EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

Malawi

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
Risk by sex and residence
Lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood

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

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