126,476,458
Annual births 908,919
Children under 5 4,778,481 (4%)
Under-five mortality 2/1,000

Threats to Early Childhood Development

Maternal mortality 5/100,000
Low birthweight 9%
Child poverty no data
Violent discipline no data

Young mothers (births by 18y) no data
Preterm births 6%
Under-five stunting 7%
Inadequate supervision no data

Young children at risk of poor development

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

Policies

None 14 14 – 18 18 – 26 ≥26
Paid maternity leave (weeks)

None 14 14 – 18 18 – 26 ≥26
Paid paternity leave (weeks)

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

Nutrition

Early initiation of breastfeeding no data
Exclusive breastfeeding no data
Minimum acceptable diet no data

Health

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

Security and safety

Birth registration no data
Positive discipline 100
Basic drinking water 99
Basic sanitation 100

Japan

Countdown to 2030
Women’s, Children’s & Adolescents’ Health

Children with functional difficulty
Children developmentally on-track

Risk by sex and residence

Lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood

Estimate in terms of % loss of annual adult wage

Early learning

Children’s books in the home no data
Playthings at home no data
Attendance in early childhood education no data

Japan

Children in the home

no data

Parents

no data

no data

no data

no data

no data

no data

no data

no data

no data