EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT



Malawi

Countdown to 2030

Women's, Children's & Adolescents' Health

Demographics

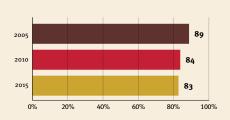
Population	19,129,955
Annual births	641,608
Children under 5	2,923,943 (15%)
Under-five mortality	42/1,000

Threats to Early Childhood Development

Maternal mortality	349/100,000
Low birthweight	14%
Child poverty	73%
Violent discipline	65%

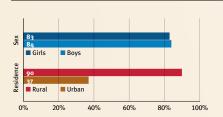
Young mothers (births by 18y)	31%
Preterm births	18%
Under-five stunting	39%
Inadequate supervision	37%

Young children at risk of poor development

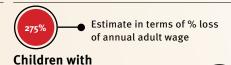


At risk in 2005, 2010 and 2015, using a composite indicator of under-five stunting or poverty

Risk by sex and residence



Lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood



functional difficulty

Children developmentally on-track

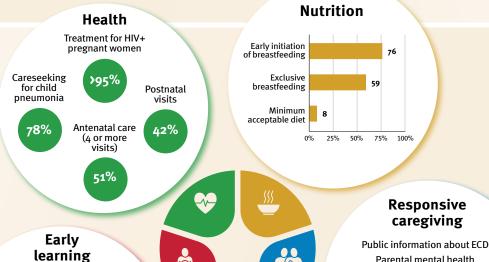


Support and services for early childhood development:

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



Š Early stimulation at home

Children's books in the home Playthings at home 29% 45% 1% Attendance in early childhood education

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Responsive caregiving

Parental mental health Parent support (groups, home visits) Quality child day care

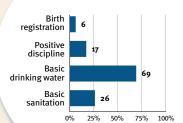
Comparative country data urgently needed

Policies							
None	<14	14 –	∢18	18 – <26	5 ≥26		
Paid maternity leave (weeks)							
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Paid paternity leave (weeks)							
Not	Slight	tly	Мо	derately	Substantially		

International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes (alignment)

National minimum wage

Child and family social protection



Security

and safety

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