



## Lesotho

Countdown to 2030

Women's, Children's & Adolescents' Health

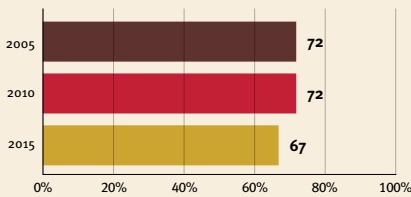
### Demographics

Population	2,142,252
Annual births	55,669
Children under 5	253,513 (12%)
Under-five mortality	86/1,000

### Threats to Early Childhood Development

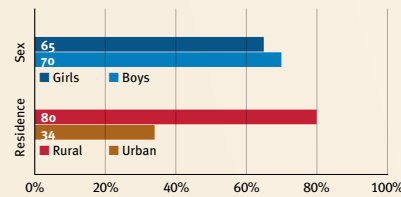
Maternal mortality	544/100,000	Young mothers (births by 18y)	14%
Low birthweight	15%	Preterm births	12%
Child poverty	54%	Under-five stunting	35%
Violent discipline	83%	Inadequate supervision	17%

### Young children at risk of poor development

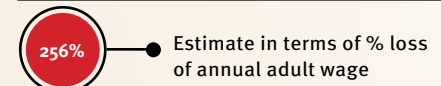


At risk in 2005, 2010 and 2015, using a composite indicator of under-five stunting or poverty

### Risk by sex and residence



### Lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood



### Children with functional difficulty



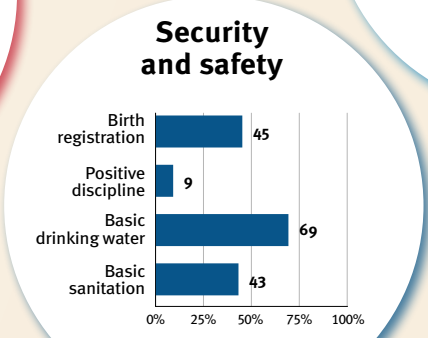
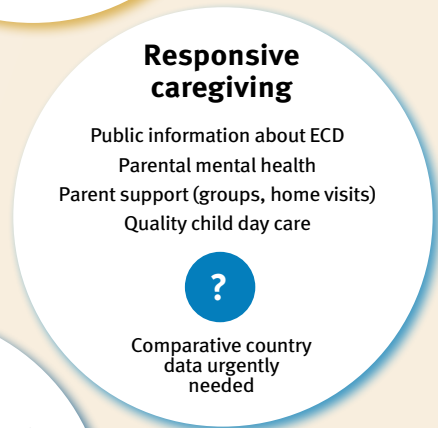
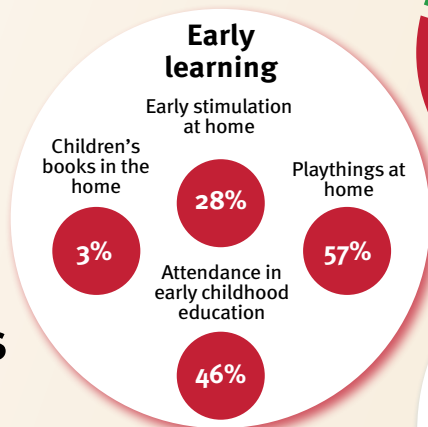
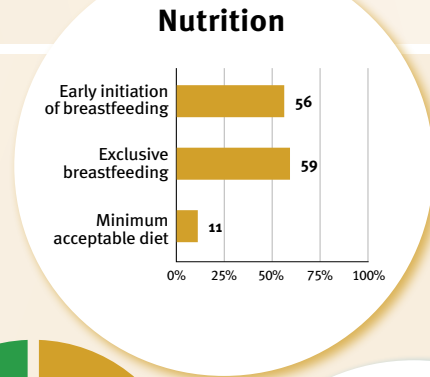
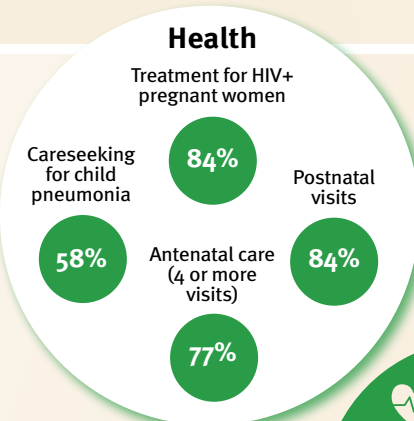
### Children developmentally on-track



## 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
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Paid maternity leave (weeks)	None	<14	14 - <18	18 - <26	≥26
Paid paternity leave (weeks)	None	<14	14 - <18	18 - <26	≥26

Not	Slightly	Moderately	Substantially
International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes (alignment)			
✓ National minimum wage			
✗ Child and family social protection			

### International conventions

✓	Convention on the Rights of the Child
✓	Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
✓	CRC Optional Protocol on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography
✓	Hague Convention on Protection of Children and Cooperation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption