Early Childhood Development

Kenya

Demographics

Population 53,771,300
Annual births 1,505,629
Children under 5 7,044,364 (13%)
Under-five mortality 43/1,000

Young children at risk of poor development

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

Risk by sex and residence

Threats to Early Childhood Development

Maternal mortality 342/100,000
Low birthweight 11%
Child poverty 29%
Violent discipline no data

Young mothers (births by 18y) 23%
Preterm births 12%
Under-five stunting 26%
Inadequate supervision no data

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

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Nutrition

Early initiation of breastfeeding

Exclusive breastfeeding

Minimum acceptable diet

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

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