Early Childhood Development

Lithuania

Demographics
Population: 2,722,291
Annual births: 27,758
Children under 5: 145,118 (5%)
Under-five mortality: 4/1,000

Threats to Early Childhood Development
Maternal mortality: 8/100,000
Low birthweight: 5%
Child poverty: no data
Violent discipline: no data

Young mothers (births by 18y): no data
Preterm births: 6%
Under-five stunting: no data
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
- None
- Paid maternity leave (weeks)
  - None
- Paid paternity leave (weeks)
  - None

International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes (alignment)
- National minimum wage
- Child and family social protection

Support and services for early childhood development:
Health
- Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women
- Careseeking for child pneumonia
- Antenatal care (4 or more visits)
- Postnatal visits
- Playthings at home
- Children’s books in the home
- Attendance in early childhood education

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

Security and safety
- Birth registration
- Positive discipline
- Basic drinking water
- Basic sanitation

Children with functional difficulty
- No data

Children developmentally on-track
- No data

Lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood
- Estimate in terms of % loss of annual adult wage

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

Comparative country data urgently needed