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: 84%
- Careseeking for child pneumonia: 58%
- Postnatal visits: 77%
- Antenatal care (4 or more visits): 84%
- Early initiation of breastfeeding: 56%
- Exclusive breastfeeding: 59%
- Minimum acceptable diet: 11%

Early learning
- Early stimulation at home: 28%
- Playthings at home: 57%
- Attendance in early childhood education: 3%

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

Responsive caregiving
- Comparative country data urgently needed

Security and safety
- Birth registration: 45%
- Positive discipline: 9%
- Basic drinking water: 69%
- Basic sanitation: 43%

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

Policies
- Paid maternity leave (weeks)
  - None: 14
  - 14 – 18: 18
  - 18 – 26: 22
  - ≥26
- Paid paternity leave (weeks)
  - None: 14
  - 14 – 18: 18
  - 18 – 26: 22
  - ≥26

Not: National minimum wage
Substantially: Child and family social protection