EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

Lebanon

Demographics

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<th>Population</th>
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<td>Annual births</td>
<td>115,701</td>
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<td>Children under 5</td>
<td>566,127 (8%)</td>
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<td>Under-five mortality</td>
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Threats to Early Childhood Development

- Maternal mortality: 29/100,000
- Low birthweight: 9%
- Child poverty: no data
- Violent discipline: 85%
- Young mothers (births by 18y): no data
- Preterm births: 8%
- Under-five stunting: 17%
- Inadequate supervision: 9%

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

Nutrition

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

Early learning

- Early stimulation at home: Children’s books in the home 29%, Playthings at home 16%
- Attendance in early childhood education 56%

Security and safety

- Birth registration: no data
- Positive discipline: no data
- Basic drinking water: 93%
- Basic sanitation: 98%

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

Countdown to 2030

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